

**The Land Conservation Ethic
Walnut Council Annual Meeting Agenda
July 29- August 1, 2018
Grand Harbor Resort, Dubuque, Iowa**

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)

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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**

- 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

- 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, August 1

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.