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Conference & Solutions Fair for
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Oct. 31 - Nov. 2, 2011
UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center
Tifton, Georgia - I-75 - Exit 64

SOUTHERN WOODLAND OWNERS CONFERENCE

Monday, October 31

OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE FIELD TRIPS

2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Oakridge Farms, Sumner, GA \$45 pp

Oakridge Farms is a 3200 acre property in southern Worth County where co-owners Cody Laird and his sister, Nancy Crosswell, are conducting cutting edge research and management aimed at restoring the long-leaf/wiregrass ecosystem that once covered much of Georgia. Last year, Laird's work earned him the title of 2010 Distinguished Conservationist awarded by the Georgia Conservancy. This trip will provide participants with a close look at some of the most important work in longleaf/wiregrass ecosystem restoration in the south-east. John Cox is Oakridge's manager and is largely responsible for the exciting work being done at Oakridge. Dinner Included. *Attendance limited.*

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Norbord OSB Plant, Cordele, GA \$20 pp

Based in Toronto, Canada, Norbord is an international producer of wood-based panels with assets of \$1.0 billion. The company's 13 plant locations are found in Europe, Canada and the United States. In the U.S., Norbord manufactures oriented strand board (OSB), an engineered structural wood panel manufactured by chemically bonding wood strands in a uniform direction under heat and pressure. The Cordele plant utilizes 1.2 million tons of Georgia pine wood which it purchases from within a 65 mile radius of the plant. Visitors will be amazed at the process that goes into making the OSB panels that are so common in residential, commercial and industrial applications. *Attendance limited.*

Tuesday, November 1

UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Refreshments served in exhibit area

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Opening Session

Welcome Remarks and Announcements - Introduction of Conference Co-Chairs, **Steve McWilliams**, President, Georgia Forestry Assoc.

KEYNOTE: Honorable Harris Sherman, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC/Introduced by **Honorable Gary Black**, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Agriculture

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

General Session: *The Southern US and a Declining Forest Base* - John Greis, Tallahassee, Florida, **Dr. Dave Wear**, Research Triangle, N.C., U.S. Forest Service

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. - Lunch

KEYNOTE: *Thrills from the Hill: Washington Doesn't Love Your Woodlands Like You Do!* Dave Tenny, President, National Alliance of Forest Owners, Washington, DC

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Concurrent Breakouts

1. Workshop: *Intergenerational Land Transfer: Are We Ready? - Part 1* - Ginny and Allen Nipper, Landowners, Homer, Louisiana

2. *Holding Forest Managers Accountable to Financial Returns* - Teddy Reynolds, President, Reynolds Forestry Consulting & Real Estate, Magnolia, Arkansas

3:20 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Concurrent Breakouts

1. Workshop - *Intergenerational Land Transfer: Are We Ready? - Part 2* - Ginny and Allen Nipper

2. *Historic Timberland Value Trends: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly* - David Foil, Forest Resource Consultants, Macon, Georgia

4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Reception and Exhibit Visits

Dinner On Your Own

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Forestry "Night School"

Return to the conference center after dinner to enjoy coffee and dessert while you continue to learn more about good forest management. A network of roundtables, each hosted by an expert facilitator, will answer your questions on a variety of woodland topics.

- Effective timber marketing methods in poor markets
- Achieving high quality bobwhite quail habitat
- Family communication: Were they ready?
- Invasives and forest health
- Biomass Crop Assistance Program - What now?
- The GFC of the 21st century
- Understanding federal cost-share programs
- The Farm Bill in lean times
- Longleaf Restoration: The regimen and the reward
- Working with the Georgia Land Conservation Program

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Wednesday, November 2

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast with a Panel of Private Landowners
***Experience Counts: 150 Years of Private
Timberland Ownership - Or At Least It Feels
Like It!***

Moderator: **Joe Hopkins**, Toledo Manufacturing,
Folkston, Georgia

Joe Butler Jr., Camilla, GA - Forest Lodge
Farms, LLC

Linda Harp, Midland, GA - Randall Creek
Farms #12

John Rudd, Ft. Mitchell, AL - Patterson
Plantation

Jeff Lacksen, Sparta, GA - Lacksen Family
Partnership, LLC

Will Freise, Powder Springs, GA - Rocky Branch
Tree Farm

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Break & Expo Visits

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Concurrent Breakouts

1. ***Thou Shalt Not Steal: And That Goes for
My Timber, Too! - Part 1*** - Tom Kazez,
Woodland Security, Inc., Orange Park, Florida

2. ***Does Reforestation Still Pay?*** - Josh Love,
Georgia Forestry Commission, Macon, Georgia

12 noon - 12:45 p.m. - Concurrent Breakouts

1. ***Thou Shalt Not Steal: And That Goes for
My Timber, Too! - Part 2*** - Tom Kazez

2. **Panel Discussion: *Meet Your Future Forest:
Seedling Developments on the Cutting Edge***

This session will give landowners and foresters
the latest information available for reforestation
improvement and profitability with their future
forests.

Moderator: Wayne Bell, CF, International
Forest Company, Moultrie Georgia

Dr. Tom Starkey, Southern Forest Nursery
Cooperative, Auburn University, Auburn,
Alabama

Doug Sharp, CF, Regeneration Manager, Plum
Creek Timber Company Nursery, Jesup, Georgia

Chris Rosier, International Forest Company,
Moultrie, Georgia

1:00 p.m. - Lunch

**KEYNOTE: *The Forest Industry of the Future: What
Will It Look Like and Why You Should Care?***

Dr. Brooks Mendell, President, Forisk Consulting,
Athens, Georgia

2:15 p.m. - Concurrent Breakouts

1. ***Forest Certification: Making Sense of a Good
Thing*** - Richard Boitnott, Natural Resources
Services LLC, Atlanta, Texas

2. ***Designing the Conservation Easement That
Works For You*** - Katherine Eddins, Executive
Director, Georgia Land Trust - Piedmont, Alabama

3:30 p.m. - Concluding Remarks and Special Drawing

3:45 p.m. - Conference Adjourns



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Conference Registration

Registration fees for the conference include admittance to both days of conference sessions, three meals, evening hospitality and access to leading forestry and timber industry professionals. The pre-conference tours are priced separately as indicated below. Full conference participation awards up to 9 CFE credits and 10 CLE credits.

Written cancellations must be made by October 14, 2011. A processing and handling fee of \$25 will be assessed on all refunds. After October 14, 2011 no refunds will be issued.

Refund checks will be issued after the conference. The undersigned agrees to the guidelines and rates set forth in this packet.

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 Consultant Manufacturing Other

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Pre-conference field trips:

- \$45 Oakridge Farms Tour (10/31) \$ _____
 \$20 Norbord Mill (10/31) \$ _____

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