

# TIMBER TALK

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## **IWOA Officers and Board Members**

At the April 9 Board Meeting, we snapped this picture of 8 out of the 9-member IWOA Board of Directors. They are elected to 3-year terms and attend four Board Meetings per year. Tom Woodruff, IWOA Secretary, is also pictured.

Board Members contribute a great deal of time, energy, and talent to make a positive difference for Iowa woodland owners. They work to encourage the wise use and management of woodlands and related resources in Iowa through educational support and sharing opportunities.

QuickTime™ and a  
TIF (LZW) decompressor  
are needed to see this picture.

Back row: Bev Brink-Elkader, Gary Harmon- Indianola, Ron Fullenkamp-West Point, Keith Sparks-Winterset, Larry Wiley-Palo, Tom Woodruff-Davenport. Front row: Jack Minor-Corydon, Ace Hendricks-Ackworth, Tom Rosenberger-Cedar Rapids. Not pictured: Steve Hanson-Des Moines.

## **April Board Meeting Highlights**

Membership currently stands at 503. Walkowiak reported that State Nursery sales are down (2.5 million this year vs. 3.4 million last year) apparently due to cost-share cutbacks and high farmland prices and updated us on Forest Reserve. Field Day plans were discussed. Sparks offered to do the in-house audit for IWOA, a task which is required by law for non-profits. The IWOA membership brochure is being redesigned and printed in time for the July Field Day and the State Fair.

## **Next Board Meeting - June 15 in Iowa City**

10:00am - 1pm, Wednesday, June 15, 2005, in the conference room at Corps of Engineers Office on east side of Coralville Dam on the Iowa River, about 5 m. north of IC. Exit 244 off I-80 and go north on Dubuque St 3 miles, then east a couple miles and across the Dam to the Corps office and Visitors Center. Agenda topics will include Field Days, State Fair booth, new membership brochure, legislative issues. IWOA members are encouraged to attend.

## **2005 Field Day July 9, 9am-3pm**

Location: Larry & Twila Wiley's Tree Farm, Palo

- A learning and outdoor opportunity sponsored by IWOA and ISU -

### **Program:**

#### **Bottomland Woodland Restoration**

- natural regeneration
- islands of trees and their management
- introduction of other species

#### **Silver Maple and Bottomlands**

- markets and value
- management and marketing
- timber stand improvement and weed control

#### **Riparian Management**

- grass buffers
- stream bank stabilization

#### **Care and Maintenance of Planting**

- planting large nursery stock
- weed control in plantings and islands

### **Instructors:**

John Flannigan, Logger, Coggin  
Mark Vitosh, District Forester, Iowa DNR  
Paul H. Wray, Extension Forester, ISU

### **Hosts:**

Larry and Twila Wiley, Tree Farmers  
4370 Comp Drive, Palo, Iowa 52734

### **Directions:**

From the north edge of Palo, north on Palo Marsh Road 1.2 miles to Comp Road, east on Comp Road about 1 mile to Field Day Site (Watch for Signs)

**Cost:** \$10 for coffee, lunch, materials. Pay on arrival.

Field Days are wonderful for learning about growing trees, for meetings new friends, renewing friendships and networking with IWOA members, and for enjoying a beautiful day in someone else's woods, woods that you otherwise would not get to experience. Bring a friend.

**RSVP: Reply requested by July 1 for lunch planning.**  
Please contact Larry or Twila by July 1 at 319 851-3371  
or by E-mail at [wileyfam@netins.net](mailto:wileyfam@netins.net).

## Recommended Woodland Websites

<http://www.forestry.iastate.edu/ext/ext.html>

ISU forestry extension has a wealth of information for anyone interested in trees. From woodland management to windbreaks and more. It has a large list of publications which can be viewed online. Including tree planting, weed control, timber stand improvement, tree identification, wood uses, timber taxes and many more.

<http://www.iowadnr.com/forestry>

This Iowa DNR Forestry site is a great source for forestry information of all kinds. Major topics include Buying Trees, Managing Trees, DNR Forestry Programs. Many publications regarding these topics. The website also has "Trees for Kids," Fall Colors and Big Tree Lists, and lots more.

<http://www.woodlandowners.org>

Information ranges from the National Woodland Owners association. Contains the "Top Ten Issues" as viewed by the NWOA. Offers publication downloads on government affairs, timber tax, family forests and more. Stays current on pending legislation. NWOA is developing the four websites below that answer frequently asked questions.

- [www.findaforester.com](http://www.findaforester.com) - will list consulting foresters. NWOA notes that only 1-in-5 timber sales involves a forester, and they urge the use of foresters to realize both good money and good forestry.
- [www.findalogger.net](http://www.findalogger.net) - will list loggers with contact info
- [www.timbertax.com](http://www.timbertax.com) - will list tax specialists with expertise in timber tax and who have credentials. The National Timber Tax Website [www.timbertax.net](http://www.timbertax.net) of which NWOA is a partner, provides information, but no names of tax practitioners.
- [www.logprice.com](http://www.logprice.com) - will concentrate on log prices delivered at the mill, not stumpage. Prices vary greatly from state to state plus states use different log measure scales, so prices will not be readily comparable without conversion factors.

<http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/index.html>

The Invasive Species initiative, sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, contains information on a global scale.

## Nutty Apple Muffins

*From Bev Brink, Elkader*

When I first tasted these apple and walnut muffins, I knew I would have the recipe among my favorites. People love these.



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| 1 1/2 t. baking soda  | 1 1/4 c. sugar           |
| 1/2 t. salt           | 1/3 c. vegetable oil     |
| 1/2 t. ground nutmeg  | 2 c. diced peeled apples |
| 2 eggs                | 1 1/2 c. chopped walnuts |
| 3/4 c. flaked coconut |                          |

Mix together eggs, sugar, oil. Stir in apples, walnuts, and coconut. Add mixed dry ingredients and blend just until dry

ingredients are moist. Don't worry about a few lumps. Put in greased muffin cups. Fill 3/4 full. Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes. Cool 10 minutes before removing from pan.

- **Mark Your**

**Calendar -**

## IWOA Annual Meeting & Field Day

**Saturday, Sept. 17, 8:30am-3:00pm**

*by Tom Rosenberger, IWOA Director from Cedar Rapids*

**Cost:** \$15 for coffee, lunch, materials (\$20 at the door). Please register by August 29 to help with the planning.

**Location:** Pioneer Bldg in the Amana RV Park (East of the Amana Visitors Center)

**To Register:** Send your name, address, phone, email and check to Thomas Rosenberger, 1724 12<sup>th</sup> St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405-1202. If you have questions, call him at 319 364-3711. A flyer with more info and a registration form will be mailed to IWOA members in August.

### Program

- 7:00-8:30 Registration and morning brunch
- 8:30-9:00 - Annual Business Meeting
- 9:00-3:00 - Presentations, Lunch and Field Day

### Highlights for the Day

- Representative John Wilkerson, House District #19, will address the group and answer questions
- Update on Timber Reserve and the Law, John Walkowiak, Natural Resources Committee of the IDNR
- Nut crop production with Tom Wahl of Red Fern Farm
- Tree Farm Planning
- Alternate Land Uses (nuts, grapes, etc)
- Diseases & Pests
- Wildlife Management
- Woodlands Future
- Tour of Amana operations with Amana Forester, Larry Gniewikow, They do it all - from planting to selling a finished product.
- The President of the National Woodland Owners Association, Keith Argow, has been invited to attend and update us on issues and initiatives of the NWOA
- Buy-Sell-Trade bulletin board to connect buyers and sellers. If you have something you'd like to buy, sell, trade, or lend/ borrow, send your ad to me at: Thomas Rosenberger, 1724 12<sup>th</sup> St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52405-1202, or bring it with you on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Displays such as My Favorite Tree, and unique wood uses & products

As you can see, we hope to have something for everyone. Come September 17<sup>th</sup> and bring a friend, a neighbor woodlot owner with a dozen trees or acres of them, an inactive IWOA member, or any other interested person. All are welcome. *Share the good time!*

## Elm Trees on Trial in Iowa

### Could an Elm Tree Revival Be Possible?

(excerpted and summarized from the article that appeared in the Quad City Times, May 15, 2005)

Mark Gleason of ISU Extension reports “plant pathologists are leading an elm revival. For decades, plant breeders have been quietly seeking elms that can fight off Dutch elm disease. Today, we finally have some elms that could re-take the urban landscape.”

True American elms with naturally high levels of resistance to Dutch elm disease include Independence, New Harmony, and Valley Forge.

Others are Asian imports with built-in resistance, since they evolved with the fungus over many millennia. Still others are hybrids of Asian and American elms.

### Elms slow to be accepted again

The elm comeback, says Gleason, has been a slow and cautious one. People who harbor painful memories of the Dutch elm disease epidemic may see elms as too risky.

You can find some of the disease-resistant elms in larger garden centers, in catalogs, and online, but you have to look pretty hard.

### ISU Research Project to Test Elm Hardiness

The need to know about the new elms was the driving force behind the National Elm Trial. Fourteen elm cultivars, all resistant to Dutch elm disease, are being planted this spring at 19 locations throughout the U.S.

The trees will be researched over the next 15 years, testing their hardiness and tolerance to such pests as the elm leaf beetle and elm yellows disease.

In Iowa, the National Elm Trial trees are being planted at the Iowa State University Horticulture Research Farm near Gilbert, north of Ames. The public is welcome to visit the planting on weekdays from 8-4. Call the Horticulture Research Farm at 515.232.1978 or Mark Gleason at 515.294.0579 for directions.

### Check on Trial Progress at ISU website

As the trial progresses, observations will be posted on the ISU Extension website along with a map of the trial site, photos of the trees, and contacts for nurseries where they can be purchased. [www.extension.ia.state.edu](http://www.extension.ia.state.edu)

**For more information** about Dutch Elm Disease and Disease-Resistant Elms see Iowa State University Bulletin SUL 4, available for \$3 at ISU Extension County Offices or through the ISU Extension online store. [www.extension.ia.state.edu/store](http://www.extension.ia.state.edu/store) 515.294.5247

## - Calendar of Events -

June 15, Wednesday	IWOA Board Meeting Iowa City
July 9, Saturday	IWOA/ISU Field Day Palo
September 8-10, Thur-Sat	Two-State Forestry Conference & Expo RiverCenter/Adler Theatre Davenport (more info below)
September 17, Saturday	IWOA Annual Meeting & Field Day Amana

### State Forestry Conference & Expo

Sept 8-10, Davenport

This conference offers concurrent educational forestry sessions, interactive exhibits, and demonstrations from wood carving to an authentic lumberjack show. For more information call 309.764.1486, Ext. 4 or visit their website at [www.twostateforestry.com](http://www.twostateforestry.com)

### Need a Ride to any of these events?

Contact any of the IWOA Board of Directors to see if they can help you line up a ride with someone. If you are not sure which Director to call for help, contact IWOA President, Steve Hansen at 515.279.9854 [SHansen516@hotmail.com](mailto:SHansen516@hotmail.com)



### “My Favorite Tree” Display at the Annual IWOA Meeting and Field Day We need your help!

If you have a favorite tree, favorite for any reason, please send a photo and short write-up about it including why it is special to you, to: Bev Brink, 106 High Street NE, Elkader, IA 52043 563 245-2044 [bbrink49@hotmail.com](mailto:bbrink49@hotmail.com) Photos will be returned. Please help us with this fun and interesting display. Let's give your favorite tree some attention!

### IWOA Continues to Develop Its Website

[www.iowawoodlandowners.org](http://www.iowawoodlandowners.org) Tom Woodruff,  
Secretary of IWOA, is acquiring web-creation software  
and is learning to be our webmaster. IWOA members are

encouraged to email information and links to Tom that  
could be posted. His email: APWood70@aol.com

New Website!

[www.iowawoodlandowners.org](http://www.iowawoodlandowners.org)



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