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As always, articles and photos are always welcome!!!

My email address is below and at the end of the newsletter for joining or unsubscribing. Please contact me direct for your questions and concerns.
Thanks!
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Have you checked out the New Urban Wood Exchange Website yet???
http://www.urbanwoodexchange.org/

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Notes from the International Woodworking Fair

Hi NC Urban Wood Group,

I'm happy to report that the seminar went very well. We had about 70 in the audience as many of the 119 who registered to attend for free did not show up.

Still, considering we were slated for Friday afternoon, after the show attendance started to abate, I think that number is pretty good. Plus, the vast majority stayed for the entire session including the Q&A which went 15 minutes OT.

Thanks to the Southeastern Urban Wood Exchange for the support. I will send you a link to the IWF story after I write it in the next couple of days. Also coming your way will be a final registration list, which I will forward after I receive it from the show.
In the meantime, I'm forward a couple of handouts I put together for distribution at the conference.

Thanks again for the support!

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A link to Rich's Urban Wood Resource Guide is here: http://illinoisurbanwood.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Urban-Wood-Users-Guide-Final.8-30-16.pdf

The IWF story is available here: http://illinoisurbanwood.org/passions-run-high-at-iwf-urban-wood-seminar/

Online Resources

Wood Education and Resource Center Update:
Urban Wood Utilization Webcast
October 11, 2016
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern
This webcast will focus on state and regional updates on urban wood utilization. **Use this link to attend**. For the telephone conference portion, dial 888-844-9904 and use access code 7578516#.

Talking Sawmills & Logsplitting Equipment: Here are some tips for tree care pros considering purchasing a portable sawmill or log splitter. We asked experts from several leading equipment manufacturers: "What's the one thing tree care professionals need to consider when purchasing a portable sawmill or log splitter?"
Here's what they had to say…

State and Private Forestry Report Highlights Accomplishments and Emerging Trends in Forestry
WASHINGTON (September 7, 2016)—The National Association of State Foresters (NASF) has released the 2016 State and Private Forestry Report which includes success stories and an overview of emerging issues and trends that were recently identified by the state forestry agencies.
The report, available for download at stateforesters.org, includes an analysis of a recent review of the state forestry agency strategies and assessments, collectively known as the Forest Action Plans. The Forest Action Plans, created more than five years ago, are the strategic roadmap for America's trees and forests. The 2016 State and Private Forestry report illustrates how the Forest Action Plans have helped direct limited resources to priority areas where they are needed most.

Great Designs in Wood (72) - The (New) Tallest Wooden Building in the World
Based on the architectural trends, this is a post that will be updated frequently, as we'll probably have a new leader in the wooden skyscraper race every year or so from now on. This year the focus is on the new Brock Commons building at the University of British Columbia, which you may recall we visited last year. It was just topped off this past week, with full construction of the eighteen floors completed in just sixty-six days after the completion of the structure's concrete central cores.

WERC Map Viewer Now Available

To quickly and easily learn about Wood Innovations grants throughout the country, the Forest Service developed a map feature. The feature allows you to easily identify projects funded in a state or region and then obtain basic details of the funded projects. These details include contract information, brief project overview, funding amounts, and results --- if the project is completed. To try the map viewer, go to the WERC home page and scroll down towards the bottom of the page.

City Insists She Cut Down Her 110-Year-Old Tree, Then Stranger Turns It Into Wooden Masterpiece—BARBARA DIAMOND
Sara, a Washington state resident, originally bought her house because of the giant cedar tree that graced her front yard. Over the years, however, the tree began to deteriorate, lose its limbs, and become a dangerous hazard to the neighborhood.
The city insisted that Sara have the tree chopped down and removed.
The homeowner agreed to cut down the 110-year-old tree, but instead of having it turned to mulch or firewood, Sara decided to give it a beautiful new purpose. She wanted to turn the old tree into a library.

News from NC

SFN Today - Southern Farm Network - August 23, 2016 by Rhonda Garrison

The North Carolina Forest Service has teamed up with the Urban Forest Council on a web-based resource for cities and town that want to do something with urban trees that have been removed.

NC Ag Commissioner Steve Troxler says the Forest Service is attempting to address the problem through the Southeastern Urban Wood Exchange. This is a website that encourages the highest and best use of this wood by connecting cities that remove urban trees with local businesses or individuals who want that wood.

Safety Notes

Chain Saw Safety—OSHA Quick Card
Operating a chain saw is inherently hazardous. Potential injuries can be minimized by using proper personal protective equipment and safe operating procedures.
Before Starting a Chain Saw
- Check controls, chain tension, and all bolts and handles to ensure that they are functioning properly and that they are adjusted according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Make sure that the chain is always sharp and the lubrication reservoir is full.
- Start the saw on the ground or on another firm support. Drop starting is never allowed.
- Start the saw at least 10 feet from the fueling area, with the chain's brake engaged.

Fueling a Chain Saw
- Use approved containers for transporting fuel to the saw.
- Dispense fuel at least 10 feet away from any sources of ignition when performing construction activities. No smoking during fueling.
- Use a funnel or a flexible hose when pouring fuel into the saw.
- Never attempt to fuel a running or HOT saw.

Chain Saw Safety
- Clear away dirt, debris, small tree limbs and rocks from the saw's chain path. Look for nails, spikes or other metal in the tree before cutting.
- Shut off the saw or engage its chain brake when carrying the saw on rough or uneven terrain.
- Keep your hands on the saw's handles, and maintain secure footing while operating the saw.
- Proper personal protective equipment must be worn when operating the saw, which includes hand, foot, leg, eye, face, hearing and head protection.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing.
- Be careful that the trunk or tree limbs will not bind against the saw.
- Watch for branches under tension, they may spring out when cut.
- Gasoline-powered chain saws must be equipped with a protective device that minimizes chain saw kickback.
- Be cautious of saw kick-back. To avoid kick-back, do not saw with the tip. If equipped, keep tip guard in place.

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