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Woodland Owner Notes eNewsletter

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Reforestation is in the air!

Are you considering planting your land following a recent timber harvest, land purchase, or moving land out of agriculture? These publications and resources are available for you to gain a better understanding of the various aspects of reforestation. Reach out to [our staff](#) with questions and visit our [web page](#) to access reforestation resources.



21 March
International Day of Forests

Photo: United Nations

International Day of Forests March 21st

This year's International Day of Forests is March 21, and this year's theme is "Forests and Education". The goal of this theme is to raise awareness on how sustainably managed forests can provide a number of contributions to education.

To learn more about this amazing day, visit the [United Nations website](#). Be sure to check out past themes and ideas from previous years to discover more!



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Mississippi State University Develops New Lumber App

Determining the stiffest piece of lumber hasn't always been easy, but thanks to scientists in Mississippi State University's Forest and Wildlife Research Center it's about to get easier with a new smartphone app.

The app, called "Smart Thumper," uses soundwaves or vibrations to determine stiffness, a quality that relates to strength, for individual pieces of lumber. For more information about this new app, check out this [press release](#).

To Prune or Not to Prune?



Photo: MSU Extension

We know with spring right around the corner you're likely thinking about getting some spring cleaning and sprucing done. Before you head out to prune your garden, remember not to prune your oak trees! Pruning oak trees at this time of year can make them more susceptible to oak wilt disease.

Oak wilt is an incredibly destructive disease caused by a fungus which invades and disables the water-conducting system in susceptible trees. Check out the [frequently asked questions](#) page from Texas A&M for more information about oak wilt.

Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

March 7, 2019 (Th), 7-9pm, Woodland Stewards Webinar Series: Identifying and Managing Woodland Threats. Join other landowners at select Extension centers to learn about forest health with emphasis on a few basic pest principles, model example of each threat, and some simple practices to help ensure your woodland remains healthy and productive. Click [here](#) for more details.

March 14, 2019 (Th), 7-9pm, Woodland Stewards Webinar Series: Wildlife and Woodlands. Join other landowners at select Extension centers to learn about wildlife and your woodlands with a focus on wildlife habitat requirements and enhancing habitat for game and non-game wildlife. Click [here](#) for more details.

March 19, 2019 (Tue), 6-8pm, Trees & Shrubs. Location: 3230 Presson Rd, Monroe, NC 28112. Learn which trees and shrubs perform well in the southern Piedmont and ones that can be used to fill certain needs or wants in the landscape such as screening or shade. The workshop costs \$10 per person. Registration and fee is required by March 12. For more information visit the [event page](#).

March 23, 2019 (Sat), 8:30am-3pm, Environmental Education for K-8 Educators: Project Learning Tree. Location: 1990 Main Ave SE, Hickory, NC 28602. Join other K-8 classroom and nonformal educators as we explore activities in the Project Learning Tree K-8 Curriculum Guide. The PLT activity guides are provided free of charge to participants through support from the NC Forestry Association. **Registration is required**, please visit the [event page](#) to learn more.

March 25, 2019 (M), 12:50-1:40pm, Recent developments in the United States-Canada softwood lumber trade: Effects of trade policy announcements. Location: Jordan Hall Addition Room 1216, NC State Campus. Join our very own Dr. Rajan Parajuli as he discusses effects of trade policy announcements during a seminar on campus. This event is open to the public. To learn more about this seminar and others visit the [Department Seminars](#) page.

March 26, 2019 (Tue), 9:30am-3:30pm, Environmental Education for K-8 Educators: Project Learning Tree. Location: Guilford College, Greensboro, NC 27410. Join other K-8 classroom and nonformal educators as we explore activities in the Project Learning Tree K-8 Curriculum Guide. The PLT activity guides are provided free of charge to participants through support from the NC Forestry Association. **Registration is required**, please visit the [event page](#) to learn more.

Save the date! (Th-F) July 18-19, 2019, Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project forest landowner conference. Location: Halifax Community College, Weldon, NC. Come out and learn more about estate planning strategies, available programs and receive technical assistance from the experts. For more information about this project and conference, visit the Roanoke Electric Cooperative [website](#).

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