



Walnut Council National Meeting Springfield, Ohio July 28-30, 2024

We are excited to have you join us for the 2024 Walnut Council Annual Meeting in Springfield, Ohio! Can't attend the entire event? Consider coming for a day or two, daily rates are available.

Exciting New Changes This Year

This year we are revising the meeting to reduce your hotel costs and time away from home. A summary of the changes this year:

- While we weren't able to get a conference hotel with an onsite meeting, we are providing shuttle buses Sunday and Monday to limit your driving.
- New options for first time and new members to network and ask questions.
- Sunday evening there's a provided dinner.
- Banquet is moved to Monday evening.
- Tuesday indoor program ends at 3 PM, giving you the chance to head home.

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 later online at www.walnutcouncil.org/annual-meeting.

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

Liz Jackson

Executive Director, Walnut Council

Bill Hammitt

Ohio meeting committee chair, Ohio
chapter president

2024 ANNUAL MEETING OVERVIEW

Sunday evening will be at Young's Jersey Dairy in Yellow Springs. Owned by the Carl Young family, this is a destination agritourism business. We will enjoy a catered dinner and hang out with members from your state chapter to get to know them better and sessions for first time attendees. We will have the always popular Landowner Show and Tell with sharing of successes and failures by members. *Contact us if you are interested in sharing your story.* Shuttle buses will take guests to and from the Comfort Suites to Youngs.

Monday's field tour features the Brad & Diane Timmons property, formerly owned by the Carl Young family. We will spend the day there, touring a mixed hardwood stand, a walnut plantation, a maple syrup operation, and a soil pit. Eight different topics related to fine hardwood forest and plantation management will be demonstrated and discussed among the small groups. Shuttle buses will take us to and from the Comfort Suites and lunch is provided.

Monday evening will be a chance to relax and visit with new and old friends at the reception and awards banquet at the Hollenbeck Event Center. There will be a poster session where members share their activities and the silent auction will be open. Shuttle buses will take guests to and from the Comfort Suites to the banquet.

Tuesday will be an early business meeting, followed by a day of expert presentations on fine hardwood management and landowner issues. This includes our popular expert roundtables, where you can mill about several different topics and hear how others approach an issue, bring your Q and A. Check out the specific topics on the agenda. New this year- we will close the meeting at 3 PM so that you can head for home.

Registration

The deadline for early registration is **July 10th**, although later registrations will be accepted with a late fee. Please register early to assist in planning. Full registration includes: Sunday dinner, field tour (M), breaks, lunch (M,T), social and banquet (M), indoor sessions (T), optional companion tours (M,T), and meeting favor. Breakfasts are included in Comfort Suites stays.

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://2024walnutcouncil.eventbrite.com>.

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

Hotel rooms are at Comfort Suites Springfield, 121 Raydo Circle. Call 937-322-0707 by June 27 to book at the special "Walnut Council" group rate of \$100 + tax per night (\$5 extra person charge) or book online at

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/wg73a1>. There are restaurants within walking distance.

Camping information: For information on camping, other hotels, restaurants, shopping, parks, trails, and nature areas in Springfield, see www.visitgreaterspringfield.com.

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 Wednesday, July 24. A \$25 per person administrative fee will be deducted from the refund.

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 765-496-5013 or by e-mail at walnutcouncil@gmail.com. We'd be extremely grateful for your support.

MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS? Contact Liz Jackson, Executive Director, at 765-496-5013; walnutcouncil@gmail.com or check us out on the web at www.walnutcouncil.org/annual-meeting.

Walnut Council National Meeting Agenda
July 28-30, 2024
Springfield, Ohio

Sunday, July 28

8:30 am – 10 am	Walnut Council Foundation Board Meeting, Comfort Suites Springfield (guests welcome)
11:00 – 2:00 pm	Walnut Council Board Meeting, Comfort Suites (guests welcome)
4:00	Shuttle bus or drive on your own from hotel to Young's Jersey Dairy, 6880 Springfield Xenia Rd, Yellow Springs, OH
4:30 – 7:30	Registration open at Young's
4:30 – 5:30	Dinner at Young's Jersey Dairy, cash bar
5:30 – 7:30	Evening program: Welcome, Landowner Show and Tell, Field tour previews
7:45	Shuttle bus returns to hotel
8:00 – 9:30 PM	Hospitality room at hotel

Monday, July 29

6:30 – 7:45 AM	Breakfast provided by hotel
7:45	Buses depart for Timmons property
8 – 4	Tour of Brad & Diane Timmons property: Eight stops with topics related to walnut and hardwood management in plantations and in natural stands. Lunch will be provided.
9:30– 2:00	Companion Tour – Hartman Rock Gardens and Heart of Ohio Antique Center
5:45	Load shuttle buses or drive on your own to Hollenbeck Center
6 – 8 PM	Reception/Poster session/Awards Banquet, Hollenbeck Center
6:00 – 8	Silent auction open
6 – 6:30	Poster session, reception with cash bar
6:30 – 8:00	Meal/Awards presentations
8:30	Return to hotel
8:30 – 10:00 PM	Hospitality room open at hotel

Tuesday, July 30

7:30- 8:00 AM	Optional business meeting/poster viewing
7:30- 8:00 AM	Silent auction/exhibits open
10:00 – 1:30	Companion Tour – Frank Lloyd Wright Westcott House and lunch
8:00 – 3:10	Expert Presentations, Hollenbeck Center
8:00 – 8:15	Welcome/remarks
8:15 – 8:50 AM	Successful timber sales examples, Scott Costello, consulting forester
8:50 – 9:25 AM	NRCS Conservation Programs for Woodlands, Stephanie Downs, Ohio Div of Forestry & Angel Arehart, NRCS
9:25 – 10:00	Working Collaboratively to Sustain Oak Dominated Forests, Dave Apsley, Ohio DNR Division of Forestry

Tuesday, July 30, continued

10:00 – 10:20 AM	Break
10:20 – 10:55 AM	Deer Impact Toolbox, Jarred Brooke, Purdue Extension
10:55 – 11:30 AM	Succession and Estate Planning – Developing the Legacy for Your Woodlands, David Marrison, OSU Extension
11:30 – 12:05 PM	Thinning the Forest to See the Trees, Kathy Smith, OSU Extension
12:05 – 12:50 PM	Lunch
12:50	Silent auction ends (approx., time to be announced)
12:50 – 1:25 PM	Industry Panel Discussion, by select members of the Ohio hardwood and veneer industry
1:25 – 2:25 PM	Roundtable discussions with experts, bring your questions:
NRCS programs	Conservation easements
Timber sales	Timber taxes
Succession planning	Tree planting design
Beginners' session with a consulting forester	Deer prevention
Fruit and nuts/alternate forest products	Fertilization/weed control/cover crops
	Industry Q and A
2:25 – 3:00 PM	Current Hardwood Markets and Industry Trends, Matthew Bumgardner, USDA Forest Service
3:00 – 3:10 PM	Closing remarks, Claude Diehl, WC President
3:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Optional post tour of Cedar Bog Nature Preserve

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

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

Walnut Council National Meeting Tour Highlights

FORESTRY FIELD TOUR: TIMMONS FARM—MONDAY, JULY 29

We will spend the day at the Brad and Diane Timmons property just east of Springfield. Previously owned by Carl Young, past President and Life member of Walnut Council, it was the site of an Ohio chapter meeting in 2006. It has natural forest as well as walnut plantations that were interplanted in the mid-1980's with white pine nurse trees. Brad and Diane have taken ownership and continued the Young's management to ensure high value hardwoods.

We will visit the following stops in small groups and have discussion and demonstrations with a variety of forestry experts who have worked at the property or similar situations. Topics:

- Soils- Soil suitability will be discussed at a soil pit, along with a demonstration of planting a seedling suited to the site.
- Thinning and pruning a walnut plantation
- Direct seeding- How to establish walnuts with seed
- Tree scaling- A timber buyer will demonstrate determining volume of wood in a tree and when a tree should be harvested.
- Improvement cutting- A demonstration of improvement cutting in a native hardwood stand (including a tree felling) that had a timber harvest in 2010.
- Maple syrup- landowner Brad Timmons will discuss the process of making maple syrup in a "super sweet" maple grove established in the 1990's
- Crop tree management- A demonstration of crop tree management in a walnut plantation.

ALTERNATE COMPANION TOURS

These tours provide an alternative for those who prefer to see local sights rather than forestry. Tours and lunch are provided with a full registration, or purchase the tours separately.

Monday July 29: On Monday there will be a self-guided walking tour of Hartman Rock Garden (<https://hartmanrocks.org/>). It is a nationally-recognized visionary art environment by artist Ben Hartman, who used a variety of materials to create hundreds of structures and figurines in his gardens. Following the tour, lunch will be with the field tour group and afterwards make an optional trip to the nearby Heart of Ohio Antique Center (<https://www.heartofohioantiques.com/>), "America's biggest and best" with over 800 booths.

Tuesday, July 30: On Tuesday we will have a guided tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Westcott House (<https://www.westcotthouse.org/>). The Westcott House was designed in 1906 and built in 1908. Following the tour lunch will be provided at a local café in downtown Springfield.

OPTIONAL POST CONFERENCE TOUR: CEDAR BOG NATURE PRESERVE

Cedar Bog Nature Preserve is a National Natural Landmark, one of only twenty-five in the state of Ohio – recognized for its national significance. It ranks the highest of any site in the state on the Ohio Floristic Diversity Index for its great diversity of plants. On Tuesday afternoon after the conference ends, travel 20 minutes to the preserve. Nature Preserve staff will provide a guided boardwalk tour through the bog. Cost is \$5 per person. Learn more at <https://www.cedarbognp.org/>.

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Please register by July 10 if possible, late registrations will be accepted with a late fee. Complete this form or register online at <https://2024walnutcouncil.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 dinner, field tour (M), breaks, lunch (M,T), social and banquet (M), indoor sessions (T), optional companion tours (M,T), and meeting favor. Breakfasts are included in Comfort Suites stays.

Number of Full Registrations: _____ @ \$195 each \$ _____

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

____ Enter number attending Tuesday indoor program ____ Enter number Tuesday companion tour

Children (16 and under): _____ @ \$75 each \$ _____

Name(s) of Children: _____

Donation to support the meeting \$ _____

Late Registration Fee, after July 10: _____ @ \$ 40 extra \$ _____

Daily and Other Registrations

Daily registration includes Sunday: dinner and program; Monday: transportation, field tour, lunch; Tuesday: indoor program, lunch. Tickets must be purchased separately for the banquet.

____ Sunday @ \$50 ____ Monday @ \$75; ____ Tuesday @ \$75;

Extra banquet tickets (Monday, PM) _____ @ \$ 55 (children \$20) \$ _____

____ Companion Tour only \$40 Monday (lunch included) \$ _____

____ Companion Tour only \$40 Tuesday (lunch included) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

(See reverse for hotel reservation and further meeting information)

- _____ Check if you are attending your first national meeting of the Walnut Council.
- _____ I am interested in providing a brief talk (10-15 minutes) for the Sunday evening Landowner show and tell.
- _____ I would like to provide a poster for the Monday evening/Tuesday poster session.
- _____ We plan on attending the Cedar Bog Nature Preserve post conference tour Tuesday afternoon (\$5 per person, pay at the preserve).
- _____ We are willing to help financially sponsor some aspect of the meeting – please call 765-496-5013 or email walnutcouncil@gmail.com or include a sponsor check.
- _____ Contact me about submitting brochures or handouts for registration packets or having an exhibit table at the meeting room.

Hotel Information

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Transportation

Optional shuttle buses will be provided to all events except the Tuesday program and companion tours.

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