

# Missouri Chapter News

Walnut Council: Growing Walnut and Other Fine Hardwoods



Missouri Chapter, Walnut Council

Website: <http://www.walnutcouncil.org/state-chapters/missouri.html>

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## Who are we?

The Walnut Council, founded in 1970, is a science based international organization that encourages research, discussion, and application of knowledge about growing hardwood trees. This international association represents nearly 900 woodland owners, foresters, forest scientists, and wood-producing industry representatives in 45 states and seven foreign countries. We promote sustainable forest management, conservation, reforestation, and utilization of American black walnut (*Juglans nigra*) and other fine hardwoods. The national Walnut Council has 12 state chapters and publishes quarterly bulletins.

Our chapter focuses on assisting in the technical transfer of forest research to our members and private woodland landowners, encouraging field research applications, supporting activities of interest and value to our forest resource partners, and demonstrating techniques in planting, managing and marketing fine hardwoods.

## Council Objectives

- To advance cultural practices and help transfer science and technology from the laboratory to actual field practice.
- To encourage good forest management and sustainability of existing timber.
- To encourage new plantings of walnut and other forest species.
- To sponsor state chapters and other events of interest to tree growers.
- To assist foresters in keeping current with the latest research and industry information.

## The Missouri Chapter

Formed in 1983, the Missouri Chapter is an affiliate of the national organization but operates under its own by-laws with leadership provided by locally elected officers serving on an Executive Committee. Currently, the Chapter has 113 members. Two meetings with field days are held annually (spring and fall) and members are encouraged to participate in activities carried out by the parent organization as well as events hosted by neighboring chapters. Chapter members are kept informed via email, occasional mailings and newsletters initiated at both the state and national levels.



## Benefits of Membership

The Missouri Chapter has hosted several Walnut Council annual and state meetings attracting regional and national experts in establishing, managing and marketing fine hardwoods. Members receive a subscription to the “Walnut Council Bulletin” quarterly, notices of new publications of interest, a new member packet of information, and access to the walnut information “Hot Line”.

## Thousand Cankers Disease

Thousand cankers disease (TCD) is a disease complex native to the western United States and primarily affects black walnut *Juglans nigra*. This disease is the result of the combined activity of a fungus (*Geosmithia morbida*) and the walnut twig beetle (*Pityophthorus juglandis*). Thousand cankers disease currently threatens millions of black walnut trees in forests and urban areas, an important species with great economic and ecological value throughout its native range. Several quarantines have been established in an attempt to prevent the disease from spreading.

### [Thousandcankers.com](http://Thousandcankers.com)

As one partner in this website one of our goals is to help you find answers to your questions about thousand cankers disease. Remember to check back often as we update this site regularly with the latest information and developments on thousand cankers disease of walnut.

## Monitoring for TCD

is essential in order to find it while the new diseased area is relatively small. Once it has been found, the extent of the diseased area will have to be determined. If the diseased area appears to be localized to a couple square miles or less, we may need to implement a defense strategy to contain, suppress, and slow down the spread. The Chapter leadership will keep members informed about TCD as well as updates on other harmful invasive pests.

## “Missouri Invasive Forest Pest Plan”

Missouri Walnut Council members provided comments and recommendations to the Missouri Invasive Forest Pest Council in finalizing their DRAFT plan that addresses several non-native, invasive insects and diseases posing serious threats to our forest resources and economy.