

Special points of interest:

- Texas SAF Annual Meeting is **April 18 and 19** in Nacogdoches
- The state Arbor Day celebration is **April 28**.
- Exploring Houston's Backyard is **May 1-5** at the Jones State Forest

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2006 TSAF Annual Meeting

Forestry - As Diverse As Our State

It is time to register to attend the TSAF Annual Meeting! This year's meeting will be held Tuesday, April 18 through Wednesday, April 19 at Banita Creek Hall in Nacogdoches, TX. Atmosphere and dress for this meeting is casual. We want to celebrate our successful completion of the National Convention in Ft. Worth and, as always, provide the members with valuable information and networking opportunities that they can use in their daily jobs.

During the meeting, we will honor the 2006 forestry leadership award recipients. Attendees will also receive 7.5 hours of Category I Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits.

A registration form is enclosed. For more information about the annual meeting, visit the Texas SAF

website at www.tsaf.org or contact Lee Flannery at 903/665-2336. Hope to see you there!

Side Note: If you took pictures at the National Convention, please e-mail them to [Ron Billings](mailto:rbillings@tfs.tamu.edu) at rbillings@tfs.tamu.edu. He is putting together a presentation of the event.

Dear TSAF members:

We are all looking forward to our annual meeting April 18 and 19 in Nacogdoches. Lee Flannery, Chair-elect, and his committee have lined up a great array of speakers on cutting edge topics. Please mark your calendars for what promises to be a great meeting!

Gary Burns, Chair

Where in the World is Joel Hambricht?

Greetings from Tasmania everyone! Well I've been in Tasmania for over a week now and I have to say it's definitely the most beautiful place I've ever been. And on top of that, the food is good and the people are friendly. So far we've spent all of our time here on the SE part of the island around Hobart. Hobart's the capitol of Tasmania and is beautiful!

We will be traveling to Queenstown, NW Tasmania, in a few days and will make our way around the island. From walking through oldgrowth eucalyptus forests to taking a boat tour of the steep cliffed Tasman Peninsula, so far the trip has been absolutely spectacular and I'm anticipating it's only going to get better.

Yesterday we saw hundreds of seals and penguins, sometimes you just have to kick yourself reminding yourself you're in Tasmania!

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, **March 7,** 2006, at 6:30 pm, at Margarita and Peppers, 2259 North Loop 336 Conroe, Texas

Speaker: Dr. John L. Massingill, Jr., Texas A&M, San Marcos

Topic: Extracting chemical compounds from woody biomass

Dr. John L. Massingill, Jr., is the Director of the Center for Coating and Bio-Based Technology, Institute for Environment and Industrial Science, Texas State University, San Marcos. Dr. Massingill was a research scientist with Dow Chemical in Michigan before leaving to head up this Center. He will speak on his government and industry backed research to develop technology for extracting high-end chemical compounds from wood plant material. He will also discuss opportunities, and challenges to commercial efforts to produce ethanol, bio-diesel, and high-valued chemical compounds from wood plant material. In light of the current high energy prices and the Bush Administration efforts to help break the American "edict ion" to oil, this Program will be of interest to all.

For more information about this meeting, contact Bill Kuhn.

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The tentative date for the next meeting is **March 23** from 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Fly fishing program with casting assistance. If you have a fly rod, bring it. For more information, contact John Norris.

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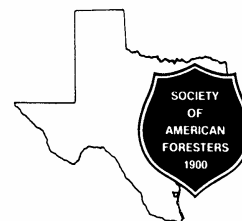
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Teacher Conservation Institute – Seventeen Years of Success! *By Frank Shockley*

Foresters teaching teachers, now there's a novel idea! But in 1989 that's what began happening at the Texas Forestry Association's Teacher Conservation Institute (TCI). Seventeen years later this innovative environmental education workshop annually hosts Texas educators in one of 3 separate one-week sessions led by foresters, educators, natural resource conservationists, and industry professionals.

Phase I of TCI emphasizes natural resource stewardship to enhance Texas' environmental, economic, and social well-being. Participants become certified in Project WILD and Project Learning Tree, receive Texas State education credits, and they have the opportunity to earn graduate credit through Stephen F.

Austin State University (SFASU). **Phase II** offers a more comprehensive experience in East Texas forest ecology to teachers who have attended Phase I. Hands-on activities, presented by experienced foresters, anthropologists, soil scientists, wildlife biologists, and education experts, lead educators in inquiry-based field investigation activities. Participants become certified as Project Learning Tree Facilitators, in addition to earning state education credits and may earn graduate college credit from SFASU.

TCI is held at the Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture's Pinewoods Conservation Center near

Broaddus, Texas.

The dates for 2006 are: Phase II – June 25– June 30; Phase I -, Session 1, July 9-14; or and Session 2, July 16-21.

Costs for the week are: Phase I - \$100; Phase II - \$125.

For more information about the Texas Forestry Association's Teacher Conservation Institute, call 936-632-8733 or e-mail Cheryl Stanco at cstanco@texasforestry.org.



Arbor Day

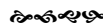
It's about that time of year for many foresters. The phone rings and you are asked to come do a talk for a your child's class, a scout troop, or an entire school for Arbor Day. Everyone knows that you call a forester when you need help planting a tree, right?

Below are a few Project Learning Tree activities that may help if you are called upon...better yet, if you volunteer to go.

- Adopt a Tree (#21),
- The Closer You Look (#61),
- Germinating Giants (#66),
- Have Seeds Will Travel(#43),
- Plant a Tree (#31),
- To Be A Tree (#62),
- Tree Factory (#63),

- Three Cheers for Trees (#30),
- Trees in Trouble (#77)

For more suggestions on how to celebrate Arbor Day, visit the [National Arbor Day Foundation](#) website or the [Texas Forest Service](#) website.



The 117th annual Texas Arbor Day Celebration will be on Friday, **April 28**. This year, the City of Dallas will host and the celebration will be held at City Hall. Contact [John Giedraitis](#), Texas Urban Forestry Coordinator with the Texas Forest Service, at 979/458-6650 for more information on this event.



Free Posters Available

The Texas Forest Service has free Pecan tree posters available. Please contact your local Texas Forest Service office or [Angie Cure](#) for a copy.



Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 25

ISA Certified Arborist Exam
8 am. - 1 pm
[John Warner](#)
Montgomery College, Conroe
Registration and application visit
www.isa-arbor.org

Friday, April 7

ISA Certified Arborist Exam
[Jim Carse](#)
San Antonio
visit www.isa-arbor.com/certification for details

April 16-22

National Environmental Education Week
www.EEweek.org

Tuesday, April 25

Hazard Trees
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
[Jim Carse](#)
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin
National Arbor Day Foundation educational seminar. For arborists, foresters, grounds managers, landscape professionals, and city staff. Call 888-448-7337 or www.arborday.org for details.

Wednesday, April 26

Trees, People, and the Law
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

[Jim Carse](#)

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin
National Arbor Day Foundation educational seminar. Call 888-448-7337 or www.arborday.org for details.

Friday, April 28

Arbor Day on the Jones State Forest 2006
[John Warner](#)
Jones State Forest
300-500 students from various Montgomery County school districts will take part in an outdoor tree planting project and walk in the forest along the Sweetleaf Nature Trail located on the Jones State Forest near The Woodlands/Conroe.

April 28

Texas Arbor Day Celebration in Dallas

May 1-5

Exploring Houston's Backyard
1,000 Inner-city Houston ISD 5th grade students will explore the Jones State Forest.
Contact [John Warner](#) or 936/273-2261 for more information.

May 2-3

Forest Awareness Tour

4th—6th Houston and Trinity County students will participate on Ratcliff Lake at Davy Crockett National Forest. Contact [Todd Nightingale](#) or 936/544-7798 for more information.

May 13

Forest Family Fun Day and Equipment Show
9am—3 pm at the Angelina County Exposition Center in Lufkin.
Contact the Texas Forestry Association at 936/632-TREE for more information.

Koontz Fund

The TSAF Koontz Fund is raising money for projects by hosting a Silent Auction.

Donation of items need to be mailed or delivered to John Warner by **March 30th**. Please have your donated item delivered to John Warner, Texas Forest Service, 1328 FM 1488, Conroe, TX 77384. Include the donors names, address, estimated value, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact John Warner at 936/273-2261 or jwarner@tfs.tamu.edu

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Anyway, I look forward to telling you all about it when I return. If you would like to check out some of our pictures you can go to www.texascrawfish.com/tasmania. Alan Gaulling is a farmer and is one of the team members - this is his website just in case you were wondering. I look forward to

hearing from you and seeing you when I return.

More information from this trip will be provided in the next issue of Texas Forester.

Check it Out!

The Texas Forest Service has a new [Newsroom](#) website for all the latest regarding the Texas Wildfires. It is worth a look!

News from National

New Process for Fellow Nominations

At the December 2005 Council meeting, changes were made to the SAF Bylaws pertaining to Fellow nominations. The goal of the Society is to recognize approximately 5 percent of its members with this honor. Fellow candidates will now be determined by a district Fellows Committee established in each SAF voting District. Presently, the Fellow nomination process is on hold until these new committees are established.

National Bioenergy Conference II: March 14 – 16, 2006 in Denver, Colorado

SAF is cosponsoring The National Bioenergy Conference II: Innovations in Restoring Forests and Strengthening Economies, which is to be held at the Hyatt Convention Center in Denver, Colorado, March 14–16. Among the conference highlights is a tour of the National Renewable Energy Lab on Tuesday the 16th.

For more information about the conference, including the event agenda, visit the [conference website](#).

SAF Legislative Days in Washington, DC

Join SAF members in Washington, DC, **April 25–26** for SAF's annual

Legislative Days to meet key policymakers and interest groups, learn about the federal legislative and budget processes, and get the tools you need to become an effective advocate for forest policy.

The registration deadline is March 17. For more information, contact [Lauren Goschke](#) at (301) 879-8720, ext 113.

To register, or to read information about the agenda, accommodations, and more, visit the [SAF website](#).

Henry Clepper Forest Policy Internship

An internship is available at SAF's national office in natural resource policy for graduate or upper-level undergraduate students enrolled in accredited forestry programs, or graduate students in public policy with a forestry background. Membership in SAF will be considered.

The intern will serve as an assistant to the director of forest policy, prepare background reports, monitor legislation, attend Congressional staff meetings and hearings, and act as a liaison to other natural resource organizations.

The stipend is \$1,000 per month. To apply, send cover letter, resume, writing samples, transcripts, and list of references to

the Director of Forest Policy, Society of American Foresters, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20184-2198.

For more information, call Rita Neznok at (301) 897-8720, ext. 115.

Get Your Company Noticed in the 2006 Professional Resource Guide

If you are looking for a unique way to address the forest and land management market and promote your company's products and services, get in the 2006 Professional Resource Guide!

The guide offers:

- * a 100-word description of your company's products and/or services in the June issue of the *Journal of Forestry*
- * an online version of the guide with hyperlink to your company's website for one year
- * an audience of more than 15,000 forestry and land management professionals

You can be part of the 2006 Professional Resource Guide for just \$365. To receive an application, contact [Lauren Hirt](#). The deadline is March 31, 2006. To view the [2005 Guide](#), visit the SAF website.



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