

63rd Annual North Central Forest Pest Workshop

September 8-11, 2014; Chariton, Iowa



NCFPW 2014 Group photo

Overview

The 2014 North Central Forest Pest Workshop was held September 8th – 11th at Carpenter Hall (and nearby motels, Red Haw State Park, and Stephens State Forest) in Chariton, Iowa. The theme was “Forests on the Edge”.

Schedule

The meeting began on **Monday, September 8th**, with registration and socializing at Carpenter Hall in the evening. A fungal foray was held at nearby Red Haw State Park the afternoon. Dining suggestions were provided for dinner “on your own”.

Presentations began in Carpenter Hall at 8:000 a.m. on **Tuesday, September 9th**. Posters were available for viewing throughout the day. The morning session included talks on Iowa’s changing forest landscape, climate change, tools to detect forest disturbance, and a series of topics related to oak health. After lunch on-site, the afternoon technical talks continued on advances in forest protection via biocontrol of defoliators and heterobasidion root disease, new information on thousand cankers disease, an a series of talks about other tools and technology, including germplasm networks, communications strategies and dendrochronology.

After a full day of technical sessions, participants enjoyed a dinner at Carpenter Hall and a photographic presentation of Iowa Landscapes.

Wednesday, September 10th began with presentations on hemlock woolly adelgid and mountain pine beetle, followed by a series of short student talks. After a short break, they loaded up on buses and headed out for the field trip to Stephens State Forest. At one stop, participants observed the control of invasive plant species using multiple tools, including goat grazing, fire, herbicide, and forestry mower. Vermeer had several large pieces of equipment on site for demonstration. Additional stops/topics included mass trapping of Walnut Twig Beetle and the appropriate use of trenching vs herbicides for control of oak wilt disease.

The NCFPW business meeting was held before dinner at Carpenter Hall, then everyone gathered at Red Haw State Park for a campfire dinner and social at Red Haw State Park.

On **Thursday, September 11th**, we continued our indoor technical session with talks related to invasive species, including ALB survey, wood utilization, biosurveillance, regulatory issues, and dendrochronology to analyze EAB.

Link to detailed agenda: [AGENDA](#)

Highlights and notables

- There were 96 registrants, speakers or vendors who participated in all or parts of the meeting, including 8 student registrations.
- The quality and diversity of the talks was very well received by the participants; Everyone really enjoyed the opportunity to gain relevant forest health information at this session.
- Each participant received an imprinted folder pad. Speakers were thanked with a gift of a custom made clipboard of native Iowa wood.
- The meeting venue was the Carpenter Hall, which is a community building in the small town of Chariton, Iowa. Several hotels within a few miles of the venue were able to provide adequate accommodation.
- A “fun run” was intended to meander through Chariton with signs noting various facts about Iowa; unfortunately, torrential rains reduced the run to a short walk in the hallway of Carpenter Hall!
- The student paper session, but there was not a competition this year.
- The weather for the meeting was torrential rain during the indoor day, but fortunately improved to cool and overcast for the field trip.
- The field trip See photos on following pages for highlights of the field trip.

The Business Meeting:

- Election of new Members-at-Large on the Board of Representatives: Brian Schwingle and Roger Mech.
- 2014 meeting location will be Wisconsin.
- Read the complete minutes, posted here: [MINUTES](#)

Registration details

The cost for the entire meeting (light snacks on Monday during registration, all meals on Tuesday and Wednesday, field trip Wednesday, and breakfast on Thursday) was \$180 if registered before August 8th. Student early registration rate was \$110. After August 8th, full registration and student registration were \$210. Single day registration was the same price for students or non-students. Tuesday alone (including all meals) was \$85; Wednesday alone (all meals and field trip) was \$85; Thursday morning alone (breakfast, break) was \$30. Housing was available at local hotels and a nearby camping cabin/resort complex.

Thanks to the organizing committee

The Workshop Chairperson was Tivon Feeley, and his Organizing Committee included: Jessica Flatt, Shane Donegan, Robin Pruisner, Mark Hollister, and Jeff Goerndt.

The NCFPW Board of Representatives served as an advisory board for developing the program.

Thanks to Linda Williams for providing photos for the webpage.

Images from the 2014 NCFPW Field Trip



Goats on the Go demo, showing how quickly and easily the portable fence can be constructed.

Mower used to mow invasive species.



Ralph Crawford with trencher/cutter



Discussing oak wilt at a campground



Tivon Feeley talking about sampling for walnut twig beetle (trap above his head).



Images from the 2014 NCFPW field trip (continued)



Who can resist a dying tree?

Using the mini skid steer to load logs into the chipper



Loading logs into the whole tree chipper (WC2300).

Loading logs into the HG6000 Grinder

