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2016 UMCA Agroforestry Workshop at the Allen Research and Education Site

This year's agroforestry workshop will take place at the Doug Allen Research and Education Site on April 9, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 4: 30 p.m. The workshop will feature establishing pollinator habitat, honeybee management, mushroom growing, warm season grass management, pine straw production, timber management, woodland grazing / silvopasture, alley cropping management and forest farming. The workshop will feature Dr. Leo Sharashkin (www.horizontalhive.com) on Ozark honeybee management, Jodi Moulder from MDC on warm season grass and pollinator habitat establishment, Dr. Hank Stelzer on timber management and Dr. Dusty Walter demonstrating a controlled prairie burn.

The Allen Research and Education site is a highly diverse 560-acre farm located at the head of the Ozark region with 80 acres of warm-season grasses growing in a valley that dissects rolling hills covered with typical Ozark forests. A forest management plan has been prepared for the entire farm. Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) has been conducted on 60 acres and walnut release on 70 acres as the first phase in putting the farm's forested area under management. All warm-season grass fields have had "edge feathering" to increase wildlife habitat. A multi-species nut orchard, consisting of five grafted cultivars of pecan, walnut and Chinese chestnut, has been established. An agroforestry alley cropping practice has been created with a pitch x loblolly pine hybrids in the tree rows.

Registration is due by April 6th and is \$10 per person. For more information about the workshop, call 573-884-2874 or email ToddCS@Missouri.edu.



Learn how to inoculate logs to grow shiitake mushrooms.



2015 Agroforestry Workshop attendees listening to tree planting presentation.

Mushroom Cultivation Workshops at MU Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center (HARC): You Can Do It!!

Two sessions will be held on Friday afternoons, April 8 and 29, from 2-5 p.m. Topics include "Fungi-mentals" and "Shiitake log inoculation" on April 8th and "Oyster mushrooms on totems," "Wine cap mushrooms on woodchip and straw beds," and "Gettting started at your home or farm" on April 29th. Participants in the shiitake session can take home one inoculated log.

The cost of each session is \$10 or \$15 for both sessions. Registration is due by April 6th.

For more information, call 573-882-9866 or email questions to OrmsbyG@missouri.edu.

Chestnut Growers of America (CGA) Annual Meeting at MU

The Annual Chestnut Growers of America Meeting and Conference will take place on the University of Missouri campus, June 10-12.

The event will include presentations by Dr. Greg Miller on chestnut breeding, Dr. Dennis Fulbright on clonal propagation, Charles Novogradac on 20 years of organic chestnut production, and Dr. Michael Gold on the CGA Annual Market Survey. Also, a visit to the MU HARC farm to tour chestnut orchards, discuss cultivars, orchard management, future breeding programs and the FACMA harvester; plus a trip to Stouffer Farms' chestnut orchards and fertigation system.

Registration is due by Tuesday, May 31st. You can find registration information at http://www.chestnutgrowers.org

For more information, email CGA@ChestnutsOnLine.com, ToddCS@missouri.edu or GoldM@missouri.edu.

Be sure to make hotel reservations early as the Missouri Special Olympics will be held in Columbia the same weekend.



Upcoming Events

Agroforestry in Action Webinar: Participatory Research & Outreach in Savana-Mimicking **Agroecosystems**

March 30, 2016 11 a.m. CST http://www.agroforestryinaction.org

20th Central Hardwood Forest Conference

March 28-April 1, 2016

The MU Reynolds Alumni Center Columbia, Mo. Registration still available at:

http://oak.snr.missouri.edu/centralhardwood/

Chestnut Growers of America Conference

June 10-12, 2016

MU Anheuser-Busch Natural Resources Building Columbia, Mo.

Register at: http://www.chestnutgrowers.org/

Elderberry Workshop & Field Tour

June 16-18, 2016

MU Bradford Research Center

Columbia, Mo.

Early registration ends May 1st

https://2015elderberryworkshop.wordpress.com/

4th Annual Agroforestry Academy

July 25-29, 2016

Columbia, Mo.

Registration ends May 1.

Limited scholarships available for military veterans.

http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/ academy/2016/RegistrationBrochure.pdf



21 March International Day of Forests http://www.fao.org/forestry/internationalday-of-forests/en/

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