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Maple syrup

Every spring, an ad hoc group of interested student volunteers is led by Dr. Knapp, Dr. Muzika, Dr. Guyette and research technician Adam Haley to harvest, process, package and sell the sap of *Acer saccharum* as maple syrup. In other words, once a year CAFNR students and faculty collaborate to produce, process and sell a non-timber forest product (forest farming! agroforestry!) from 160 trees growing at the Baskett Wildlife Research and Education Center (<http://baskett.cafnr.org/>). Mark your calendars for late February 2016 to participate next year. Faithful volunteers are rewarded with syrup.



Maya Nut Institute presentations

Erika Vohman, the executive director of the Maya Nut Institute, will give a presentation at MU on Wednesday, April 29 at 6 p.m. She will talk about “Livelihoods, Forest Conservation and Women’s Empowerment in Central America: The work of the Maya Nut Institute.”

The event will be in the Leadership Auditorium on the second floor of the MU Student Center and is free and open to the public. It is co-hosted by the University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry and the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources’ International Programs. A reception will follow at 7 p.m.

Vohman will also present a Forestry department seminar on May 1 from 3-4 p.m. (123 ABNR Building) on the conservation value of the Maya nut (*Brosimum alicastrum*).

REGISTER NOW: 2015 Agroforestry Academy

This year’s third Agroforestry Academy will be held from July 20-24, 2015 in Columbia, Mo. The week-long training includes classroom workshops, on-farm visits and practical agroforestry planning and design, led by experienced trainers. Advanced training is provided on the five recognized temperate zone agroforestry practices integrated with options for bioenergy, marketing, economic, policy, social dimensions and environmental services. Full registration (including lodging and food) is \$1,000/person (limited scholarships available for U.S. military veterans and/or limited resource beginning farmers). For more information, email Michael Gold at goldm@missouri.edu or Gregory Ormsby Mori at ormsbyg@missouri.edu.

KUDOS

Ph.D. poster presentation

Ryan Dibala, Ph.D. student of Dr. Shibu Jose, presented a poster entitled “Ecological interactions among trees, fodder shrubs, and an improved grass in two stages of succession in tropical silvopastoral systems in Panama” at the From Poverty to Promise Conference sponsored by the Deaton Institute for University Leadership in International Development, April 13, 2015, MU Campus. The From Poverty to Promise Conference seeks to stimulate dialogue on new models of University-applied global development research and outreach to address critical problems of food security, health, and economic growth while enhancing internal capacity, sustainability, and resilience.

Presentation at the Endocrine Society

Ph.D. candidate in Biological Sciences Christopher (Chris) Kassotis presented his poster at the 97th Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, ENDO 2015, held March 5-8, 2015, in San Diego, California. **Kassotis received the Presidential Poster Competition Award** from the 2015 Endocrine Society for his poster titled “Endocrine Disrupting Activity of Oil and Gas Operation Chemicals and Health Outcomes Following Gestational Exposure in Mice.” Research team members also included: Dr. Chung-Ho Lin, Dr. Donald Tillitt (USGS), and Dr. Susan Carol Nagel (MU).

HIRING

UMCA now searching for two assistant research professors

The University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry is currently conducting national searches to fill two Assistant Research Professor positions. One is in Agroforestry Economics and Marketing; the other: Soil Ecology and Ecosystem Sustainability.

These positions are 12-month, 100 percent Research, ranked, non-tenure track appointments. The appointments are grant funded positions and salary is commensurate with experience. Full job descriptions and instructions on how to apply are available online: <http://hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job/academic/>.

Upcoming Events

April 27, 2015 — Beginning Veteran Farmer Workshop, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; St. Pat's Ballroom A, Havener Center, Rolla, Mo. Call or email with questions or to register for this free event. Dent County Extension Office, 573.729.3196 or hultines@missouri.edu

May 9, 2015 — Mushroom Cultivation workshop; Forage Systems Research Center, Linneus, Mo. Workshop costs \$20, which includes lunch and an inoculated log. Send registration and check to: MU Extension - Linn County, P.O. Box 81 Linneus, MO 64653

May 20 - 21, 2015 — Agroforestry Workshop: Incorporating trees and shrubs into contemporary agricultural systems, Topeka, Kan. Email Mary Howell (kfu.mary@gmail.com) or call 785.562.8726 for more information and registration.



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