2016 ANNUAL MEETING OVERVIEW

Join your friends and business associates at the beautiful Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort August 30 – September 1, 2016, for three days of networking, learning and celebrating another year in the amazing forest industry! The majestic Atlantic Ocean pairs with Florida’s beautiful forests to serve as the backdrop for this exciting event.

The state’s largest forestry trade show is held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, featuring exhibits by the industry’s cutting edge equipment and service providers. Don’t be left behind – schedule time to meet with all the representatives to find out the latest and greatest developments for forestry professionals in today’s marketplace!

“Working Forests Work 2016” serves as the theme for this event-filled three days. Our goal is to help our members create new contacts, network with old friends, and access the latest and greatest industry information from the best speakers in the business. While doing all that, we hope you’ll be having so much fun you won’t even notice how hard you’re working and how very much you’re learning!

In this special edition of Pines and Needles, you will find all the information you need to optimize your Annual Meeting experience. If you have any questions, please call the Association office (850.222.5646). We look forward to seeing you in Amelia Island!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, August 30, 2016
10:00 AM–5:30 PM  Trade Show Set-Up
1:00 PM–6:00 PM  Registration Desk Opens
1:00 PM–3:00 PM  Forestry Council Meeting (Members only, please)
3:00 PM–5:00 PM  Prescribed Burn Working Group (Tentative)
2:00 PM–4:00 PM  Forestry Forward Tour
5:30 PM–7:00 PM  Registrant Reception/Exhibitor Meet & Greet

Wednesday, August 31, 2016
6:30 AM–6:00 PM  Registration Desk Opens
6:30 AM–8:00 AM  Early Bird Coffee
6:30 AM–9:00 AM  Trade Show Set-Up
6:45 AM–7:45 AM  Tee-Time Coffee & Golf Registration
8:00 AM–Finish  Golf Tournament Shotgun Start
9:00 AM–7:00 PM  Trade Show & Silent Auction Open
10:00 AM–12:00 PM  Roundtable Discussions:
12:00 PM–2:00 PM  UF SFRC Alumni Lunch
2:00 PM–4:00 PM  General Sessions:

Thursday, September 1, 2016
6:45 AM–12:00 PM  Registration Desk Open
6:45 AM–7:45 AM  Early Bird Coffee
8:00 AM–10:00 AM  Awards Breakfast
10:00 AM–4:00 PM  Trade Show Open
10:00 AM–5:45 PM  Silent Auction Open
10:15 AM–11:15 AM  General Session:
11:30 AM–1:00 PM  Lunch on your own
11:30 AM–1:00 PM  Master Logger Luncheon:* Jimmie Locklear – Team Safe Truck
1:15 PM–2:15 PM  General Session:
4:00 PM–5:00 PM  President’s Reception & Silent Auction final bidding
5:00 PM–5:45 PM  President’s Dinner:
6:00 PM–8:00 PM  Auction Item Pickup & Trade Show Teardown
8:00 PM–9:00 PM  Karaoke

*SPECIAL EDITION ANNUAL MEETING 2016
Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort
August 30 – September 1, 2016
www.FloridaForest.org/Annual-Meeting

PINES AND NEEDLES
July 2016  Volume 71, Issue 3

SAF CREDITS

The Florida Forestry Association Annual Meeting has been approved by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) for three hours of Category 1 and four hours of Category 2 Continuing Forestry Education Credits.
AT NO CHARGE. OTHERS WISHING TO ATTEND MUST PURCHASE A MASTER LOGGERS REGISTERED FOR THE FULL MEETING MAY ATTEND *THE MASTER LOGGER LUNCH IS OPEN TO EVERYONE. HOWEVER, ONLY MASTER LOGGERS REGISTERED FOR THE FULL MEETING MAY ATTEND AT NO CHARGE. OTHERS WISHING TO ATTEND MUST PURCHASE A TICKET BY AUGUST 15, 2016.

SPEAKERS

GENERAL SESSIONS:

Peter J. Stewart is a 20-year veteran of the forest products industry. As President, CEO and founder of Forest2Market®, his extensive knowledge of the supply chain and Forest2Market’s proprietary databases for log and lumber prices enable him to provide accurate analysis of market trends for forest products industries and emerging markets, as well as forecasts.

Jeff Vowell and Scott Sanders (pictured left to right) will provide an update on Wildlife Best Management Practices. Jeff is the Assistant Director of the Florida Forest Service. Scott is the Director of the Office of Conservation Planning Services for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Mark Holder is the Director of Public Agency Services for CSX Transportation. His presentation, “In the Interest of Safety at Rail Crossings,” covers various aspects of safely crossing the tracks with logging trucks and other equipment. This includes real estate considerations, such as required agreements, scheduling and other factors that may not normally be considered.

Tyson Johnson is the Area President for Arthur J. Gallagher Company’s employee benefits practice for the North Florida area. He manages all aspects of the company’s operations, including employee benefits, individual health insurance through private markets and the public exchange. He will provide insight into the Affordable Care Act today and its effect on employers.

Ethan Pardue, Duke Energy’s Transmission Asset Protection Specialist for Northern Florida, works to protect the company’s electric transmission corridors in North Florida. He promotes safety issues to loggers, hunters, developers and landowners. He will discuss how to mitigate the hazards when working near high voltage lines to reduce the risk of an incident.

ROUND TABLES:

Alan Wilson started working for Rayonier in 2005 and is currently the Research & Development Coordinator for the Atlantic Region, which includes the land base in Georgia and Florida. He provides guidance for forest management decisions as well as issues related to forest health, in addition to conducting research studies for Rayonier and with university cooperatives.

Pat Minogue, Associate Professor of Silviculture at UF’s School of Forest Resources & Conservation, will offer insights into forestry site preparation. His comments will cover the various site-specific approaches common in Florida and the Coastal Plain, as well as the integrated use of machinery, fire and herbicides.

Jimnie Locklear of Forestry Mutual Insurance Company will share the vision of Team Safe Trucking (TST), a newly formed non-profit group seeking to elevate the standard and performance of the transportation sector. TST consists of logging companies, manufacturers, insurance companies and forestry association representatives.

John Spence is recognized as one of the Top 100 Business Thought Leaders in America, one of the Top 100 Small Business Influencers in America, and one of the Top 500 Leadership Development Experts in the World. He is an international keynote speaker and management consultant who has made a career out of “Making the Very Complex… Awesomely Simple.”

SPECIAL EVENTS

TIMBER TOPPERS GOLF CLASSIC: If golf is your game – or you just want to spend some fun, relaxing time on the links with friends and business associates – the Timber Toppers Golf Classic is for you! This year’s tournament will be played on the Omni’s incomparable Ocean Links course. Tee time is 7 AM and Thursday, August 27, 2015, from 10 AM – 5:45 PM. Winning bidders will be able to take home the prizes and walk away with the top bid on any item in our slate of auction offerings! You will be the envy of your friends and associates when you walk away with the top bid on any item in our slate of auction offerings!

SILENT AUCTION: This year commemorates the 30th anniversary of our Silent Auction! What began as a novelty idea three decades ago has transformed into a mainstay of every Annual Meeting since. We are expanding our base of donors for this “Diamond and Pearls” event. You will be the envy of your friends and associates when you walk away with the top bid on any item in our slate of auction offerings! The Silent Auction is not only fun – it is also a boost to our Annual Meeting fundraising. Please help us put the “fun” in “fundraising”!

Here are some easy ways you can be part of this milestone event:

Donate an item to be placed in the Silent Auction. What sells? Just about anything – handcrafted items, fishing and hunting trips, woodcrafts, photographs, artwork, jewelry, novelty items, tickets to sports events, children’s items, forestry-related items — you name it!

Donate cash. If you can’t think of an item to donate, we have an easy solution to that problem: Cash donations are accepted in any amount!

Solicit a donation from someone you know. Many businesses would be more than willing to donate an item if asked! All contributors are recognized in Association publications, in Annual Meeting registration information, at the Annual Meeting and at the Silent Auction. Be sure to let your prospects know that promotional flyers or business cards for distribution will be placed with their donated item if provided.

The Silent Auction will run Wednesday, August 31, 2015, from 9 AM – 7 PM and Thursday, August 27, 2015, from 10 AM – 5:45 PM. Winning bidders can pick up their items immediately following the closing dinner Thursday night.

More details regarding the Silent Auction can be found on our website at www.floridaforest.org/annual-meeting/silent-auction/. You do not have to decide yet what you are donating, but please let us know if you plan to participate so we can be sure to include you in our list of donors!

HOTEL

The luxurious Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort is nestled in the midst of 1,350 acres with 3.5 miles of private beach. You will undoubtedly be charmed by the unique blend of sea and forest-themed decorations found throughout the resort.

Room rate: $129 (+ $7 resort fee).

 Reserve by August 1, 2016, for this rate.

To make reservations by phone, call 1.888.261.6161. Tell them you are attending the Florida Forestry Association Annual Meeting to receive our special room rate. To reserve online, please visit the Annual Meeting section of the Association’s website – www.floridaforest.org.

Our block at the Omni has filled quickly! At this printing, there are still rooms available for Wednesday and Thursday nights (August 31 and September 1), but Tuesday night (August 30) has sold out.

OVERFLOW

To help handle any overflow, we have also reserved a block of rooms for Tuesday-Thursday nights at a nearby Hampton Inn (19 South 2nd Street, Fernandina Beach). For reservations, call 904.491.4911 and tell them you are with the Florida Forestry Association. Rates are $114 - $129. This is a great option, especially for Timber Topper golfers who are only coming in for the tournament.
**Confirmed Exhibitors**

(As of July 18, 2016)

- American Forest Management, Inc.
- ArborGen Inc. SuperTree Seedlings
- Association of Consulting Foresters Florida Chapter
- Bates Hewett & Floyd Insurance Agency
- BITCO Insurance Companies/Stoutamire-Pavlik & Associates, Inc.
- Blanton’s Longleaf Container Nursery
- Coldwell Banker Commercial Saunders Real Estate
- Crop Production Services
- Duke Energy
- Farm Credit
- FESCO®, A Division of Oliver & Dahlman Equipment Co., Inc.
- Flag Credit Union
- Florida Forest Service
- Florida PLT and CFEDR
- Florida Tree Farm Program
- Fogmaker North America (FMNA)
- International Forest Company
- Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT)
- LandMark Spatial Solutions, LLC
- Marden Industries
- Meeks’ Farms & Nursery, Inc.
- Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc.
- Orbis, Inc.
- Outdoor Underwriters, Inc.
- Pinova, Inc.
- Quality Equipment & Parts, Inc.
- Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- Rayonier
- Red River Specialties, Inc.
- Ring Power Corporation
- Schaeffer’s Specialized Lubricants
- School of Forest Resources & Conservation, UF/IFAS
- Superior Forestry Service, Inc.
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative - FL SIC
- Swamp Fox Agency
- TerraBlue Environmental LLC
- Tidewater Equipment Company
- United Country-Dicks Realty LLC
- Weyerhaeuser
- Whitfield Farms & Nursery
- Williams Brothers Trucking, Inc.
- Williams Lumber Co., Inc.
- Weyerhaeuser

**Sponsors**

Platinum

- American Forest Management, Inc.
- ArborGen Inc. SuperTree Seedlings
- Association of Consulting Foresters Florida Chapter
- Bates Hewett & Floyd Insurance Agency
- BITCO Insurance Companies/Stoutamire-Pavlik & Associates, Inc.
- Blanton’s Longleaf Container Nursery
- Coldwell Banker Commercial Saunders Real Estate
- Crop Production Services
- Duke Energy
- Farm Credit
- FESCO®, A Division of Oliver & Dahlman Equipment Co., Inc.
- Flag Credit Union
- Florida Forest Service
- Florida PLT and CFEDR
- Florida Tree Farm Program
- Fogmaker North America (FMNA)
- International Forest Company
- Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT)
- LandMark Spatial Solutions, LLC
- Marden Industries
- Meeks’ Farms & Nursery, Inc.
- Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc.
- Orbis, Inc.
- Outdoor Underwriters, Inc.
- Pinova, Inc.
- Quality Equipment & Parts, Inc.
- Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- Rayonier
- Red River Specialties, Inc.
- Ring Power Corporation
- Schaeffer’s Specialized Lubricants
- School of Forest Resources & Conservation, UF/IFAS
- Superior Forestry Service, Inc.
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative - FL SIC
- Swamp Fox Agency
- TerraBlue Environmental LLC
- Tidewater Equipment Company
- United Country-Dicks Realty LLC
- Weyerhaeuser
- Whitfield Farms & Nursery

Gold

- American Forest Management, Inc.
- ArborGen Inc. SuperTree Seedlings
- Association of Consulting Foresters Florida Chapter
- Bates Hewett & Floyd Insurance Agency
- BITCO Insurance Companies/Stoutamire-Pavlik & Associates, Inc.
- Blanton’s Longleaf Container Nursery
- Coldwell Banker Commercial Saunders Real Estate
- Crop Production Services
- Duke Energy
- Farm Credit
- FESCO®, A Division of Oliver & Dahlman Equipment Co., Inc.
- Flag Credit Union
- Florida Forest Service
- Florida PLT and CFEDR
- Florida Tree Farm Program
- Fogmaker North America (FMNA)
- International Forest Company
- Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT)
- LandMark Spatial Solutions, LLC
- Marden Industries
- Meeks’ Farms & Nursery, Inc.
- Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc.
- Orbis, Inc.
- Outdoor Underwriters, Inc.
- Pinova, Inc.
- Quality Equipment & Parts, Inc.
- Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- Rayonier
- Red River Specialties, Inc.
- Ring Power Corporation
- Schaeffer’s Specialized Lubricants
- School of Forest Resources & Conservation, UF/IFAS
- Superior Forestry Service, Inc.
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative - FL SIC
- Swamp Fox Agency
- TerraBlue Environmental LLC
- Tidewater Equipment Company
- United Country-Dicks Realty LLC
- Weyerhaeuser
- Whitfield Farms & Nursery

Silver

- American Forest Management, Inc.
- ArborGen Inc. SuperTree Seedlings
- Association of Consulting Foresters Florida Chapter
- Bates Hewett & Floyd Insurance Agency
- BITCO Insurance Companies/Stoutamire-Pavlik & Associates, Inc.
- Blanton’s Longleaf Container Nursery
- Coldwell Banker Commercial Saunders Real Estate
- Crop Production Services
- Duke Energy
- Farm Credit
- FESCO®, A Division of Oliver & Dahlman Equipment Co., Inc.
- Flag Credit Union
- Florida Forest Service
- Florida PLT and CFEDR
- Florida Tree Farm Program
- Fogmaker North America (FMNA)
- International Forest Company
- Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT)
- LandMark Spatial Solutions, LLC
- Marden Industries
- Meeks’ Farms & Nursery, Inc.
- Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc.
- Orbis, Inc.
- Outdoor Underwriters, Inc.
- Pinova, Inc.
- Quality Equipment & Parts, Inc.
- Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- Rayonier
- Red River Specialties, Inc.
- Ring Power Corporation
- Schaeffer’s Specialized Lubricants
- School of Forest Resources & Conservation, UF/IFAS
- Superior Forestry Service, Inc.
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative - FL SIC
- Swamp Fox Agency
- TerraBlue Environmental LLC
- Tidewater Equipment Company
- United Country-Dicks Realty LLC
- Weyerhaeuser
- Whitfield Farms & Nursery

Bronze

- American Forest Management, Inc.
- ArborGen Inc. SuperTree Seedlings
- Association of Consulting Foresters Florida Chapter
- Bates Hewett & Floyd Insurance Agency
- BITCO Insurance Companies/Stoutamire-Pavlik & Associates, Inc.
- Blanton’s Longleaf Container Nursery
- Coldwell Banker Commercial Saunders Real Estate
- Crop Production Services
- Duke Energy
- Farm Credit
- FESCO®, A Division of Oliver & Dahlman Equipment Co., Inc.
- Flag Credit Union
- Florida Forest Service
- Florida PLT and CFEDR
- Florida Tree Farm Program
- Fogmaker North America (FMNA)
- International Forest Company
- Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT)
- LandMark Spatial Solutions, LLC
- Marden Industries
- Meeks’ Farms & Nursery, Inc.
- Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc.
- Orbis, Inc.
- Outdoor Underwriters, Inc.
- Pinova, Inc.
- Quality Equipment & Parts, Inc.
- Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- Rayonier
- Red River Specialties, Inc.
- Ring Power Corporation
- Schaeffer’s Specialized Lubricants
- School of Forest Resources & Conservation, UF/IFAS
- Superior Forestry Service, Inc.
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative - FL SIC
- Swamp Fox Agency
- TerraBlue Environmental LLC
- Tidewater Equipment Company
- United Country-Dicks Realty LLC
- Weyerhaeuser
- Whitfield Farms & Nursery

**To register, simply fill out the form below and mail it to the Association office. The form can also be found on our website at www.FloridaForest.org. Just click the “Registration” option under the Annual Meeting tab.**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**FLORIDA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION 2016 ANNUAL MEETING**

**AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2016**

OMNI AMELIA ISLAND PLANTATION RESORT • AMELIA ISLAND, FLORIDA

Please photocopy this form for web registration. For best rates, mail or fax by August 31, 2016, to Florida Forestry Association (P.O. Box 10946, Tallahassee, FL 32310) • Fax 850.222.5646 • Phone 850.222.5646

Name:

Company Name: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

City: _______  State: _______  Zip: ______________________

Phone: (_________) ___________________

*Master Logger Lunch is open to everyone. However, only Master Loggers registered for the full meeting with full registration only, you may purchase additional guest tickets for these events:*

**REGISTRATION**

- Full Registration $250
- Spouse (Full) $250
- One Day Registration $250
- President’s Dinner $250
- Golf Tournament $250

**TOTAL: $15.$95**

For complete details please see www.FloridaForest.org

**PAYMENT**

- Check: Enclosed in the amount of $ _______, made payable to Florida Forestry Association, or Credit card: Please invoice me. My email address is ________________________________

**ATTENDANT**

- Awards Breakfast $40 each
- Master Logger Lunch $45 each
- Golf Tournament $95 each

**SUB-TOTAL: $315.00**

Awards Breakfast $40 each
Master Logger Lunch $45 each
Golf Tournament $95 each

**TOTAL: $315.00**

**Please photocopy this form for each registration. For best rates, mail or fax by August 1, 2016, or at Annual Meeting.**

**Check here if this is your first FFA Annual Meeting: ___________**

**Please invoice me. My email address is ___________________________**

**Sponsors**

- American Forest Management, Inc.
- ArborGen Inc. SuperTree Seedlings
- Association of Consulting Foresters Florida Chapter
- Bates Hewett & Floyd Insurance Agency
- BITCO Insurance Companies/Stoutamire-Pavlik & Associates, Inc.
- Blanton’s Longleaf Container Nursery
- Coldwell Banker Commercial Saunders Real Estate
- Crop Production Services
- Duke Energy
- Farm Credit
- FESCO®, A Division of Oliver & Dahlman Equipment Co., Inc.
- Flag Credit Union
- Florida Forest Service
- Florida PLT and CFEDR
- Florida Tree Farm Program
- Fogmaker North America (FMNA)
- International Forest Company
- Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT)
- LandMark Spatial Solutions, LLC
- Marden Industries
- Meeks’ Farms & Nursery, Inc.
- Natural Resource Planning Services, Inc.
- Orbis, Inc.
- Outdoor Underwriters, Inc.
- Pinova, Inc.
- Quality Equipment & Parts, Inc.
- Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- Rayonier
- Red River Specialties, Inc.
- Ring Power Corporation
- Schaeffer’s Specialized Lubricants
- School of Forest Resources & Conservation, UF/IFAS
- Superior Forestry Service, Inc.
- Sustainable Forestry Initiative - FL SIC
- Swamp Fox Agency
- TerraBlue Environmental LLC
- Tidewater Equipment Company
- United Country-Dicks Realty LLC
- Weyerhaeuser
- Whitfield Farms & Nursery