

# 56th Annual North Central Forest Pest Workshop

September 24 - 27—Shoreview, MN



2007 NCFPW in Shoreview, Minnesota

## Overview

The 2007 North Central Forest Pest Workshop was held September 24-27 in Shoreview, MN. Indoor sessions took place at the Hampton Inn in Shoreview (a northern suburb of St. Paul). Sessions at the meeting focused on invasive pests, below-ground issues, climate change and weather effects on forests, urban/suburban forest pest issues, and declines.

## Schedule

On the afternoon of September 24, the traditional fungal foray was held at Reservoir Woods, a nearby park with extensive wildland space. Registration was available at the Hampton Inn throughout the afternoon and during the evening.

September 25 was spent on a series of indoor sessions, with posters available for viewing.

September 26 was an all-day field trip. Sites included oak wilt at Carlos Avery Wildlife Refuge, a self-guided insect and pathogen tour and interpretive talk at Interstate State Park on the St. Croix River, a tour of a mulch facility that uses waste wood, and a discussion of rooting problems, the Firewise program, and pine bark beetles at a suburban site in Andover. The day concluded with a catered gourmet barbecue dinner at the Shoreview Pavilion.

Indoor sessions continued on the morning of September 27. The meeting concluded at noon.

[Detailed agenda.](#)

## Highlights

- Approximately 90 participants.
- Each participant received a NCFPW mug.
- In Minnesota, home of the infamous “hotdish,” the highlights must include FOOD!
  - Seafood-stuffed mushroom caps at the opening social (invertebrate PLUS fungus together—you gotta love it!)
  - Gourmet barbecue dinner on Wednesday night after the field trip.
  - Pasta buffet for lunch on Tuesday, with coffee available in the meeting room afterwards to keep us awake!

- The field trip...
  - Beautiful weather
  - Interesting presentations on control of oak wilt disease, natural history of the St. Croix River valley, use of waste wood, avoidance of root problems with planted landscape trees, and management of suburban pine to reduce fire and insect risks.
  - Coffee break— Scandinavian doughnuts still hot from the ovens at the Lindstrom bakery.
  - Self-guided insect and pathogen tour at Interstate Park along the scenic St. Croix River.
- The business meeting...
  - Short and sweet!
  - Major item of business: 2008 meeting will be hosted by Indiana.
  - Minutes of the business meeting are posted [HERE](#).

Registration for the 2007 NCFPW was \$100 for the entire meeting or \$45 for a single day. A reduced rate of \$50 was available for college students. The registration fee covered light refreshments on Monday evening during registration, breaks throughout the meeting, Tuesday lunch, Wednesday box lunch, Wednesday evening barbecue, bus transportation for the field trip and a mug. Registration did not include accommodation. The meeting was held at the Hampton Inn, 1000 Gramsie Road, Shoreview, MN. They offered a special meeting rate of \$99 per night (single or double) for the workshop, which included breakfast.

#### Thanks to the organizing committee

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View of the St. Croix River from Interstate State Park, near Taylors Falls, MN.



Susan Burks shares information about oak wilt control in Minnesota during the stop at the Carlos Avery Wildlife Refuge.



The National Park Service shared information with the group about the history and resource management challenges of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway.



Bleeding canker on young butternut at Interstate State Park, caused by *Sirococcus clavigigenti-juglandacearum*.



Entomologists and pathologists love to find a crawling critter under the bark of a dying pine tree. This pine was in a suburban development, where we stopped to talk about thinning to reduce fire risk and bark beetle problems.



Gary Johnson shares tips about how to prevent future root problems with landscape trees by properly preparing the root system for planting, and by proper placement of the trees in the planting hole.