

## **ODNR Division of Forestry Forest of Honor 2012 Randy and Koral Clum, Clum Forestry Consultants**

Randy and Koral Clum have established an outstanding reputation in Ohio that reflects not only the high quality of work they provide landowners, but the principles of good forestry they uphold. They are leaders in the forestry community, having served as board members, presidents, and members in professional forester and landowner associations such as the Ohio Society of American Foresters (OSAF), Ohio Forestry Association, East Central Ohio Forestry Association (ECOFA), Tree Farm System, and Association of Consulting Foresters. Both are Certified Foresters by the Society of American Foresters. In addition, Randy is a graduate of the Game of Logging, and enthusiastically shares his chainsaw safety and maintenance skills with landowners. Both Randy (1993) and Koral (1996) were awarded the Forester of the Year Award for the 20 state Northeast Area of Forest Resource Program Leaders, and Randy was twice selected as Regional Tree Farm Inspector of the Year.

The Clum's work is held in the highest regard by their professional peers and landowners alike. Koral and Randy are both very personable, which helps convince landowners to carry out the good forest practices they promote. They care about the landowner first, the future of their forest resource, and that the landowner's goals are met.

Randy is from Hilliard, Ohio and has a forest management degree from Ohio State University, and Koral's forestry degree is from Iowa State University (Cyclones) in her home state. Koral attended a natural resources camp during high school, and decided forestry was something that she could do to make a difference in the world. Randy credits a western family vacation trip as his inspiration to pursue forestry.

The Clums both began their forestry careers with the ODNR Division of Forestry, gaining experience on state forest, community, and private lands. Stan Richards introduced them at a state fair worker appreciation picnic, and they were married October 10, 1981. Happy 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary today!

Koral began practicing forestry in 1980 as a management forester at Shawnee State Forest, and in 1985 moved to working with landowners as a service forester for Tuscarawas, Holmes, and Wayne counties, following in the steps of Dave Woodring, Tom Berger, and Dave Schatz. Randy began his forestry career with the Division of Forestry in 1979 as an urban forester for northwest Ohio based out of Findlay, and joined Koral as a forester at Shawnee State Forest in 1981, where they resided at the Lombardsville ranger station. In 1985, Randy inherited Cloyce's service forestry project area of Carroll, Harrison, and Stark counties. Randy was an original member of the Ohio Inter-Agency Wildfire Crew and was on the first trip west to Colville, Washington. He left the Division to form Clum Forestry Consultants in 1997, and Koral joined him in 2000.

The Clums' approach their work as an educational opportunity for the landowner, doing what they as professional foresters think is best for the long-term sustainability of the woods while meeting or exceeding the landowner's expectations. They often hear from their clients who say "this turned out a lot better than I thought." The Clums consider themselves Gardeners for God-- applying proper management done right the first time, as advocates for the trees as well as the people.

Together, Clum Forestry Consultants boasts over 60 years of forest management experience. The Clums work out of their home in Dover and cover east-central Ohio, working with 50 to 75 landowners annually. The firm's goal is to promote and provide science-based forest management. Besides marking, selling, and supervising timber harvests, they do forest management plans, appraisals, and provide expert witness in forest related disputes.

Not only do the Clums practice forestry work away from home, but they enjoy caring for their own 150- acre Hepatica Falls Tree Farm in Harrison County. It is a beautiful, hilly property featuring three waterfalls and a view of an old railroad tunnel. Koral and Randy apply their forestry knowledge to the native hardwoods and a pine plantation, and they proudly display the management they have practiced there for others to see. Since they purchased the land in 1993, they have used it as an example for their individual clients and hosted tours and training sponsored by ECOFA, SWCD, OSU Extension, OSAF, and the Division of Forestry. It has been a special place to share the outdoors with their daughter Casey, now a preschool teacher in Denver, Colorado.

The Clums' excellent work, enthusiasm for sharing good forestry, and the many landowners they have positively influenced have made them our 2012 Forest of Honor recipients.

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