



# Mississippi Forestry Association

72nd Annual Meeting

BancorpSouth Arena & Conference Center ~ Downtown Tupelo  
October 28-30, 2009

## Meeting Highlights

- **Registration Same Low Price as Last Year**
- **Made in Mississippi Speakers, Gifts, and Prizes**
- **Managing the Family Forest Workshop**
- **Tour/Reception - Tupelo Automobile Museum**
- **Green Building Certification**
- **Traditional Awards**
- **Miss. Forestry Foundation Dinner**

**Showcase Your Business. Exhibit at the 2009 MFA Forestry Expo. Contact MFA to reserve exhibit space.**

## Super Speakers

The titles and the resume's of the 2009 Annual Meeting speakers are quite impressive and MFA is excited they are sharing their time and experiences with MFA members. Scheduled to speak are: General Session, **Dr. Chris Zinkhan**, Managing Director, The Forestland Group, LLC, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; **Carlton Owen**, President & CEO of the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Greenville, South Carolina; **Dr. Michael Clutter**, Dean, University of Georgia Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, Athens, Georgia; Technical Session, **Ward Hubbell**, President, The Green Building Initiative; Awards Breakfast, **Ray Dillon**, President and CEO, Deltic Timber Corp., El Dorado, Arkansas. All of the above speakers are graduates of Mississippi State University and are now making an impact in the world of forestry. Other outstanding speakers are: CFA Luncheon, **Ernesta Ballard**, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Weyerhaeuser, and Tech Session, **John Gwaltney**, President and CEO of Forestry Suppliers.

## Managing the Family Forest

Would you like to learn to manage your family forestland in just three hours? Join Dr. Andy Londo, Dr. James Henderson and Dr. David Jones of the MSU Department of Forestry for a crash course. You will receive printed materials, including the new *Managing the Family Forest* guide produced by Mississippi forestry agencies - with you in mind.



## Know Your Mississippi Wildflowers?

President and CEO of Forestry Suppliers John Gwaltney will teach you how to identify native or naturalized wildflowers of the southeastern United States. Currently there are over 900 species and 12,000 pictures listed on southeastern-flora.com, an interactive site developed by Gwaltney. Join John for a casual and fun session on wildflower identification.

## Spouse/Guests

The recently renovated Elvis Presley Museum, consists mainly of the personal collection of Janelle McComb, a Tupelo resident and family friend of Elvis and the Presley's. Mrs. McComb's nephew Blair Hill will personally guide the tour for the MFA group. The museum contains artifacts, photomurals, and audiovisual presentations that bring to life the world of Elvis in Tupelo.



## Big Oaks Golf Club

Big Oaks golf course offers Championship Bermuda Grass in a natural habitat that includes 18 acres of lakes and wildlife. The club is located on Barnes Crossing Road just north of Tupelo (Salttillo). To reach the club, go east at the light at the intersection of Highway 45 and Barnes Crossing Road. (Cracker Barrel is at that intersection.) Club is on the right. A delicious sandwich lunch will be served beginning at 11. Register now.



## Miss. Forestry Foundation Benefit

The Miss. Forestry Foundation will host a dinner following the Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening. After the reception at the Tupelo Automobile Museum, enjoy a meal of Mississippi favorites, visiting, and prize drawings, while raising money for student scholarships at Mississippi State University College of Forest Resources and other MFF projects. **Anna Tadlock, Miss Mississippi 2009**, will be a special guest at the event.

**Separate tickets at \$50 each must be purchased in advance.** Each ticket includes one chance for a drawing. There will be opportunities with other drawings for fabulous prizes at the event. Meeting registration is not required for purchasing a ticket and attending this exciting fund-raiser.

**For those who cannot attend the dinner, but would like to support the Foundation, please send donations of any amount to Mississippi Forestry Foundation, 620 N. State Street, Suite 201, Jackson, MS 39202. Please indicate MFF Benefit.**

*Mississippi Forestry Foundation is the partner organization to MFA providing tax deductible support to numerous educational and outreach projects.*

**For additional information or to register online visit: [www.msforestry.net](http://www.msforestry.net)  
We may also be contacted at 601.354.4936 or email [epope@msforestry.net](mailto:epope@msforestry.net)**





## Agenda

### Wednesday, October 28, 2009

- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tree Farm Inspector Training - Oak Room, BancorpSouth Conference Center  
(CFE Cat 2/CLE Cat 1:6 hours)
- 11 a.m. Golf and Lunch - Big Oaks Golf Club, Saltillo
- 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Managing the Family Forest in Mississippi - Mimosa Room, BancorpSouth Conference Center  
**Andy Londo, David Jones, and James Henderson**, MSU Department of Forestry  
(CFE Cat. 1-CF/CLE Cat. 1: 3 hours)
- 3 - 6 p.m. Annual Meeting Registration - BancorpSouth Conference Center
- 6 - 7 p.m. Forestry Friends Welcome Reception - Tupelo Automobile Museum
- 7 - 9 p.m. Miss. Forestry Foundation Benefit Dinner- BancorpSouth Conference Center

### Thursday, October 29

- 7 a.m. MSU College of Forest Resources Alumni Breakfast - Oak/Mimosa Rooms  
(Must preregister)
- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Expo Show Open - Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors - BancorpSouth Arena
- 7:30 a.m. Registration and Silent Auction Open
- 9 a.m. **General Session: Made in Mississippi**—Meeting Rooms, BancorpSouth Arena  
(CFE Cat. 1-CF: 3 hours/CLE Cat. 1: 3 hours)  
Entrepreneurship Opportunities in the Forestry Sector  
**Chris Zinkhan**, Managing Director  
The Forestland Group, LLC  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- Putting Forests, Forestry and Wood Products on the Nation's Agenda  
**Carlton Owen**, President and CEO  
U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities  
Greenville, South Carolina
- Some Thoughts about Trees . . . A Forester's View of Our World  
**Michael Clutter**, Dean  
University of Georgia Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources  
Athens, Georgia
- 9 a.m. Spouse/Guests Event  
Elvis Presley BirthplaceTour
- 12 noon **MFA County Forestry Assn. Officers/Directors Luncheon** BancorpSouth Conference Center  
(CFE Cat. 2/CLE Cat. 1: 1 hour)  
Forestry in a Green World  
**Ernesta Ballard**, Senior Vice President Corporate Affairs  
Weyerhaeuser Company  
Federal Way, Washington
- 2 p.m. **Tech Sessions - Concurrent**  
(CFE Cat. 1-CF/CLE Cat. 1: 3 hours)  
Green Building Certification BancorpSouth Arena - Room 3-5  
**Ward Hubbell**, President  
The Green Building Initiative  
Portland, Oregon

- 2:00 p.m. Know Your Mississippi Wildflowers? BancorpSouth Arena - Room 1 - 2  
*John Gwaltney*, President and CEO  
Forestry Suppliers  
Jackson, Mississippi
- 3:30 p.m. **Tech Sessions - Concurrent (repeat of the above session)**
- 5:00 p.m. Association of Consulting Foresters Chapter Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. **President's Reception** BancorpSouth Arena Concourse
- 7 p.m. **President's Banquet**, Presiding: **Ellen Dabbs**, MFA President BancorpSouth Conference Center  
(CLE Cat. I: 1 hour)  
Awards Presentations  
*Live-Auction - Roy Holder, Auctioneer*  
*Proceeds benefit MFA's educational outreach projects, including the MS. Children's Museum*

## Friday, October 30

- 7 - 9 a.m. Exhibits Open, Silent Auction, Coffee BancorpSouth Arena Concourse
- 7:30 a.m. MFA Board of Directors Meeting/CFA President's Forum BancorpSouth Arena Meeting Rooms 3-5  
(CLE Cat. I: 1 hour)
- 9 -10:30 a.m. **MFA Awards Breakfast/Membership Meeting** BancorpSouth Conference Center  
(CFE Cat. 2/CLE Cat. I: 1.5 hour)
- Ray Dillon, President and CEO, Deltic Timber Co., El Dorado, Arkansas**  
Changing Markets - Changing Fiber Destinations  
Awards Presentations  
Prize and Raffle Drawings
- Post Conference Workshop—immediately following the Awards Breakfast**
- Ethics for Foresters* BancorpSouth Arena Meeting Rooms 3-5  
(CFE Cat 1-CF/CLE Cat. I: 1hour)  
Lying, Cheating and Stealing: Forestry Style  
Stephen Dicke, Mississippi State University  
(Complimentary to meeting registrants - all others \$30 payable at the workshop)

## New this Year

### Fun Venue for Welcome Reception

The traditional welcome reception sponsored by B & G Equipment and B & G Wood, Inc. will be in the Tupelo Automobile Museum. This promises to be a fun venue for this annual event. The Automobile Museum includes an impressive collection of 150 automobiles, including an 1886 motorized carriage created by Karl Benz, considered the world's first automobile. Tickets to the museum are included in your meeting registration fee.



### Preventative Ultrasounds Cardiovascular Screens

MFA CONFERENCE ATTENDEES: BE PROACTIVE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH. Safeheart Health Screens of Hattiesburg is offering a package of 5 heart screens for \$109 on Thursday, October 29th from 8 am to 5 pm in the BancorpSouth Arena. All five screens take only **10 minutes** – no needles – no disrobing! Please make your appointment by September 28; must have 50 to preregister to offer service. Availability is limited. Call 866-548-3006 or visit [www.safehearthealthscreens.com](http://www.safehearthealthscreens.com) today to schedule your appointment.

### Official Deer Scoring

Your prize deer head is welcome at the meeting this year! Don Bales, an official scorer for the Magnolia Records Program will be scoring in the Mississippi Forestry Foundation booth from 3 to 5:30 on Wednesday afternoon. Scoring will only be offered to meeting registrants **only**. No charge. Please indicate on the registration form under "other activities" if you will be participating.



## Hotel Information

A hotel room block is available at the Hilton Garden Inn, which is located adjacent to the BancorpSouth Arena and Conference Center and the Tupelo Automobile Museum in downtown Tupelo. The hotel features spacious guestrooms with complimentary high-speed Internet access, an indoor pool and a fitness center. The hotel restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m.; check out at 12:00 noon. **Hotel Room Rate:** \$115.00 per night single or double occupancy.

**For reservations at this rate:** Call 662-718-5500 by Monday, September 28. **Please indicate you are part of the Mississippi Forestry Association room block to receive the special rate.**

**For online reservations -** <http://www.hiltongardeninn.com/en/qi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=TUPTUGI>.

Enter **FOREST** for the group code.

# MFA 2009 Annual Meeting Registration Form

MFA now offers quick, secure online meeting registration at [www.msforestry.net](http://www.msforestry.net). We also accept registrations by fax for those paying by credit card; and by mail for check or credit card payments.

Members are encouraged to take advantage of the **early registration discount offered until September 28**. The standard fee will be in effect for registrations received between September 29 and October 20. **After October 20**, meeting registrations must be made on-site at the BancorpSouth Conference Center and a \$25 late fee will be assessed. **Refunds will only be made if MFA is notified of cancellations by October 16.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest if attending \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## MEETING REGISTRATION PACKAGES Same low rates: more value than ever!

*By 9/28*  
Early Discount  
MFA Member

*After 9/28*  
Standard  
MFA Member

List number of packages desired in each category:

*Complete "Individual" registration to meetings, 2 breakfasts, 1 luncheon, 1 banquet and 2 receptions	_____ @ \$185	_____ @ \$230
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*Complete "His and Hers" registration to meetings, 4 breakfasts, 2 banquets, 4 receptions, 2 luncheons, 1 spouse/guests event	_____ @ \$235	_____ @ \$285
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College/university forestry students—full registration	_____ @ \$100	_____ @ \$100
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One-day Student registration (No meals)	_____ @ \$20	_____ @ \$20
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*Golf Tournament (Including fees, cart, refreshments, lunch) Your handicap or average score _____ (required)	_____ @ \$85	_____ @ \$100
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List names of foursome: \_\_\_\_\_

Miss. Forestry Foundation Fundraiser per person Includes dinner and ticket for one drawing	_____ @ \$50	
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We hope you will join MFA, however if you choose to not be a member, please add \$150 to the standard registration for non-member fee.

**TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_**

### Additional Activities

- ( ) Sign me up for Tree Farm Inspector Training Wednesday morning—two or four-year graduate foresters (no extra cost)
- ( ) Sign me up for the Thursday breakfast for MSU Forestry Alumni (\$15 payable at the door)
- ( ) Sign me up for the Spouse/Guests tour of the Elvis Presley Birthplace (no extra cost for registered participants)
- ( ) Sign me up for Ethics for Foresters Class (complimentary to meeting registrants - all others \$30 payable at the door)
- ( ) Sign me up for bringing a deer head for scoring in the Magnolia Records Program

### Payment Method (circle one)

Check enclosed made payable to Mississippi Forestry Association

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