



# THE REGISTERED FORESTER

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## Alabama SAF Honors Members

# Brinker, Johnson and Lowe Receive Awards

### Brinker and Johnson Inducted into Alabama Foresters Hall of Fame

Dr. Richard W. Brinker (RF#1636) and Jerry L. Johnson (RF#0681) were inducted into the Alabama Foresters Hall of Fame during the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Division of the Society of American Foresters last May. This recognition is bestowed on professional foresters who have made outstanding contributions to forestry in Alabama, other states or internationally. Both are Registered Foresters in Alabama.

Dick and Jerry join forty eight other foresters whose careers have spanned over fifty years and have been recognized for this award by their peers.

Dick holds an MBA from the University of Southern Mississippi and a BS and Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. He gained experience in land management, wood procurement, timber harvesting and lumber mill management from twelve years in the forest products industry. In 1988 Dick joined the faculty at Auburn's School of Forestry, holding an extension and teaching position until his appointment as dean in 1998.

During his tenure at Auburn, Dick has been instrumental in logger training in the state. He developed and taught the Alabama Professional Logging Manager



Dr. Dick Brinker (left) is recognized by Jim Martin (center) while Alabama Division SAF Chair Phillip Sassnett (right) looks on.

## Clean Water Partnerships Need Your Participation

The Alabama Clean Water Partnership Project is a coordinated effort of public and private stakeholders to restore and protect the state's river basins in accordance with the goals of the Clean Water Act. The national Clean Water Action Plan, ([www.cleanwater.gov](http://www.cleanwater.gov)) coordinated in Alabama by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and the Natural Resource Conservation Service, encourages the involvement of local citizens to address the protection and restoration of our nation's water resources. One key action in this plan is to use a watershed management approach to safeguard water quality.

Clean Water Partnership facilitators have been identified to carry out this process in the state's eleven watershed basins. Please see the map on page 5 for the names and locations of these basins.



Jerry Johnson is honored as he is inducted into the Alabama Foresters Hall of Fame by Phillip Sasnett

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**Board Highlights**

**Notes from the October Board of Registration for Foresters Meeting**

The Board met on October 24. Members present were new Board Chairman, Emmett Thompson, Lehman Bass, Karen Boyd, Leonard Breeman and Kenneth Day. Also, Executive Secretary Pam Sears and Legal Counsel Olivia Martin were present.

Six applications were approved for examination and certification. One was approved for reinstatement and two Foresters were granted reciprocity from the states of Mississippi and Georgia. Thirteen applicants passed the written exam and five passed the oral exam; all were approved for registration by the Board. Six applicants did not pass the exams.

It was reported that Kent Hanby will send a draft of the exam question bank that he is working on in early December and hopes to finalize the question bank in January.

Dates for the 2002 written Registered Forester exams were set as: January 9, April 10, July 10 and October 9. No oral exams will be given by the Board in 2002.

Discussions were held regarding ways to strengthen the Act which governs the practice of forestry in the state. Some of the issues to be looked at include: new definitions for "the practice of forestry" and other terms as well as increasing the fines for practicing forestry without a license. These revisions will be considered at a later date by the Board.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Maine State Board of Registration for Foresters requesting that Alabama grant reciprocity to Maine Registered Foresters. The Board agreed to accept Maine Foresters that meet Alabama licensing requirements.

The Chairman reported that the Board had appeared before the Legislative Sunset Committee in October for its five year review. As is policy, the Examiners of Public Accounts review the Board's operations and make a report to the Sunset Committee which oversees this Board and many other such bodies. There were no findings or recommendations from the Examiners office and this was duly noted by the Sunset Committee. The Board was commended for doing an excellent job protecting the public and ensuring the regulations they are charged with enforcing are followed.

**State Board of Registration  
for Foresters**

**Emmett Thompson**

Chairman

*Forest Stewardship Committee*

*Public Information Committee*

**Karen Boyd**

Vice Chairman

*Examination Committee*

**Kenneth Day**

Secretary

*Finance & Administration Committee*

**Lehman Bass**

*Violations Committee*

*Continuing Education Committee*

*Rules & Regulations Committee*

**Leonard G. Breeman**

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Executive Assistant - Pamela B. Sears

Editor - Rick Oates

Asst. Attorney General - Olivia Martin

**Don't Forget!!! You must  
renew your license by  
December 31, 2001.  
If you do not, you will be  
required to reapply for  
Registered Forester status.**

**2002 Fees  
Registered Foresters**

<b>Application Fees</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
<b>Renewal Fees</b>	
<b>Active</b>	<b>\$ 75</b>
<b>Inactive</b>	<b>\$ 30</b>
<b>Late</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
<b>Reinstatement</b>	<b>\$125</b>
<b>Reexamination</b>	<b>\$100</b>

## What's Going on in Alabama's Forests?

- ◆ **Barnett and Edna King** were named the 2001 National Tree Farmers of the Year at the 60th meeting of the American Tree Farm System in Hershey, Pennsylvania on November 8th. The Kings have a 440 acre tree farm near Luverne and have been in the business of growing trees for over 40 years. They not only grow timber, but are active members of the forestry community. They are involved in the Alabama Forestry Association, the Alabama Treasure Forest Association, the Alabama Tree Farm program and the Private Forest Management Team.
- ◆ To share their land with others, the Kings, in conjunction with their local school system have created an outdoor learning environment that is open to public and private school children in the state, adult groups, boy and girl scouts and other organizations who enjoy camping, hiking, walking nature trails and other outdoor projects. Through a Legacy grant, they purchased materials to build four learning stations, restrooms, picnic tables, walking trails and covered bridges on their property. Much of the lumber for these projects was grown on their property. Congratulations to Alabama's first National Tree Farmers!
- ◆ The Legislative Tag Committee recently reapproved the **Forestry License Plate**. This action is required every five years. The slightly redesigned tag will be available for purchase where you normally buy your tags in the near future. The forestry tag costs fifty dollars more than a regular tag, with all of this money less a small administrative fee, going to the Alabama Forests Forever Foundation to provide grants for groups wanting to conduct forestry education projects. It also pays for the Forests Forever education and publicity campaign. Please buy a tag and show your support for this important effort to educate Alabamians about the importance of forestry.
- ◆ The Alabama Forestry Association and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management recently announced a partnership designed to catch individuals who dump garbage at illegal county dump sites. **Operation Trash Cam** will place small cameras outfitted with motion detectors at known dump sites to film illegal dumping activity. According to ADEM Director Jim Warr, "the Cameras will provide surveillance and a record for posterity that can be used to take enforcement action. Illegal dumping can cause health hazards, pollution problems and attract rodents." ADEM can fine illegal dumpers up to \$25,000 a day under existing laws and order them to clean up the dump site.
- ◆ **Steve Guy (RF#718)**, Director of Forestry Programs for the Alabama Farmers Federation won the Bill Moody  
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### Change of Address Form

Please note any changes to your personal information as found in the Roster of Registered Foresters and fax, mail, or email them to the Alabama Board of Registration for Foresters at: 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130; (fax) 334-353-3641; pbsears@earthlink.net.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## New Registered Foresters

**Richard S. Caldwell #1853**

Larson & McGowin, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2143  
Mobile, AL 36652  
334/438-4581

**Charles Tyson Fountain #1851**

International Paper  
P.O. Box 932  
Troy, AL 36081  
334/566-9644

**Sean Peter Frankowski #1852**

Interanational Forest Company  
P.O. Box 1042  
Demopolis, AL 36732  
334/287-0106

**Alan Jarod Fryman #1858**

T.R. Miller Mill Company  
P.O. Box 708  
Brewton, AL 36427  
334/867-1216

**Jeffery Allen Graves #1866**

Forest Systems, LLC  
3058 County Road 92  
Rogersville, AL 35652  
256/247-6921

**Andrew Stephen Guy #1861**

Alabama Forestry Commission  
P.O. Box 302550  
Montgomery, AL 36130  
334/534-6594

**Pat C. Jones #1867**

Woodland Services, Inc.  
870 Keelon Gap Road  
Spruce Pine, AL 35585  
256/331-7416

**Donald James Lancaster #1868**

Butler & Gardiner, Inc.  
P.O. Box 88  
Demopolis, AL 36732  
334/289-0051

**James Daniel Lauderdale #1859**

Coastal Lumber Company  
P.O. Box 578  
Thomasville, AL 36784  
334/636-9622

**Jonathan Wade Lowery #1850**

Gulf States Paper Company  
132 K.R. Sanders Road  
Gordo, AL 35466  
205/373-8515

**Carl Scott Martens #1864**

Hines Steele & Steele  
P.O. Box 288  
Beatrice, AL 36425  
334/789-2120

**Cory Wright Martin #1856**

Judson, Inc.  
P.O. Box 388  
Pennington, AL 36916  
334/654-2707

**John Nolan McDaniel #1869**

Norboard  
4400 Banton Industrial Blvd.  
Lanett, AL 36863  
334/576-1500

**Glenn Charles McLean #1857**

Cahaba Forest Management  
18 Country Hills Road  
Montevallo, AL 35115  
205/663-8164

**James Robert Milstead #1870**

Cahaba Forest Management  
3891 Klein Road  
Harpersville, AL 35078  
205/672-8311

**John Downing Potter #1863**

Louisiana Pacific Corporation  
902 Main Sreet SE  
Hanceville, AL 35077  
205/352-3100

**John Boyd Robinson #1855**

Great South Timber, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1358  
Brewton, AL 36427  
334/867-6087

**Scott Jerrel Smith #1865**

Alabama Forestry Commission  
P.O. Box 278  
Centerville, AL 35042  
205/926-4917

**Clayton Carl Snider**

Alabama Forestry Commission  
P.O. Box 768  
Columbiana, AL 35051  
205/669-4133

**Timothy Wade Thornhill #1862**

Louisiana Pacific Corporation  
902 Main Sreet SE  
Hanceville, AL 35077  
205/352-3100

**Jeffrey Verner Thurmond #1854**

USDA Natural Resource Conser-  
vation Service  
P.O. Box 311  
Auburn, AL 36832  
334/821-4510

**Michael B. Turnipseed #1872**

Alco Land & Timber Company  
2 Crest Court  
Mobile, Alabama 36608  
251/457-9291

**Roger Curtis VanWyck #1871**

Weyerhaeuser Company  
PO Box 336  
Pine Hill, Alabama 36769  
334/682-4100





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## Why should You Get Involved?

As you know, we are all being forced to comply with ever increasing environmental regulations, especially the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). Each industry and community has unique needs and requirements that must be met and to this point we have all been working independently to meet these needs. The partnership approach enables groups to develop collaborative programs that meet multiple needs, eliminate duplication of tasks and allow for effective and efficient use of available resources.

Through the Clean Water Partnership Project, watershed management plans for Alabama's rivers will be developed and implemented. Participation in the Partnership allows community-based groups, units of government, industry, special interest groups, and individuals to pull together available resources to develop and implement programs that address and meet the needs of diverse interests more efficiently and cost-effectively.

A steering committee, comprised of stakeholders representing basin-wide interests, has been created

within each river basin to facilitate communication and the exchange of information, and to provide vision for the protection and restoration of Alabama's rivers.

River basins are further defined into smaller geographical areas from dam to dam, or by river section. For each river section, one local entity (government, nonprofit organization, public utility, or industry) will coordinate efforts within the river section. Local stakeholders, representing diverse interests such as agricultural, local and state government, forestry, public health, utilities, environmental, industry, economic developers, recreational, educational, and regulators will participate by serving on a River Section Stakeholder Committee.

Again, we come to the question, why should you get involved? One of the end results of this project will hopefully be more and better data for the development of TMDLs which will no doubt have a tremendous impact on the practice of forestry in Alabama. We all need to take active roles in these basin projects. If you don't, someone else will, and they may not have your job or the forests of Alabama in mind. For more information on the specific basins, or the work of the partnership in general, contact the person listed below.

### **Alabama AND Tombigbee River Basins (# 6& 2)**

Contact: Dawn Howard (334) 271-1444,  
dhoward@ch2m.com

### **Black Warrior River Basin (#3)**

Contact: Fred Guarino (205) 251-8139 x 21,  
warriorcwp@netscape.net

### **Cahaba River Basin (#4)**

Contact: Suzanne Davidson (205) 251-8139,  
Suzdl@aol.com

### **Chattahoochee-Chipola River Basins (#8)**

Contact: Allison Newell (334) 514-8326,  
arnawwa@aol.com

### **Choctawhatchee-Pea-Yellow River Basins (#10)**

Contact: Allison Newell (334) 514-8326,  
arnawwa@aol.com

### **Coastal River Basins (#11)**

Contact: Eve Brantley (334) 438-5690,  
brantef@acesag.auburn.edu

### **Connecuh-Sepulga River Basins (#9)**

Contact: Janet Wofford (334) 222-3271,  
arnawwa@aol.com

### **Coosa River Basin (#5)**

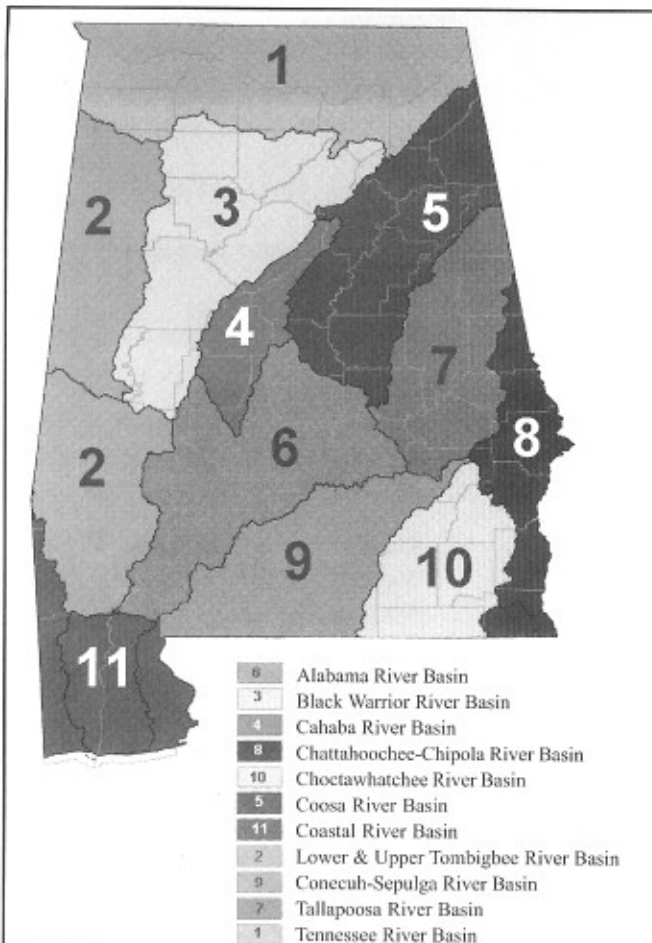
Contact: Sabra Sutton (334) 271-1444,  
ssutton@ch2m.com

### **Tallapoosa River Basin (#7)**

Contact: John Ricketts (334) 271-1444,  
jrickett@ch2m.com

### **Tennessee River Basin (#1)**

Contact: Vicky Mitchell (256) 353-6146 x2,  
vicky.mitchell@tennesseeriver-cwp.org



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Course which has now trained over 2,700 logging contractors and others.

Jerry is currently the State Staff Forester with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, formerly the Soil Conservation Service (SCS). He received a BS in forest management from Auburn in 1970 and has worked with the SCS/NRCS since graduation.

Jerry was instrumental in the development of the Alabama TREASURE Forest Program, which became the model for the National Stewardship program. Last year he was recognized as the Soil Conservationist of the Year at the Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards banquet sponsored by the Alabama Wildlife Federation.

Both Dick and Jerry have contributed significantly to forestry in Alabama and nationally. Congratulations to these outstanding Foresters!

**Mark Lowe Named 2001  
Outstanding Young Forester**

Robert Mark Lowe (RF#1369) was selected as the Alabama Division SAF Outstanding Young Forester for 2001. This award is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to forestry by a young profes-

sional forester. Qualifications include active membership in SAF, peer nomination, under 40 years of age and being a Registered Forester in Alabama.

Mark graduated from Auburn with a degree in Forest Engineering in 1986. He is currently the Silvicultural Team Leader for International Paper in the Chapman area. He has been aggressive in achieving cost effective site preparation and reforestation prescriptions and innovative in road construction and maintenance. Mark was also a leader in coordinating the implementation of International Paper's ISO 14000 Environmental Management System certification in Alabama.

Mark is married and has two daughters and a son. He enjoys teaching children's Sunday school classes and coaching basketball, soccer and baseball. He is an active member of the SAF and the Alabama Forestry Association.

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Award a the Alabama landowner and TREASURE Forest Recognition Dinner held on October 25 in Auburn. The Award goes to someone who has made significant contributions to forestry in Alabama and has been active with the Forestry Planning Committee and the TREASURE Forest Program.

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