



WALNUT COUNCIL

Walnut Council National Meeting

June 11-14, 2017

Hosted by Hardwood Tree Improvement & Regeneration Center at
Purdue University

Courtyard by Marriott, Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Walnut Council members:

Join us for the Walnut Council 2017 Annual Meeting! We will be touring exceptional field tour sites and we think you'll be interested in the fine forestry we'll tour and discuss.

Please see the enclosed information with summaries of the field tours, agenda, registration and hotel information. Check out the upcoming bulletin for more detailed information or check online at www.walnutcouncil.org.

With all the great things to see we know you'll be glad you attended. We hope you can join us for the meeting!

Phil Moore, Walnut Council President

2017 ANNUAL MEETING OVERVIEW

The meeting will kick-off on Sunday evening with a dessert reception, celebration of "Fifty Years of Walnut Tree Improvement" and field tour reviews.

Monday we will tour field sites at the Pence Revington property where we will discuss invasive species control, native hardwoods management, walnut plantation management, and other topics. At the Purdue University Department of Forestry & Natural Resources Richard G. Lugar Forestry Farm, we will tour research plots included black walnut progeny tests, demonstrations of deer exclusion, fertilization, and select seedlings of various species, a pollen flow study, invasive species control methods, and white oak selections, among other topics.

The rest of the week includes:

Monday evening: The popular Landowner Show and Tell gives you a chance to tell us about successes, lessons learned, new ideas, or whatever you'd like to share. Please call the office to request a time slot.

Tuesday: Our morning session will focus on expert sessions of interest to landowners.

Tuesday afternoon's session is on the status of Thousand Cankers disease and current outbreaks and regulations. The annual awards banquet with entertainment from a local jazz group will finish off the evening.

Wednesday AM: Sessions will continue on TCD entomology, fungus, and genetics research to date. We will offer an optional field tour in the AM and PM.

Thousand Cankers Disease researchers meeting in tandem with Walnut Council

The leading TCD researchers and state regulatory officials are overlapping their meeting with the Walnut Council meeting. The TCD meeting kicks off Tuesday afternoon June 13 and we are meeting together for the Tuesday PM and Wednesday AM events, with alternate programs available. See the enclosed agenda for options. Walnut Council meeting attendees are welcome and encouraged to stay and attend the TCD meeting through Thursday June 15 at no additional registration cost.

Registration

The deadline for early registration is June 1st, although later registrations will be accepted with a late fee. Please register at your earliest convenience to assist us in planning. Full registration includes: Sunday dessert reception, breakfast (M,T,W) indoor sessions, field tour (M) or spouse tours (M,T), breaks and lunch (M,T), banquet (T), and meeting favor. Sunday and Monday dinner are on your own.

Those unable to attend the entire meeting may register for an individual day or days or for the banquet separately as shown on the registration form. To register, mail in the enclosed application with a check or register online with a credit card at <http://2017walnutcouncil.eventbrite.com>.

Hotel and Travel Accommodations: Call and Reserve Your Room Today!

The meeting headquarters is the Courtyard by Marriott, 150 Fairington Avenue in Lafayette, Indiana. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-228-9290 or 1-765-449-4800 by May 10th for the special "Walnut Council" group rate of \$109 plus tax per night.

Budget friendly rooms are available at the Days Inn for a rate of \$69 + tax double, \$59 + tax single through May 10th by calling 1-765-446-8558 for the "Walnut Council" group block.

The Days Inn is 1.1 miles from the conference location.
Please note Lafayette is on eastern daylight time (EDT).

Optional Post Conference Tour: Purdue FNR Stephens Property

After the annual meeting ends on Wednesday, there is an optional tour of the Purdue University Forestry & Natural Resources Stephens property in Carroll County, approximately 35 minutes northeast of the hotel. The tour will run from 1:30-3:30 PM, lunch and transportation are on your own. A confirmation with maps and specific details will be provided.

Confirmation/Cancellation Policy

Confirmations will be sent within two weeks of receiving registration until May 15th. After that date receipts will be available at registration. All cancellations and requests for refunds should be received by Thursday, June 1st. A \$20 per person administrative fee will be deducted from the total. Refunds may not be available after this date.

Sponsorships

Meeting sponsorships help keep registration costs down and can be an effective mode of advertising for individuals, organizations, and companies who promote the culture, growth, and utilization of high value hardwoods. Sponsors will be recognized by signage at the meeting and in the Walnut Council Bulletin or by a flyer in the registration packet. Contact Liz Jackson by phone at 765-583-3501 or by e-mail at jackson@purdue.edu. We'd be extremely grateful for your support.

MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS? Contact Liz Jackson, Executive Director, at 765-583-3501; jackson@purdue.edu or check us out on the Web at www.walnutcouncil.org/annual-meeting.

June 11-14 Walnut Council Annual Meeting
June 13-15 TCD Research Meeting
Courtyard by Marriott, Lafayette, Indiana

Sunday June 11

All events in Ballroom unless noted

1:30-4 PM Optional preconference tour of Purdue University Martell Forest
10 am – Noon **Walnut Council Foundation Board Meeting** (guests welcome)
1 – 4:30 PM **Walnut Council Board Meeting** (guests welcome)
4 – 6:00 Dinner on your own
5 – 8:30 **Registration, Exhibits and Silent Auction Opens**
6:00 – 6:30 **Meet and Greet Dessert Reception**
6:30 – 8:30 **Evening program:**
50 Years of Walnut Tree Improvement Celebration
Field Tour Overviews- Revington Mootscreek farm, Purdue
University Richard G. Lugar Forestry Farm
8:30 – 10:00 PM Hospitality Room *2nd floor*

Monday

6:30-7:45 AM Breakfast buffet
8 – 4:45 PM **Field tours: Revington Mootscreek Farm and Purdue**
University Richard G. Lugar Forestry Farm
9:30 – 3:00 PM Spouses Tour: Wabash & Erie Canal, Delphi
4:45 – 7:00 Dinner on your own
6:30 – 8:30 Silent auction and exhibits open
7 – 8:30 **Evening Program: Landowner Show and Tell**
8:30 – 10:00 PM Hospitality Room *2nd floor*

Tuesday

6:30-7:45 AM Breakfast buffet
8:00 – 11:45 **Expert presentations**
Ten-year performance of improved black walnut selections: Jim McKenna/Phil O'Connor
Nut Culture & Cultivar Development: Mark Coggeshall
Annual business meeting
Deer as a Driver for Ecosystems: Mike Jenkins
How to Kill a Tree Revisited: Ron Rathfon
9:30 – 2:30 Spouses Tour: Farms at Prophetstown and State Park
11:45 – 1:00 PM Lunch (provided)
1 – 5:15 PM **Thousand Cankers Disease presentations: Overview of current**
status of disease, the walnut resource and markets, and state
updates of TCD status and surveys
3:05 -4:30 PM **Optional forestry panel discussions** *Wabash Room 2nd floor*
4:00 – 6:00 Silent auction and exhibits open
5:45 – 6:30 **Social**
6:30 **Banquet with entertainment**
8:30 – 10:00 PM Hospitality Room *2nd floor*

Wednesday

7:15 -8:15 AM

Breakfast buffet

8:30 -Noon

TCD presentations: Research updates on walnut twig beetle and Geosmithia morbida and other related topics

OR

8:30 – 11:30

Optional Hugh Pence tree farm tour (travel on your own, 15 minute travel time)

Noon- 1:30 PM

Lunch on your own

1:00 – 3:45 PM

TCD presentations: Genetics and walnut resistance research updates

1:30 - 3: 30 PM

Optional post conference tour of Purdue FNR Stephens property

3:45 – 5:15 PM

Thousand Cankers Disease research poster session

Thursday

7:15 – 8:15 AM

Breakfast buffet

8:30 – 11:00 AM

TCD presentations: Phytosanitary treatments and regulatory issues

11:00- 12:30 PM

Lunch on your own

12:30 – 4:00 PM

Regulatory meetings (by invitation only) Wabash Room 2nd floor

Agenda subject to change.

For more information

Walnut Council meeting website: <http://www.walnutcouncil.org/annual-meeting/>

TCD Research Meeting site: <https://htirc.org/thousand-cankers-disease-research-meeting/>

Contact: Liz Jackson at (765) 583-3501 or email jackson@purdue.edu.

Courtyard by Marriott Lafayette IN: 1-800-321-2211, <http://www.courtyardlafayette.com/>

Days Inn: 1-765-446-8558, <http://www.lafayettetdaysinn.com/>

Walnut Council Annual Meeting Tour Descriptions

Field Tour Highlights

Monday, June 12

Monday's tour of the **Revington Mootscreek property** near Brookston, Indiana will highlight a variety of management activities. The farm was purchased in 1971 and walnut plantations installed at the time. Pence Revington will share her challenges and successes at managing this property. Stops will include invasive species control of bush honeysuckle and EQIP cost share, tree and shrub ID, native hardwood management, walnut plantations, and prairie management.

The tour of the Purdue University Department of Forestry & Natural Resources **Richard G. Lugar Forestry Farm** will include research plots and demonstrations by faculty and graduate students. A demonstration study looks at the influence of deer exclusion fencing, fertilization, and select seed orchard seedlings of black walnut, black cherry, red oak and white oak. We will also tour black walnut progeny tests evaluating new selections, a white oak seed orchard, black walnut seed orchard and pollen flow study, and the effectiveness of various invasive species control techniques.

Optional Hugh Pence tree farm tour Wednesday June 14

The Hugh Pence property was a tour stop at the 2004 national meeting, and attendees can opt to return there to see changes in the plantation in the last 13 years. Hugh has also done extensive TSI and crop tree release in his native stands.

Optional Pre Conference Tour Description: Sunday June 11

Martell Forest is a Purdue University's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources property where we will tour research plantings including the oldest walnut clone bank at Martell, a grafted clone trial, and butternut resistance breeding plantings. Transportation is on your own, the property is 25 minutes west of the hotel. A confirmation with maps and specific details will be provided after registration.

Optional Post Conference Tour Description: Wednesday June 14

The **Stephens Forest** is another property of Purdue University's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. This 104-acre property contains high quality mature stands of tulip poplar and oak, regeneration openings, 40-year-old black walnut plantations, and curiously several non-native tree species planted by the prior owner, including mature cucumber trees (*Magnolia acuminata*). Transportation is on your own, the property is 35 minutes northeast of the hotel.

Optional Spouse Tour Highlights

Monday, June 12:

Spouses will board a bus to visit the small town of **Delphi, Indiana**. Guides will share adventures and stories of everyday life as it was 150 years ago on the Wabash & Erie Canal. Experience a 35-minute floating trip on The Delphi, a replica 19th century canal boat. After lunch at the canal museum, we will tour the Delphi Opera House, a mid-1800's Italianate building on the National Register of Historic Places.

Tuesday, June 13

The Tuesday tour will explore nearby **Battleground, Indiana** and Prophetstown State Park, Indiana's newest park. Located at two main rivers, this site was the home of Native Americans and is now a restored prairie. At The Farm at Prophetstown we will tour a 1920's Sears Roebuck farmhouse and see what 1920's farm life was like.

Please consider signing up for the spouse tours in advance so we can plan transportation and lunch. Spouse tours are included in full registration or can be reserved by the single day, see registration form.



2017 Walnut Council Annual Meeting Registration
June 11- 14
Courtyard by Marriott, Lafayette, Indiana

Please register by June 1 if possible, late registrations will be accepted with a late fee. Complete this form or register online at <http://2017walnutcouncil.eventbrite.com>.

Name(s): _____

Please include first and last names of all that will be attending for nametags.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please list any dietary needs or physical accommodations requests: _____
 _____ Check here if you do **not** want your name & contact info in the registrant listing to be shared with attendees.

Full Registration Only

Full registration includes: Sunday dessert reception, breakfast (M,T,W), indoor sessions, field tour (M) or spouse tours (M,T), breaks and lunch (M,T), banquet (T), and meeting favor. Sunday and Monday dinner are on your own.

Number of Full Registrations: _____ @ \$175 each \$ _____

____ Enter number going on Monday field tour ____ Enter number going on Monday spouse tour

____ Enter number going on Tuesday spouse tour

Children (16 and under): _____ @ \$50 each or \$70 with banquet \$ _____

Name(s) of Children: _____

Late Registration Fee, after June 1: _____ @ \$ 40 extra \$ _____

Daily and Other Registrations

Daily registration includes Sunday: dessert reception, indoor session; Monday: transportation, field tour, lunch, evening program; Tuesday: indoor session, breaks, lunch, excluding Tuesday's banquet. Tickets must be purchased separately for the banquet; Wednesday: morning session.

____ Sunday @ \$30 ____ Monday @ \$65; ____ Tuesday @ \$65; ____ Wednesday @ \$30;

____ Spouse Tour (only) \$50 Monday (transportation & lunch included) \$ _____

____ Spouse Tour (only) \$50 Tuesday (transportation & lunch included) \$ _____

Extra banquet tickets (Tuesday, PM) _____ @ \$ 45 (children \$20) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

(See reverse for hotel reservation and further meeting information)

_____ Check if you are attending your first national meeting of the Walnut Council.

Please mark the optional events you plan on attending so we can plan:

_____ Yes, I/we plan on attending the free Sunday (6/11) pre-conference tour of the Purdue University Martell Forest from 1:30- 3:30 PM. Transportation is on your own, the property is approximately 25 minutes west of the hotel. Directions will be provided in advance.

_____ Wednesday (6/14) morning tour of the Hugh Pence property. Transportation is on your own, 15 minutes south of the hotel.

OR

_____ Wednesday (6/14) morning Thousand Cankers Disease research meeting at the hotel.

_____ Wednesday afternoon Thousand Cankers Disease research meeting at the hotel.

OR

_____ Wednesday afternoon post conference tour of the Purdue University Stephens Property from 1:30- 3:30 PM, approximately 30 minutes northeast of the hotel. Lunch and transportation on your own. Directions will be provided in advance.

_____ We are willing to help financially sponsor some aspect of the meeting – please call 765-583-3501.

_____ Call me about providing brochures or handouts in registration packets.

Note: The Thousand Cankers Disease Research meeting is in tandem with the Walnut Council meeting and is open to Walnut Council attendees. See the agenda for details.

Hotel Information

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