



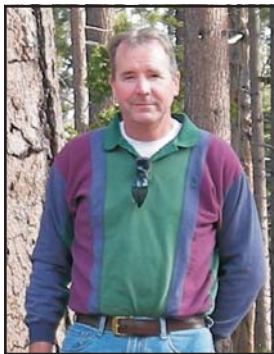
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## Comments from the Chair

### A Growing Season



For me, spring is always such a happy time. It is the opening bell of the coming growing season, which makes the forest and all its parts possible. Granted, there are things I do not like already about the season. The leaves are back, blocking vision through the woods. Where I once was able to see hundreds of yards through the woods, sometimes I can now see only a few yards ahead. I start watching my step

over logs – aware that it is where snakes may like to lay. I am already tired of gnats in the eyes and ears. And I've already pulled a good share of ticks off myself. I know in the coming months I can look forward to hardshell spiders, chiggers, and yellow jackets – and plenty of heat and humidity.

The growing season is what makes the forest and the life and benefits it sustains possible. The forestry profession has many different aspects – forest health and forest products are some examples. I have always been drawn to the forest management side – the growing of the trees. Maybe my interest is because of my upbringing. We always had a family garden, and I've continued that tradition. Until a few years ago, we never had a yard large enough so I could really expand my passion. But now I have a large enough yard that keeps me plenty busy as I try to provide a continual supply of fruits and vegetables for my family.

The forest, as it comes alive in the spring, is as exciting as when the first asparagus stalks start pushing up in the garden. Some of

the most noticeable things are firsts of the animals for the season, such as the first box turtle or first fawn. Then there is the multitude of birds, which seem to appear in a very short time – or maybe they were there and were just unheard. On a quiet spring morning in the woods, it really isn't quiet – it's a cacophony of bird songs. I forget how quiet the winter woods really are when spring gets here – because though there is always some bird calling, the number and variety is unmatched with spring's territorial and mating rituals.

The trees have their own quiet, but spectacular show. The leaves are the most obvious feature that bursts forth in the spring. But trees also put on a show of flowers. Oak flowers are nondescript, but result in an acorn that is a very important food source. Yellow Poplar flowers are showier. The not so showy basswood flowers blanket the vicinity with their sweet scent.

Unseen, the trees are adding another layer of wood to their stems and branches, and adding to their height and width. It all seems barely perceptible – like watching the sun move across the summer sky. But within a short time, the changes are as obvious as when that summer sun sets. Trees that I once planted and looked over the top of are now dozens of feet tall – rapidly approaching small sawtimber size. Regeneration openings I once prescribed are now filled with pole sized trees.

This to me is the essence of our profession and our legacy. The wonderful forest management work that we do today will be there for future generations of foresters and forest owners and users to enjoy and admire. And this is possible because every year for six months we have a growing season.

John Friedrich  
ISAF Chair

### Dale Weigel Named SAF Fellow



Congratulations to Indiana SAF member Dale Weigel for being named an SAF Fellow at the SAF Council meeting in late May. An SAF member since 1976, Dale has been employed with the USDA Forest Service Hoosier National Forest office in Bedford. Dale received a master's degree in Forest Ecology from Purdue University

and has authored or co-authored approximately thirty papers dealing with the central hardwood ecosystem. He has received SAF CFE certificates in 1988, 1995, and 1999. He is an SAF Certified Forester.

During the late 1980s and early 1990s Dale helped organize the ISAF Legislative Breakfasts for the State legislature. He has held several positions on the ISAF board, including Chair during 1999. Today, he is Chair of the Investment Committee. Dale has also volunteered his time at the ISAF booth at the National FFA Career show the past eight years.

When notified of being named SAF fellow, Dale has said that at the start of his career, he never would have imagined one day receiving this award. "I have been fortunate to be around other outstanding foresters, especially those on the investment committee."



## Certified Forester Recertification Reminders

The *CF Program Handbook* contains detailed information on SAF's Certified Forester program. The *Handbook* is available at [www.certifiedforester.org](http://www.certifiedforester.org) Recertification occurs every three years. Certified Foresters must adhere to the following continuing education guidelines to maintain the CF credential.

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A total of 60 CFE credit hours is required for recertification.

#### **Individuals with a recertification date *BEFORE* February 1, 2011**

**Cat 1-CF and/or Cat 1-FCA**  
30 credit hours, minimum

A maximum of 30 credit hours may be distributed between Categories 2 and 3.

**Category 2** – Not to exceed 30 credit hours  
**Category 3** – Not to exceed 25 credit hours

#### **Individuals with a recertification date *AFTER* February 1, 2011**

**Cat 1-CF** – 40 credit hours, minimum

A maximum of 20 credit hours may be distributed among categories 1-FCA, 2, and 3.

### **Specific CFE Requirements – Forest Certification Auditor**

**Cat 1-FCA** - 20 twenty hours, minimum

These 20 hours may also be used for the Certified Forester credential.

CFs may update their continuing forestry education record by completing a **Personal Continuing Education Form (PCEF)** or through the SAF website at [www.safnet.org/events/cfe](http://www.safnet.org/events/cfe)

### **Standards of Professional Practice**

Standards of Professional Practice guide one's personal practice in forestry, and, if violated, are grounds for adverse action, including denial or revocation of one's certification.

### **Certification Fees**

Certification fees must be submitted on an annual basis. Fees may be paid through mail; fax; or the web at [www.certifiedforester.org](http://www.certifiedforester.org).

Annual Renewal Fee

*SAF members* – \$35

*non-SAF members* – \$60

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**Indiana Society of American Foresters**  
**2009 Summer Meeting**  
**August 19th and 20th • Indianapolis, Indiana**  
**Forest Topics for the Hoosier Forester**

**Wednesday August 19th**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel - Airport**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Board Room – Executive Committee Meeting  Lunch on your own
12:30 PM	Greeting
12:45PM	“Call Before You Cut” Outreach Campaign <i>Dan Ernst – Assistant State Forester</i> <i>Duane McCoy – Timber License Forester</i>
1:15 PM	Indiana Forestry Exchange Website <i>Dan Ernst – Assistant State Forester</i> <i>Duane McCoy – Timber License Forester</i>
2:15 PM	Break
2:30 PM	Family Forest <i>Brett Butler Ph.D. – U.S. Forest Service</i>
3:30 PM	Hardwood Tree Improvement <i>Lenny Farlee – Purdue University</i>
4:30 PM	Adjourn
6:00 PM	Banquet Dinner
7:00 PM	Business Meeting

**Thursday August 20th**

8:00 AM	Load up for Field Day
8:30 AM	Lugar Farm – Plantation Research, Old & New <i>Lenny Farlee – Purdue University</i>
11:30 AM	Head to Veneer Mill Tour & Stop for Lunch
1:30 PM	Veneer Mill Tour <i>Jeff Settles – DNR</i>
3:00 PM	Load up For Motel
4:00 PM	Adjourn



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