



Mim and Abbott Ladd

Lunch will be available for \$12.00 per person or feel free to bring your own.

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Dear Woodland Owner,

You and your family are invited to the 59th Annual Tree Farm/SWOAM Field Day, which will be held on **Saturday, September 14**. The Field Day is designed to spark landowners' interest in sustainable forestry practices. It gives small woodland owners an opportunity to meet their peers and to connect with organizations involved in forest resources. The event is free and open to the public.

We will also be honoring 2013's Outstanding Tree Farmers, Abbott and Miriam Ladd of Belgrade. Sadly, Abbott passed away, at age 86, after winning this honor, but before the Field Day could take place. The Ladd Family is pleased to hold this celebration at the Alton "Dude" Brown Memorial Tree Farm, at 167 Taber Hill Road, in Vassalboro.

Rain or shine, we are expecting 250 forest landowners to attend the Field Day. Thanks to the support from the Maine Tree Farm program and SWOAM, the wide variety of activities at the event will be enriching, rewarding, and free.

We hope to see you at this year's Tree Farm/SWOAM Field Day in Vassalboro.

CAUTION

"Attendees should be very cautious entering/exiting the parking area and anywhere near the main road, due to a blind hill and moderate traffic. Please also use caution in the main event, logging demo, and shuttle loading areas."

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Tree Farm/SWOAM Field Day

honoring
2013 State of Maine Outstanding Tree Farmers
Abbott and Miriam Ladd of Belgrade, Maine

Hosted at the Brown Property
167 Taber Hill Road, Vassalboro, Maine

September 14, 2013 – Saturday
8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine

Maine Tree Farm Program

Whether you are an experienced woodland owner or just getting started, this Field Day is a great educational opportunity for the public to gather and learn together. The event is free to everyone.

2013 Program

8:30 a.m. – Ongoing **REGISTRATION AT BLUE CANOPY** – *Event is free and open to the public; Pick up ‘free’ Door Prize ticket and purchase lunch tickets here.*

8:50 a.m. **WELCOME** (Main Tent)

9:15 a.m. **EVENTS BEGIN** *Exhibitors’ Tent – open all day*

Logging Demonstrations:

- Mechanical Logging with Future Forests, Inc
- Cut to length System with Trees, Ltd.
- Horse Logging with Peregrinator Services, Ltd.
- Best Management Practices with C and L Forestry

Presentations: (Main Tent)

- Forest Health with Allison Kanoti, MFS
- Succession Planning with Rich Merk, SWOAM
- Participating in Tree Farm and SWOAM

Ongoing

- Maine’s 2013 Outstanding Tree Farmer – Abbott & Miriam Ladd, Belgrade
- Woodsmans’ Team demonstrations (Unity College, UMaine)
- Stihl, Inc. – Chainsaws
- Oesco, Inc. – Logging Equipment
- Thomas Inc. – Bandsaw Mills
- Smokey Bear – Maine Forest Rangers
- Lombard Log Hauler

Field tours

- Dealing with Invasive Plants – Patty Cormier, MFS
- Pruning Your Trees – Paul Miller, Forestry For You
- Heron Rookery Tour – Danielle D’Auria
- Upland Wildlife Habitat – Fred Seavey, USFWS; Keel Kemper, MEIFW
- Roads and Trails – Keith Kanoti, MFS

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Music by: RB Hall Band, Oakland (Main Tent)

Noon – 1:15 p.m. **LUNCH** – Available for \$12.00 per person

- Maine Outstanding Tree Farmer Award – Abbott & Miriam Ladd
- Recognition & Speakers – Door Prizes

1:30 p.m. **AFTERNOON** – additional tours

- Self-guided tours of the Alton “Dude” Brown Tree Farm

About SWOAM

Owning woodland is fun and rewarding. But we know it is not always easy to find the information you are looking for or get the help you need. Since 1975, the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine (SWOAM) has been the organization that works to help, support and represent the interests of small woodland owners.

Benefits of membership include a 16-page monthly newsletter with articles written specifically for small woodland owners along latest news; access to our professional staff; advocacy before the legislature and government agencies; information about educational events we sponsor in your area; and a discount buying program.

We also have a growing land trust program focused on conserving working woodlands. We showcase sustainable management techniques and practices on all the lands we own.

About Tree Farm

A Tree Farm is a tract of privately owned forest land dedicated voluntarily by its owner to grow and harvest forest products. Tree Farm certification means that the owners are encouraged to enhance the health of their forests to provide recreational opportunities, clean air and water, wildlife habitat and forest products.

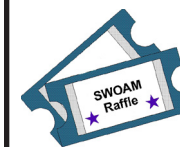
The Maine Tree Farm Committee makes arrangements for professional foresters to inspect and certify Tree Farms. The purpose of these inspections is to provide on ground assistance and advice to landowners and to help them develop management plans that meet their goals and objectives. After the initial inspection and certification, Tree Farms are re-inspected every five years to provide an opportunity for further forestry assistance and help ensure that certified Tree Farm properties maintain quality standards for continued membership.

Directions to Brown Property 167 Taber Hill Road, Vassalboro

Directions –

From Route 201, Take the Bog Road east towards East Vassalboro. Go approximately 2.25 miles and take the first left onto the Taber Hill Road. Parking will be on your left near the top of the hill.

From Route 32, Go to the village of East Vassalboro and turn west onto the Bog Road (also known as Pope Avenue) at The Country Store. Go .8 miles and take a right at the “Y” in the road onto Hussey Hill Road. From there travel 1.1 miles to a stop sign and take a left onto the Taber Hill Road. Travel approximately .5 miles to the parking area on your right.



You can support this event by bringing a friend or by purchasing a raffle ticket at the event or online at www.swoam.org

All contributions directly support and promote Maine’s private woodland owners.