



# GATHERING PARTNERS OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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**2105 Spring North Woods Conference – May 15, 16, 17, 2015.**

**Sawmill Inn, Grand Rapids, MN** (Call for reservation at 800-667-7509. For best rate mention “MN Master Naturalist”)

## Register ***NOW!***

Registration closes May 11, 2015. Late Fees apply after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, the sessions listed on the next page have limited spaces available – first come first served.

Register using this form or go online go to <https://www.regonline.com/2015SprNWoods>

**For MFA Members only:** MFA pays \$50 for the first person and \$75 for two people with a family membership.

Your Name			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Person			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
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Groups - Check all that apply	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Forestry Assn	<input type="checkbox"/> MN Master Naturalist	<input type="checkbox"/> MN Phenology Network

### Friday May 15, 2015

(For special, extra cost sessions on Friday starting as early at 9:00 a.m. see [www.MinnesotaForestry.org](http://www.MinnesotaForestry.org).)

✓ 1 <sup>st</sup> Person	✓ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Person	Program	Rate	Total
		4:30 p.m. MFA's Annual Meeting	NO CHARGE	\$0.00
		5:30 p.m. Welcome Banquet at Sawmill Inn, Awards Program and Keynote Speaker, Mark Seeley	\$45 per person	

### Saturday May 16, 2015

		All sessions running from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., including lunch.	\$77 per person	
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### Sunday May 17, 2015

		All sessions running from 8:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	\$28 per person	
			Subtotal	
		<b>LESS:</b> \$50 for a single MFA membership; \$75 for two people with a family membership		
			Total	

**Make your check to:** Gathering Partners of Natural Resources Conference

**Mail to:** U of M Extension, 46352 State Highway 326, Morris MN 56267

**Enclose:** Your class selections

**Saturday Sessions** listed here cover woodland and wildlife subjects.

For Saturday sessions on other subjects, see [www.MinnesotaForestry.org](http://www.MinnesotaForestry.org).

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		<b>8:00 - 9:15 Managing Red Pine: From Pine to Products</b> by John Marchand, Potlach procurement forester. Learn about products produced by Potlach Corp., current local market opportunities and how keeping your woods healthy and productive can benefit your pocketbook.
		<b>8:00 - 10:45 Introduction to Gathering Woodland Products</b> by Mike Reichenbach, Gary Wyatt and Diomy Zamora. . Introduction to some common and not so common forest products that can be gathered from the woods of Minnesota.
		<b>8:00 - 10:45 What's in My Woods? Conducting a Woodland Inventory</b> by Matt Russell, U of M Extension. This session will cover the assessment of timber in addition to wildlife habitat.
		<b>8:00 - 12:15 p.m. Chainsaw Safety and Directional Falling</b> by Brian Pisarek, DNR chainsaw safety coordinator. Review safety, safe falling techniques and dealing with hazard trees. <i>Bring your own chainsaw.</i>
		<b>8:00 - 12:15 On-the-Ground Forest Management</b> by Charlie Blinn, U of M Forestry Profession and Adam Sutherland. Visit sites that are in need of management, active harvesting operation and that were harvested 2 to five years previously.
		<b>9:30-12:15 Minnesota Women's Woodland Network Leadership Development</b> by Marjorie Sella and Barb Spears. A forum to cultivate leadership among women who are interested in peer learning and serving as a local MNWWN network leader.
		<b>9:30 - 12:15 Sharp-tailed Grouse and Woodcock Habitat</b> by Jake Granfors. Learn about two species of greatest conservation need in Minnesota and how you can make a habitat difference from them.
		<b>9:30 – 12:15 Silviculture: Working to Improve our Forest Ecosystems</b> by Beth Jacqumain-Palik, Aitkin County Land Dept. Learn about strategies that focus on not what you are harvesting, but what is being left behind for the next generation and how to take steps to improve your woods and leave your legacy.
		<b>Lunch</b> at Forest History Center. This is fun! Take the shuttle from the Sawmill Inn.
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		<b>1:15-2:30 Exchanging Ideas and Information Among Landowners through Peer Learning</b> by Charlie Blinn, Angie Gupta and Andrea Lorek Strauss. Join landowners to ask questions and learn from each other through peer-to-peer discussion.
		<b>1:15 - 2:30 Bears: Where we are, where we went, and how do we get back?</b> By Jeff Hines, DNR wildlife specialist. Learn about the study the DNR has conducted for more than 30 years.
		<b>1:15 – 5:30 Combining Energy for Land Management: Sawmill and Small Equipment</b> Demonstrations with discussions on forming a coop and mistakes to avoid. By Pat Lanin and Gary Bradford.
		<b>3:00 – 5:30 Hands-on Learning with Nontimber Forest Products</b> using a variety of materials gathered from the woods with John Zasada and Julie Miedtke..
		<b>4:15 – 5:30 What Trees Shout I Plant? Forest Health for the Future</b> by Eli Sagor. Series of key questions that can inform tree species selection decision and how to go about answering them for your particular situation.
		<b>4:15 – 5:30 Meet A Forester: Finding Help for Woodland Stewardship.</b> Panel presentation including professional forester describing what they do and landowners sharing stories about how foresters helped them on their lands.
		<b>More sessions can be found in the Registration Booklet. To review the booklet and sessions, go to MFA's web site, <a href="http://www.MinnesotaForestry.org">www.MinnesotaForestry.org</a>, If you find another session you'd like to attend, list it here.</b>

**Sunday Sessions** are scheduled from 8:00 – 10:45. For information on these sessions see [www.MinnesotaForestry.org](http://www.MinnesotaForestry.org).