

Returning to our Roots
Walnut Council Annual Meeting Agenda
July 24-27, 2022
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois

Sunday, July 24

- 10 am – Noon Walnut Council Foundation Board Meeting, Holiday Inn
1 – 4 pm Walnut Council Board Meeting, Holiday Inn
3:00 – 5:30 PM Registration, Holiday Inn lobby
3 – 5:30 Dinner on your own
5:30 – 7:30 Shuttle to SIU Student Center, Registration
6:00 – 6:45 Meet and Greet Dessert Reception, *SIU Student Center*
6:00 – 8:30 Silent auction and exhibits open
6:45 – 8:00 Evening program
Opening and Welcome: SIU Forestry
Keynote topic: International silviculture, Charles Ruffner
The First 50 years of Walnut Council, Bob Burke
8 – 8:30 Return to hotel
8:45 – 10:00 Hospitality room

Monday, July 25

- 7:00 – 7:30 Registration table at Holiday Inn lobby
7:15 – 7:30 Load buses at hotel
8:00 – 3:30 Field Tour: Touch of Nature Environmental Center
Topics may include regeneration, oak establishment, log quality, invasive species, prescribed fire, and other forest management techniques.
9:30 – 2:30 Optional alternate tour (*meet Holiday Inn lobby*)
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (provided)
Field Tour: Giant City State Park
Topics may include forest management techniques.
3:30 – 6:30 Dinner on your own
6:30 – 7:00 Travel to SIU Student Center
6:30 – 8:45 Silent auction and exhibits open
7:00 – 8:30 Landowner Show and Tell
8:45 – 10:00 Hospitality room

Tuesday, July 26

- 8:30 – 3:40 Expert presentations, SIU Student Center
8:30 – 9 History of Carbondale Forest Service Research Station and walnut research & lessons learned, J Van Sambeek
9 – 9:30 Management of walnut to minimize TCD, Kelsey Tobin
9:15 – 2:00 Optional spouse tour (*meet Holiday Inn lobby*)

- 9:30 – 10 New digital soil tools for foresters and forest landowners, John Kabrick/Hank Stelzer
- 10 – 10:15 Break
- 10:15 – 10:45 Maximizing financial returns through decision modeling and cash flow analysis of black walnut plantations, Erin Shaw
- 10:45 – 11:45 White Oak initiative, Hank Stelzer
- 11:45 – 1:00 Lunch (provided)
- 1:00 – 2:00 Expert roundtables: Bring your Q & A for various topics
- 2 – 2:20 Break
- 2:20 – 2:50 Pecan nut culture & markets, Ralph Voss
- 2:50 – 3:35 Forest health: Oak declines & weather impacts, Fredric Miller
- 3:40 – 4:00 Return to hotel
- 5:30 – 6:00 Travel to SIU student center
- 6:00 – 6:30 Reception (cash bar), silent auction and exhibits open
- 6:25 Silent auction ends
- 6:30 – 8:30 Banquet
- 8:30 – 10:00 Hospitality room

Wednesday, July 27

- 8:00 – 8:45 Breakfast (provided), *SIU Student center*
- 8:30 – 10:30 Expert Presentations
- 8:30 – 9 Forest health: Walnut issues & emerging concerns, Fredric Miller
- 9 – 9:30 How fescue impacts black walnut growth, Jerry Van Sambeek
- 9:30 – 10:00 Performance of the R.S. Brundage Missouri clone and seedling trial, Jim McKenna
- 10:00 – 10:30 Invasive species control and management, Chris Evans
- 10:30 – 11 Walnut Council business meeting
- 11 – 12:00 PM State chapter reports, door prizes, & closing remarks

- 1:30 – 3:00 Optional afternoon field tour- Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge

Agenda subject to change, for the latest updates see
<https://walnutcouncil.org/events/annual-meeting/>

The meeting will be located at the SIU Student Center, 1255 Lincoln Avenue, Carbondale, IL unless noted otherwise. [Map link](#)

Hotel Information

Deadline for Room Reservations at group discount rate is June 30th.

A hotel block is at the Holiday Inn Carbondale (changing to a Holiday Inn Express this summer), 2300 Reed Station Pkwy, Carbondale, IL 62901. [Map link](#)
 For reservations call 618-549-2600 or [book online](#) at the special “NWC” group rate of \$96 + tax per night.