

# Twenty ANNUAL RINGS



In 1994, forester Dave Schatz became the first editor and Randy Heiligmann and Greg Passewitz were associate editors of the new *Ohio Woodland Journal*. Future editor Christine Hodgson took care of advertising and the editorial board was staffed by Tom Berger, Ron Cornell, Mark Ervin, Eric Roush, and Tim Wilson. Familiar names to Ohio Tree Farmers and *Journal* readers over the years, these folks were instrumental in establishing the current magazine format and helped make it the quality quarterly publication it is today.

*The Ohio Woodland Journal* has done much to advance the enthusiasm and joy of being an Ohio Tree Farmer. Woodland owners, researchers, foresters and other natural resource professionals, forest industry, advertisers, and school sponsors contribute to the success of the magazine with their subscriptions and sharing of knowledge with fellow readers.

The seed for a state-wide landowner-focused publication was planted in good soil by Mead Paper forester Wayne Lashbrook as editor of the *Ohio Tree Farmer* (later called *Ohio Tree Farm System Newsletter*) in 1976, continued growing under Mead's Emmy Guthrie and later ODNR Division of Forestry's Dave Schatz, and it sprouted as *The Ohio Woodland Journal* in 1994. The new journal format established a good root system under Schatz's careful nurturing until he retired from the ODNR Division of Forestry in 1998. The publication flourished as a crop tree and became a prime veneer specimen during 12 years of Editor Hodgson's leadership.

With this issue we mark Volume 20, and continue to nurture, fertilize, and prune with the involvement and cooperation of many dedicated people.

It is great being a part of the Ohio Tree Farm System and to enjoy *The Ohio Woodland Journal* with you. The challenges and rewards of growing our Ohio woodlands are many, and the *Journal* is a wonderful format for sharing and learning from one another. The Editorial Board and our superb publisher Alliance Printing hope you enjoy this and every issue. ♦

Greg Smith, Editor

Recent issues of *The Ohio Woodland Journal* are available for viewing on the Ohio Forestry Association website at [www.ohioforest.org/page/OhioTreeFarmWJ](http://www.ohioforest.org/page/OhioTreeFarmWJ).

Meigs County Tree Farmer Dave Schatz with *The Ohio Woodland Journal* Volume 1, Number 1, Winter 1994. Dave served not only as the initial editor, but has remained active as an associate editor. Dave and wife Pam live at their Cobblers Knob Tree Farm with their numerous adopted rescue dogs.

# PERSPECTIVE

Robert Boyles, Chief  
ODNR Division of Forestry



## Congratulations The OHIO WOODLAND Journal



Congratulations to Ohio Tree Farmers and to the board members, authors, advertisers, publishers, and editors of *The Ohio Woodland Journal* for 20 years of publishing!

*The Ohio Woodland Journal* is one of Ohio's premier sources of tree-care information, and on behalf of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, we are pleased to support it.

In 1994, I was the Assistant District Manager for the Division of Forestry in Athens, and remember many conversations with my boss Dave Schatz concerning the idea of *The Ohio Woodland Journal*. The main discussions were: would the Tree Farm/landowner voice be best represented through the publication that the Ohio Forestry Association featured at the time, or should a separate publication be developed. As the value of a separate publication was recognized, Dave became the first editor of the new *Ohio Woodland Journal*.

For several years there were two publications, and now OFA is a part of *The Ohio Woodland Journal*. Funny how things go full circle, if you stay around long enough!

*The Ohio Woodland Journal* has been a partnership from the start, with a variety of backgrounds and expertise represented by Editorial Board members, and again reflected throughout the magazine with flavors of industry, recreation, government, private lands, and academia.

Over the years, *The Ohio Woodland Journal* has also provided a literary outlet for our division employees to share knowledge, techniques, and skills learned and experienced in our forestry careers to a wide audience of forest stewards. And, at this point in my career, it is a valuable tool through which I can share news and updates on division operations and forestry issues in Ohio.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for the next 20 years! ♦

# CALENDAR

**MARCH  
2013**

**6**  
**Woods, Water, & Wildlife  
Conference**  
Mid-Ohio Conf. Center, Mansfield  
[www.woodlandstewards.osu.edu](http://www.woodlandstewards.osu.edu)

**6-7**  
**Ohio Forestry Association  
Annual Mt.**  
Sheraton Columbus at Capitol  
Square  
[www.ohioforest.org](http://www.ohioforest.org)

**12-13**  
**Ohio Society of American  
Foresters**  
OSU Columbus  
[www.ohiosaf.org](http://www.ohiosaf.org)

**13**  
**Wildlife Diversity Conference**  
Aladdin Shrine Temple,  
Columbus  
[www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com)

**23**  
**NW Ohio Woodland &  
Wildlife Family Festival**  
Williams Co. Fairgrounds,  
Montpelier  
Williams County SWCD  
(419) 636-9395

**MAY 7-8  
2013**  
**American Tree Farm System  
Fly-in**  
Washington, D.C.  
[advocacy@forestfoundation.org](mailto:advocacy@forestfoundation.org)

**JUNE 9-14  
2013**  
**Ohio Forestry & Wildlife  
Conservation Camp**  
FFA Camp Muskingum  
Carroll County  
[www.ohioforest.org](http://www.ohioforest.org)