



HAWAII FOREST INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

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President's Message *By Mike Robinson, HFIA President*

As we enter the last year of a tumultuous yet historic decade, the first of a new century, the challenges before us are many. Given the current economy, I'm sure the word "survival" comes to many a mind. Yet I am encouraged by the path we are currently on. That path continues to be one of opportunity, positive change, entrepreneurship, and unexplored territory. As someone who has always relished looking over the next ridge, moments in time like these heighten the senses and precede profound feelings of success when the objective is reached and even surpassed.



HFIA's message from its conception in 1989 to this, our 20th anniversary, has always been consistent and clear. The purposes of HFIA as described in our Articles of Incorporation and paraphrased on our website at www.hawaiiforest.org articulate our desire to benefit Hawaii's forests by promoting their health and productivity. We wish to keep the public and our members informed and involved, as we "promote, foster, and develop" industry standards, research, quality, and integrity throughout the State.

The path before us in the next decade is to continue the diversification of our industry, our working forests, and the benefits they both offer. The management and expansion of healthy productive koa forests remain our primary objective, as these native ecosystems represent a near perfect blend of environmental, economic, and social equity opportunity - from carbon sequestration to canoe logs to rocking chairs.

The trial plantings of non-native species such as eucalyptus throughout the state,

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from the 1880's through today, have resulted in the planting of significant acres of trees that when processed will reduce imports and increase exports. Most recently, continued small scale and experimental plantings of other highest value non-native hardwoods should also result in commercially viable plantings. These types of forests scattered across our landscapes represent positive change. As currently unmanaged areas with minimal environmental, economic, and social benefit are planted with trees, these new forests will improve the land in well documented ways.

When combined with entrepreneurial processing by a multitude of small to medium size businesses, these diverse wood resources will create hundreds of jobs, conserve thousands of acres of prime agricultural lands, and could generate hundreds of millions of dollars for Hawaii's economy.

Well managed forests also have the potential to contribute to a renewable energy sector. The most familiar model is that of the sugar industry, where bagasse by-products provided energy to operate the mills. Forest product producers can, and do, easily emulate that model. Untested models in Hawaii are also being advocated. These involve dedicated tree plantations grown solely for energy production such as electricity or liquid biofuels such as biodiesel. Still in the planning and/or development stages, these newest opportunities will be proven in Hawaii before the end of the next decade.

HFIA, in keeping with its self-imposed mandate to provide assistance and guidance on these efforts, is in the process of addressing one critical question which has surfaced in recent months - land use options. In Hawaii, it is often not enough to take care of your own yard. It is important to work within your community and neighborhood to minimize conflict and promote understanding and cooperation. It is in the direst of times especially that these alliances become most important - like trading mangoes for smoked meat.

This spring and summer, HFIA expects to open dialogues with other extensive land use industries, specifically the farmers and ranchers that feed us. We expect these discussions to address issues such as land availability, appropriate locations for appropriate industries, and how best we can work with our rural industry "neighbors" to insure Hawaii's food and fiber future in the most efficient and productive manner.

We invite you to stay tuned on this timely yet important project, and we welcome assistance from our members and friends in making it happen. As HFIA begins to celebrate its 20th anniversary, we wish you the best of the New Year and Kung Hei Fat Choy.



HAWAII'S WOODSHOW™ 2009

The 17th Annual
Statewide Juried Furniture & Woodworking Show
of the Hawai`i Forest Industry Association
Friday, March 27th through Sunday, April 5th
Academy Arts Center, Honolulu Academy of Arts
1111 Victoria Street, Honolulu, Hawaii



You're Invited!

Hawaii's Woodshow 2009

Academy Arts Center, Honolulu Academy of Arts

Opening Night Reception

Friday, March 27, 2009

6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Enjoy the finest works in wood produced by
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Or (808) 221-5171

Hawai`i Forest Industry Association Excellence in Forest Management Services

HFIA's core values are: Excellence in forest management services, accountability, teamwork, integrity and awareness of the intrinsic values of the diverse forest environments of the Hawaiian Islands.

FOREST MANAGEMENT SERVICES

HFIA Forest Management Provides Excellence In:

Site Management and Maintenance: Eradication of invasive species; installation and maintenance of irrigation lines; construction and maintenance of fences; control of predators; construction and maintenance of trail systems; outplanting; and collection and recordation of data.

Community and Stakeholder Connections: HFIA serves as an objective liaison among landowners, lessees, and other project stakeholders.

Fund and Project Development: Creation of proposals, RFPs, contracts, and agreements. Pursuit of funding opportunities through HFIA and Hawai`i Forest Institute (HFIA's 501(c)(3) non-profit affiliate).

Outreach, Education, and Volunteer Coordination: Creation of educational materials and coordination, implementation, and promotion of site stewardship and other community outreach programs.

Project Coordination and Administration: Ensure all activities are implemented in compliance with contracts and legal requirements. Preparation of budgets, reports and public relations materials. Administration of project funds. Human resource services include hiring and supervising contractors, subcontractors, and interns.

Environmental Management Plans: Development of work plans and multi-year management plans.

CURRENT FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

70-acre Ka`ūpūlehu Dry Forest Preserve, since 1993 - Client Kamehameha Schools

6-acre Ka`ūpūlehu Dry Forest Mauka, assistance since 2007 - Client National Tropical Botanical Gardens

Kapāpala Canoe Forest Youth Cultural and Environmental Education Plan, in progress - DOFAW

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If you can help, please contact
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Hawai'i Wood Guild's 23rd Annual Exhibit

The Hawai'i Wood Guild's 23rd Annual Show is now on display at Harbor Gallery in Kawaihae. The show features works by talented Hawai'i Island woodworkers with a wide selection of entries ranging from furniture to sculpture, functional to whimsical. Harbor Gallery is open daily from 11:30-8:30, and will host the show until it ends on February 28th.

This year's show was juried by Elmer Adams - an award-winning Hawai'i Island woodturner, Matthew D'Avella - an award-winning furniture maker, and Aurora King - an artist whose beautiful oil paintings are sold in local galleries. Following a thorough critiquing process, the three judges selected the following award winners:

- **Best of Show-** *"Ancestors Tale"* by Michael Smith
- **1st Place Joinery-** *"Altar Table"* by Marcus Castaing
- **1st Place Sculpture-** *"General Theory of Creativity"* by Michael Smith
- **1st Place Woodturning-** *"Hanging Vessel"* by Gregg Smith
- **1st Place Open-** *"Hide & Seek"* by Scott Hare
- **Honorable Mention Joinery-** *"Entry Table"* by Rick Kelleher
- **Honorable Mention Sculpture-** *"Ilo Holo Ka"* by Craig Nichols
- **Honorable Mention Woodturning-** *"Mango Dreams"* by John Mydock
- **Honorable Mention Open-** *"Small Calabash in Tree"* by Cliff Johns
- **Student Award** to Rachel Dunn for her set of desk pens

The wood artists who entered also had their chance to vote for their favorite piece and the owners of Harbor Gallery, Gunner and Elli Mench, presented an award for their favorite entry. Both the **"Artists' Choice Award"** and the **"Host Gallery Award"** went to Scott Hare for *"Hide & Seek"*, an lidded calabash with high relief carvings of geckos and Plumeria blossoms.

This show features the best from Hawai'i Island wood workers and is a must see for all of those who love Koa wood and wood art.

The show is sponsored by The Harbor Gallery, The Hawaii Wood Guild, and Chase Designs. To learn more about the Hawaii Wood Guild and its talented members, visit their website at www.HawaiiWoodGuild.com.

For more information contact:
Gregg Smith: 808-322-8055 or
Harbor Gallery: 808-882-1510





Announcements



2009 Dryland Forest Symposium

The 2009 Dryland Forest Symposium will be held February 27th at the Keauhou Beach Hotel, Kailua-Kona. Workshops on seed collection, planting, and pests and diseases will be offered on Wednesday the 26th. Dr. Scot Nelson and Dr. J.B. Friday will be presenting a workshop on pests and diseases of native Hawaiian plants at the UH CTAHR Cooperative Extension office in Kainaliu, Kona. For more information and to register for the symposium or the workshops, please see the Kohala Center website at: <http://www.kohalacenter.org/nahele09.html>

Look for the beautiful new Ohia Lehua postcard at the outreach table at the Symposium and at the Grow Hawaiian Festival!

Big Island Woodturners 11th Annual Exhibit

Wailoa Center Gallery
200 Piopio Street, Hilo
March 6-27, 2009
Open Daily 8:30 - 4:30

Woodturners Reception, silent auction, and pupus on Friday, March 6th from 5-7 PM
For more information go to www.BigIslandWoodturners.org

Timber Frame Workshop

Tim Rieth has announced his Timber Frame Workshop, which will be hosted at MA'O Organic Farms in Wai'anāe. Tim runs a natural building collaborative that teaches various earth construction, straw bale, masonry, natural plaster, and wood working courses across the mainland, Hawai'i, and internationally (Seven Generations Natural Builders; www.sgnb.com). Beginning in March, Tim will collaborate with MA'O on an extensive building project that will include the construction of a timber frame kitchen. Lizabeth Moniz and Skip Dewhirst from Vermont will be teaching a course on timber framing using a modification of traditional Euro-American framing that is appropriate for the tropics/subtropics (primarily using smaller dimensional, local timbers).

The workshop is open to 10 students and runs from May 16-24. Tuition is \$1,100, however they have a sliding scale and some work trade scholarships will be available. They anticipate using eucalyptus, with the aim of training local folks in another viable means of construction while producing a demonstration project using these local resources. A full course description is available at sgnb.com. Tim invites you to drop by the work site during the course to check it out. You may email Tim at tim@sgnb.com for more information.



Costa Rica Project

Western Forestry and Conservation Association Conference Schedule

Preparing for the Carbon Market: Forestry Offsets

March 5, 2009 in Portland, OR, 9:00AM-3:45PM

Opportunities to obtain payments for sequestering carbon on forested lands are emerging rapidly. Carbon offset markets present whole new avenues to realize value from your timberlands. This workshop will help you to understand the different carbon markets as well as the economic opportunities and the landowner requirements for entering into carbon agreements. <http://www.westernforestry.org/>

Reforestation, Silviculture & Economic Decision Making

April 8, 2009 in Portland, OR, 8:00AM-4:00PM

Stand density management is a complex process given the multitude of considerations a forest manager must evaluate when designing a stand management regime. Density management has effects on species composition, succession, coarse woody debris, wildlife habitat, and biodiversity. This workshop will walk you through a decision-making process of controlling resource competition through the regulation of the number and arrangement of individual trees in your stands. <http://www.westernforestry.org/>

CTAHR's Pesticide Risk Reduction Education Short Course

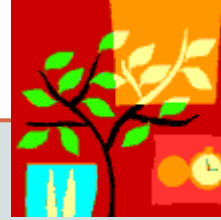
Charles Nagamine, CTAHR's pesticide extension specialist, has scheduled a Pesticide Risk Reduction Education Short Course for May 19 - 21 in Hilo. Deadline for registration is April 17th.

This course is designed for people who want to prepare for the examination for certification by the State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture, Pesticides Branch. It has been also useful for those wanting to learn more about pesticides, especially herbicides for use in forests and natural areas. Call Charles Nagamine at 808-956-6007 or email charlie@hpirs.stjohn.hawaii.edu or on the web at <http://pestworld.stjohn.hawaii.edu/pat/schedule.html#Summary>.

Two Large Koa Trees Available

Two large Koa trees available in Haiku, next to driveway, for easy removal. Owner looking for bids. Anyone interested please contact Pamela: 808-281-1942 or email mrs_howl@excite.com Pictures available.

Mahalo



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HFIA Membership: Spread the Word!

HFIA has been the voice of the Hawai`i forest industry since 1989 and is respected by many for its contributions to improving the health and productivity of Hawaii's forests. Our strength, however, lies with our members. With increased membership we gain a stronger voice. We know that our membership blossoms when we personally reach out to our colleagues.

Benefits of Membership

- ✉ A monthly e-news and Articles of Interest updating current happenings among HFIA's members and throughout the forest industry;
- ✉ An opportunity to list your business in HFIA's website Resource Guide and Directory;
- ✉ An opportunity to rent a space in HFIA's Honolulu Inter-Island Airport Display;
- ✉ A special invitation to the Hawaii's Woodshow Opening Night Reception, which attracts thousands of woodworking enthusiasts as well as media attention;
- ✉ An opportunity to participate in the Hawaii 's Wood™ Branding Program and benefit from its PR program;
- ✉ A reduced rate for workshops including those for woodworking featuring nationally-known guest woodworkers;
- ✉ Subscription to the quarterly publication Agriculture Hawai`i;
- ✉ A copy of the Hawai`i Forest Institute's Hawai`i Forest Journal;
- ✉ A vote in the election for the Board of Directors and an invitation to mingle with your fellow members at an annual general membership meeting; and
- ✉ An opportunity to post your business contact information and photo on HFIA Website's Resource Guide and Directory.

Your dues also help support HFIA's many programs and activities:

Advocacy: A voice at the legislature and in public forums promoting policies and actions;

Forest Science: Demonstration of techniques to protect species in dryland native forests;

Information Exchange: Public symposia as well as participation in exhibitions and conferences;

Marketing: Market research strategies for commodity and fine crafted wood products; and

Education and Training: Workshops for featuring nationally-known guest woodworkers and opportunities for professional improvement for loggers, landowners, managers, and others.

\$35 individual member \$125 business member \$300 corporate member

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