

Walnut Council Annual Meeting Tour Descriptions

Annual Meeting Field Tours

Tuesday, August 2nd

The Tuesday August 2nd field tour will visit 5 sites. Lunch and transportation are provided.

Hal and Sharon Manhart have been managing their property for 40 years. We will tour forestry management practices including planted and natural black walnut, timber harvests, trout stream crossing, deer herd management, and invasive plant control.

Trout Creek and the Rule Walnut Forest are both state owned parcels. We will tour a 4 year old several acre high density direct seeding walnut stand and forest management practices including walnut regeneration, soil considerations, harvest results, and deer exclosures.

A bottomland hardwood planting will be visited on the Ladd property. The Bill Wisler property will demonstrate cold water stream and trout habitat management.

Evening in the Woods: Arington Tree Farm

Monday, August 1st

Joe Arington, 2009 Wisconsin Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year, will be hosting a "taste of Wisconsin" reception and dinner at his 400 acre tree farm. This is a social event for meeting attendees and guests, intended as a break from the meetings and conference activities and a beautiful way to unwind on a summer evening.

A special thank you to Joe for hosting and sponsoring this great event!

Optional Spouse Tours in Madison

Monday, August 1st: Capitol Square and State Street

There's too much to do in downtown Madison in the Capitol Square/State Street area so we've decided to let you pick. We will drop you off and pick you up later at a scheduled time and place. Options within walking distance include a pedestrian mall filled with eclectic shops, galleries and cafes, Wisconsin Historical Museum, Wisconsin State Capitol, Wisconsin Veterans Museum, Madison Children's Museum and two art museums. Lunch is on your own.

Tuesday, August 2nd: Olbrich Botanical Gardens

Stroll 16 acres of outdoor gardens featuring stunning landscapes and Midwest-hardy plants. There is a free tram that circuits the grounds. Visit the Blooming Butterflies exhibit. Olbrich Gardens was voted one of the top 10 most inspiring gardens in North America by Horticulture magazine.

The spouse tours are included in the full registration, or \$20 per day if paying separately. Lunch on your own on Monday, lunch will be included on Tuesday.

Optional Pre-Conference Field Tour: Severeid and Ouellette tree farms

Saturday, July 30th

Walnut Council members John Ouellette and Larry Severeid are offering pre-conference tours of their tree farms on Saturday, July 30th. Transportation and meals

are on your own. Driving directions will be mailed to all registrants and will be on the website.

Featured stops at the tree farm of Larry Severeid near LaCrosse include American chestnut and butternut restoration plantings. Larry has been very active in and helping find resistant trees for these two species.

In the afternoon meet with 2010 Wisconsin Tree Farmers of the Year John and Sally Ouellette near Richland Center. Situated on 300 acres, over 40,000 trees have been planted over the past 39 years.

Optional Post Conference Tour: US Forest Products Laboratory

Wednesday afternoon, August 3rd

The nation's only federally funded wood utilization research laboratory is located in Madison and just celebrated its 100th birthday.

The Lab has played a role in such diverse and interesting tales as the Lindbergh baby kidnapping; Howard Hughes' quixotic plan to build a flying boat; and, more recently, the search for the cause of a rash of broken bats in Major League Baseball.

The lab is primarily or partly responsible for many of today's wood-based technologies, including wood preservatives, glulam beams, oriented strandboard, and fiber-based packaging. Through their work, average lumber yield per log has increased from 25% to 60%. The tour is free. Transportation (6 miles from our hotel) and lunch are on your own.