Win With Wood 2013

Quicksand, Kentucky, October 17, 2013. Aren’t traditions wonderful? Don’t you just love the ones associated with the fall of the year? Well once again “Mother Nature” didn’t disappoint us. The Win With Wood Day started with rain and continued with intermittent showers all day. I believe this is the fifth year in a row that it has rained the same day as WWW.

One hundred and eighty students, teachers, and volunteers, in rain gear, started arriving at the Wood Center around 9:00 am to participate in this year’s event. Participants this year included: Breathitt County with Mr. Kenneth Combs, and 20 of his Technology Students of America, also from Breathitt County, Mrs. Sherri Stewart with 20 FFA students and Mr. Gene Booth with 13 of his Area Technology Center students. McCreary Central High, Mr. Cameron Lee and 27 FFA students, Wolfe County, Steve Koutoulas with 13 students, Magoffin County 4-H, Russell Sparks with 7 students, Carter County 4-H, Mrs. Rebecca Konopka, with 8 students, Mr. Steve Mobley, Knott Co. Central FFA, 16 students, Mr. Orville Bennett, Lee Co. FFA, 12 students and 2 home schooled students from Breathitt County.

The students spent most of the day competing individually in the following events. Compass and Pacing, Forestry Equipment/Tools ID, Invasive Plant ID, Soil and Land Judging, Tree ID, Tree Measurement, Wood ID, Woodworking Tool ID. No individual points are awarded for these two events: Team Woodworking, and Individual Woodworking. The senior student with the highest overall score wins a $500.00 scholarship to the College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky. The scholarship is endowed by the Kentucky Forest Industries Association and the University Of Kentucky College Of Agriculture.

The 2013 WWW senior competition resulted in a first place tie. Mr. Michael Ammerman, Lee County High School FFA and Mr. Cody Pryor, McCreary Central High School FFA tied with identical scores. Congratulations to Michael and his Agriculture teacher, Orville Bennett and congratulations to Cody and his Agriculture teacher, Cameron Lee. Both students received first place medallions and the scholarship was awarded to Cody Pryor of McCreary Central FFA. The second place senior high scorer was Johnathan Boyatt of McCreary Central FFA and the third place senior high scorer was Dylan Jones of McCreary Central FFA. Congratulations to all the students and teachers/advisors.

The 2013 WWW junior competition winners were first place Elijah Rudd, Magoffin Co. 4-H, Russell Sparks, 4-H agent, second place Jacob Peterson, Magoffin Co. 4-H, Russell Sparks, 4-H agent, and third place winner was Jordan Shellabarger, Carter County 4-H, Rebecca Konopka, 4-H agent. Congratulations to the junior winners and their 4-H agents. We look forward to see you next year.

The individual woodworking and team woodworking events were very well represented this year with creative and very well made projects. The entries included: a hanging light fixture, tree lamp, walking sticks, child’s bench/picnic table, keepsake box, and Christmas centerpieces featuring forest found materials. Breathitt County Area Technology Center students, Gene Booth, instructor; the Breathitt County FFA students, Sherry Stewart, instructor; and Breathitt County High School Technology Students
of America, Kenneth Combs, instructor; entered the woodworking events. All entries in the woodworking events received blue ribbons.

The WWW event was supported by many including: University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Bryan Equipment Sales, Inc., Kentucky Forest Industries Association, UK Family and Consumer Sciences, Kentucky Division of Forestry, Breathitt, Carter, Magoffin County Cooperative Extension Service, RCARS, and the UK Department of Forestry Cooperative Extension. The 2014 Win With Wood event will be held at the Wood Center, Jackson, Ky on October 16th.

Bob Bauer, Director, Kentucky Forest Industries Association with the 4 medallion winners of the WWW Senior Division: Cody Pryor (Scholarship winner), McCreary Central FFA, Michael Ammerman, Lee County FFA, Johnathan Boyatt, McCreary Central FFA, and Dylan Jones, McCreary Central FFA.
Bob Bauer, Director Kentucky Forest Industry Association with the top three medallion winners in the WWW Junior division, L to R: (Third place) Jordan Shellabarger, Carter County 4-H, Elijah Rudd (First place) Magoffin County 4-H, and, Jacob Peterson (Second place) Magoffin County 4-H.