

Perspective **Ohio's Forest of Honor**
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In 1987, the ODNR Division of Forestry established the Forest of Honor to recognize those who have made significant contributions to forestry in Ohio. This special wooded area is located near the site of an Adena Indian burial mound at Zaleski State Forest. Over the years, the woodland has grown to include the Forest of Honor, the Chiefs' Grove, and the Employee Grove.

2012 Induction Ceremony

Induction into the Forest of Honor occurs in the fall, when a tree is planted for inductees.

On October 10th, Randy and Koral Clum of Clum Forestry Consultants were inducted into the Forest of Honor for their leadership in the professional forestry community as well as for the high standards of woodland stewardship they share with their clients. Both Randy and Koral began their forestry careers with the ODNR Division of Forestry where they worked for many years. Randy left the division to form Clum Forestry Consultants in 1997, and Koral joined him in 2000. The Clums excel at educating landowners on the importance, and the techniques, of applying proper management. They promote and provide science-based forest management for 50 to 75 landowners annually in east-central Ohio. They also use their well-managed home property as an example for others to see.

Also this year, Jeff Reutinger and Cloyce Riddle were inducted into the Division of Forestry Employee Grove.

Jeff was a talented maintenance repair worker for the ODNR Division of Forestry. He also excelled at teamwork and communications, especially in fighting wildland fires throughout south-central Ohio and with the annual effort to collect seed throughout Ross County for the state seedling nurseries. Although an unfortunate logging accident brought an early end to his career with the division, Jeff still enjoys the outdoors and the woods. And, as a result of Jeff's logging accident, his co-workers look at safety in an entirely different way. It reminds them what could happen, and the log yard is now a much safer operation.

Cloyce worked for the ODNR Division of Forestry for 32 years. He says "I became a forester to get away from people. I stayed in forestry because of people." Much of his career was spent as a farm forester, as service foresters were called then, in the northeastern Ohio area. Cloyce approached his career as a calling, and he considered it a privilege to serve the landowners in his service forestry project. He decided that he would learn something new every day, that his forestry degree didn't make him smarter than anyone else, and that to gain the interest and trust of landowners, he had to be interested in them first. He embraced the Tree Farm System and used it as a tool to engage the interest of landowners.

On behalf of the ODNR Division of Forestry, I extend my thanks and admiration to Jeff, Cloyce, Koral, and Randy for their outstanding contributions to forestry in Ohio.

Forest of Honor nominations are accepted throughout the year. If you know of someone who meets or exceeds the induction criteria, then please let us know at the Division of Forestry.

Induction Criteria

To be included in the Forest of Honor, an individual, group, or organization must be nominated based on meeting at least one of the following criteria, which are important to furthering the division's mission and/or the advancement of forestry within Ohio.

- Significantly advanced Ohio's commercial, private, public, or urban forestry. Instrumental in developing and/or implementing a successful improvement to proper forestry practices that can be used at all levels of forest management in Ohio.
- Through written or electronic media, appreciably raised public awareness about the benefits of well-managed forest resources. Instrumental in developing and/or implementing a successful informational campaign related to proper forestry practices.
- Legislatively championed one or multiple aspects of Ohio forestry. Instrumental in developing and/or implementing a successful change in policy related to proper forestry practices.
- Through demonstration, instruction, or other educational methods, went above and beyond to instill in students: knowledge, appreciation, and problem solving skills related to trees and forests. Instrumental in developing and/or implementing a successful educational program related to proper forestry practices.