



WALNUT COUNCIL

**The Land Conservation Ethic
Walnut Council Annual Meeting
July 29 - August 1, 2018
Co-hosted by the Iowa and Wisconsin Chapters
Grand Harbor Resort, Dubuque, Iowa**

Dear Walnut Council members:

Join us for the Walnut Council 2018 Annual Meeting! We will be touring an exceptional property in southwest Wisconsin and we think you'll be interested in the fine forestry we'll tour and discuss, plus the informative indoor presentations.

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!

Lenny Farlee, Walnut Council President

2018 ANNUAL MEETING OVERVIEW

Sunday: We will kick-off Sunday evening with a dessert reception, field tour previews, and a special presentation on Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic from the Aldo Leopold Foundation.

Monday field tour: We will tour field sites at the Bohlin End-O-Way property in southwestern Wisconsin where we will discuss invasive buckthorn management, native hardwoods management, EQIP, riparian buffers, and many other topics. In the afternoon, we will retire to the historic Potosi Brewery for an optional tour of the brewery and museum and enjoy some downtime with fellow tree growers.

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

Tuesday indoor program: Some of the topics on Tuesday will be seen at the Monday field tour, but now we will discuss in more detail. ID and management of invasive plants, restoring forests in a floodplain, and a forest health update are some of the many topics. Join forestry experts for a panel discussion where you can ask any questions. At the end of the day, we have a special showing of an Emmy award-winning documentary about Aldo Leopold, **Green Fire**.

Wednesday AM: Sessions will continue on chainsaw safety, the status of the wood industry, and what landowners are doing for bats, among others.

Registration

The deadline for early registration is July 18th, 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, field tour and breakfast (M) indoor sessions (T), 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://2018walnutcouncil.eventbrite.com>.

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

The meeting headquarters is the Grand Harbor Resort & Waterpark Hotel, 350 Bell Street, Dubuque, Iowa, call 563-690-3242 to reserve. **Register by June 28th** for the special "National Walnut Council" group rate of \$99 per night (\$129 Saturday). Breakfast (T and W) and the water park are an additional fee. Please note Dubuque is on central daylight time (CDT).

Confirmation/Cancellation Policy

Confirmations will be sent within two weeks of receiving registration until July 10th. After that date receipts will be available at registration. All cancellations and requests for refunds should be received by Friday, July 20th. 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.

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Sunday, July 29

1:15 – 4 PM	Optional preconference tour: Agroforestry Practices for Profit and Wildlife Habitat, Steve Bertjens property
10 AM – Noon	Walnut Council Foundation Board Meeting (guests welcome)
1 – 4 PM	Walnut Council Board Meeting (guests welcome)
3:30 – 8:30	Registration, Exhibits and Silent Auction Opens
6:00 – 6:30	Meet and Greet Dessert Reception
6:30	Evening program: Opening and welcome Field trip preview and property history: Dan Bohlin, landowner Dendrochronology on the Bohlin property: Evan Larsen, UW Platteville Future of forestry and the Land Ethic: Buddy Huffaker, Aldo Leopold Foundation
8:45 – 9:30 PM	Hospitality room open

Monday, July 30

6:00 – 7:15 AM	Breakfast buffet
7:30 AM – 3:30	Tour of Bohlin property <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Native plantings & pollinators: Bertjens• Oak savanna and buckthorn management: Bohlin• Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and erosion management: Schmelz• Walnut natural stand management: Hill
	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximizing quality in log processing: Wells• NRCS topics: oak regeneration, BMP's for runoff, monarch butterfly habitat: Bertjens• Riparian buffers: Bohlin• Managing regeneration from a walnut mother tree: Nielsen
9:45 – 2:30	Spouses Tour: Sinsinawa Mound Center
4:00 – 6:00	Potosi Brewery and Transportation Museum tour
6:00 – 7:30	Dinner on your own
6:00 – 8:30	Silent auction and exhibits open
7:30 – 8:30	Landowner Show and Tell or Newcomer discussion with a forester
8:45 – 9:30 PM	Hospitality room open

Tuesday, July 31

6:30 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast on your own
8:30 – 4	Indoor program
8:30 – 9	Managing your native woodlots: Jesse Randall, Iowa State University
9 – 9:30	NRCS programs for implementation of forestry practices: Andy Hart, USDA-NRCS
9:30 – 10	Black walnut soil suitability & USDA's web soil survey: Jay C. Hayek, University of Illinois
9:45 – 2:30	Spouses Tour: National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium And Stonecliff Winery
10 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 10:45	Identification and management of woodland invasive plants: Christopher Evans, University of Illinois
10:45 – 11:45	Forestry panel discussion – bring your Q&A
11:45 – 1:00	Lunch

1:00 – 1:30	Restoring forests in the upper Mississippi River floodplain: Challenges and opportunities: Andy Meier, US Army Corp of Engineers
1:30 – 2	Tree sapling responses to reed canarygrass treatments across four floodplain sites: Maria DeLaundreau, M.S. student, Dept. of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota
2 – 2:30	Forest health update: Fredric Miller, Illinois forest health specialist
2:30 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 4	Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time: film viewing
5:30 – 6:15	Social (cash bar), Silent auction and exhibits open
6:10	Silent auction ends (approximate, will be announced)
6:15	Annual Awards Banquet
	Entertainment – Hap Hazard band

Wednesday

6:30 – 7:45 AM	Breakfast on your own
8 – 10:30 AM	Presentations
8:00 – 8:30	Chainsaw safety and woods worker (SAWW) training: Jay C. Hayek, University of Illinois
8:30 – 9	Forest industry topics: marketing/pricing/exports: Scott Lyon, WI DNR
9 – 9:30	Computerized lumber grading and quality: Logan Wells, Purdue University
9:30 – 10	HTIRC strategic directions: Mark Coggeshall, US Forest Service
10:00 – 10:30	What Midwestern forest landowners are doing for bats and why it matters: Adam Janke, Iowa State University
10:30 – 11	Walnut Council business meeting
11 – Noon	State Chapter Reports, Door Prizes, & Closing remarks

Agenda subject to change.

This program will be submitted for CFE credits from the Society of American Foresters.

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For more information

Website: <http://www.walnutcouncil.org/annual-meeting/>

Contact: Liz Jackson at (765) 583-3501 or email walnutcouncil@walnutcouncil.org

Walnut Council Annual Meeting Tour Descriptions

Field Tour Highlights

The Monday, July 30 tour of the Bohlin family **End-O-Way Farm near Stitzer, Wisconsin** will give a great view of the Driftless Region of southwest Wisconsin and the beautiful timber growing there. Oaks and black walnut of all ages and sizes proliferate; conservation projects control erosion and improve water quality; and controlling invasive plants like honeysuckle and buckthorn never ends. Stop discussions will include: native plantings & pollinators, oak savanna and buckthorn management, EQIP and erosion management, walnut natural stand management, maximizing quality in log harvest and processing, oak regeneration, monarch habitat, riparian buffers, and walnut mother trees. See the upcoming May Walnut Council Bulletin for further tour details.

Bus transportation will be provided to this walking tour, and accommodations will be available for those who need assistance. Lunch will be served onsite.

Potosi Brewing Company and Two Museums

Originally founded in 1852 and just a stone's throw from the Mississippi River, this brewery was restored and is a charitable nonprofit. On the way back from the field tour, buses will stop at the brewery so attendees can take the optional brewery tour, visit the two museums onsite, or relax in the brewpub or outdoor patio and enjoy some downtime together. The brewery tour include a guided tour of the brewing process, samples, a Potosi pint glass, and one pint of a Potosi tap beer or root beer. Step inside the Transportation Museum and take a journey through time to see how transportation played a role in the brewing process and how it changed and grew through its 120-year history. The National Brewery Museum™ displays an eclectic collection of beer bottles and cans, glasses, trays, coasters, advertising materials and various other breweriana collectibles. See more at www.potosibrewery.com.

Optional Pre Conference Tour Description: Sunday July 29

On Sunday afternoon, attendees can join an optional free field tour on "Agroforestry Practices for Profit and Wildlife Habitat" on the Steve Bertjens property near Kieler, Wisconsin. Topics discussed will include hazelnut production, Christmas tree production, creating wildlife habitat for species requiring early successional woody habitat, and pollinator plantings as biocontrol of crop and tree pests.

Carpool from the Grand Harbor Resort or meet directly at the property. The farm is an easy walk, but if needed folks can be shuttled. Transportation is on your own, the property is 15 minutes north of the hotel. A confirmation with maps and specific details will be provided after registration, please note your interest on the registration form.

Optional Spouse Tour Highlights

Monday, July 30: Explore Wisconsin

Spouses will board a bus to visit Sinsinawa Mound Center, one of many ministries of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters. The site includes 450 acres of lush woodlands, orchards, vineyards, fields, and gardens. Tours include a visit to two museums and Sinsinawa Art Gallery. Visitors are awestruck by the Queen of the Rosary Chapel and its unique circular shape, fluted ceiling, and the 37 diamond and half-diamond shaped stained glass windows. Indoor and outdoor labyrinths and a gift shop and bakery can be explored at your leisure.

Source: <https://www.sinsinawa.org/moundcenter/>

Tuesday, July 31: Explore Dubuque

The Tuesday tour will explore literally next door to the hotel at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. Take an informative, entertaining journey on the Mighty Mississippi: enjoy dynamic aquariums, historical exhibits, a special Leonardo Da Vinci exhibition, and a stroll through the wetlands and boatyard. After the museum tour, we will travel across the street to the Stonecliff Winery for lunch and an optional wine tasting. See more at <https://www.rivermuseum.com/>.

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



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Please register by July 18 if possible, late registrations will be accepted with a late fee. Complete this form or register online at <http://2018walnutcouncil.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 and field tour (M), indoor sessions, spouse tours (M,T), breaks and lunch (M,T), banquet (T), and meeting favor. Sunday and Monday dinner, Tuesday and Wednesday breakfast 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 July 18: _____ @ \$ 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.
- _____ Yes, I/we plan on attending the free Sunday (7/29) pre-conference tour of the Bertjens property in Kieler, Wisconsin from 1:15- 4:00 PM. Transportation is on your own, the property is approximately 15 minutes north of the hotel. Directions will be provided in advance.
- _____ I am interested in providing a brief talk (5-15 minutes) for the Monday (7/30) evening Landowner show and tell.
- _____ We are willing to help financially sponsor some aspect of the meeting – please call 765-583-3501.
- _____ Call me about submitting brochures or handouts for registration packets or having an exhibit table at the meeting room.

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