

2012 A. B. Brooks Memorial Forestry Symposium Registration

**AG & FORESTRY DAY AT THE
LEGISLATURE
Tuesday, February 14, 2012**

- 9:30 a.m. Legislative Briefing - Everyone come to the Capitol. Exhibits, legislative visits and meeting with the legislators
- 3:30 p.m. WVFA Board of Directors Meeting at the Ramada Charleston Downtown
- 6:00 p.m. Legislative Reception
"A Taste of West Virginia"
A joint reception sponsored by WVFA, the WV Farm Bureau, and various other forestry and agricultural groups held at the Ramada Charleston Downtown

PROGRAM

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

(This program is not yet approved for CFE credit. Conference organizers plan to request CFE credit from the Society of American Foresters. The total number of approved credits is yet to be determined.)

- 7:30 a.m. Buffet Breakfast - Awards
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome - Donna Reckart, WVFA President; Legislative Topics & Current Forestry Issues
- Noon Deli Buffet Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. SFI Meeting

**Finalized Agenda to be listed in
the February 2012 Forestry Monitor**

For room reservations at the Ramada Charleston Downtown, call 304-344-4092 and mention that you are with the WVFA A. B. Brooks Forestry Symposium.

*Room reservations should be called in to the Hotel before room block cut off date of
January 31, 2012.*

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2012!!!!**

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Early-Bird Registration ENDS JANUARY 31, 2012!!!!

**Complete package includes: Legislative Reception, Breakfast, Lunch & Program!!*

Complete Package

- \$70.00 Early-Bird Registration(Member)
- \$80.00 Registration (Member)
- \$85.00 Early-Bird Registration(Non-Member)
- \$95.00 Registration (Non-Member)

Buffet Breakfast ONLY

- \$25.00 Early-Bird Registration(Member)
- \$30.00 Registration (Member)
- \$40.00 Early-Bird Registration(Non-Member)
- \$45.00 Registration (Non-Member)

Program ONLY

- \$15.00 Early-Bird Registration(Member)
- \$20.00 Registration (Member)
- \$30.00 Early-Bird Registration(Non-Member)
- \$35.00 Registration (Non-Member)

Legislative Reception ONLY

- \$30.00 Early-Bird Registration (Member)
- \$35.00 Registration (Member)
- \$45.00 Early-Bird Registration(Non-Member)
- \$50.00 Registration (Non-Member)

Deli Buffet Lunch ONLY

- \$30.00 Early-Bird Registration(Member)
- \$35.00 Registration (Member)
- \$45.00 Early-Bird Registration(Non-Member)
- \$50.00 Registration (Non-Member)

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A. B. Brooks Memorial Forestry Symposium

The annual A. B. Brooks Memorial Forestry Symposium was inaugurated in 1986 to honor and commemorate West Virginia's first and most illustrious forester.

His full name was Alonzo Beecher Brooks, although he was simply "A. B." to friends and acquaintances. He was born May 6, 1873. The Brooks family lived near French Creek, Upshur County, West Virginia, on a typical West Virginia hill farm.

There was no money for college; so A. B. taught himself plane surveying and began the preparation of a map that included every road and every dwelling (outside the corporate limits of Buckhannon) in Upshur County. In 1905, the map was completed and sales provided funds for his entrance to West Virginia University. Since there were few public high schools, A. B. spent two years in college preparation courses, then began a baccalaureate program (1908) which included the first forestry courses ever offered at the University. He was a member of the first graduating class that had instruction in forestry.

He then accepted an appointment as forester from the West Virginia Geological Survey (1910-1911) to collect data for, and to prepare a survey of West Virginia's forest resources, county by county. This detailed study resulted in a book of 486 pages and was published as *Forestry and Wood Industries*, Volume 5 of the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey, in 1911. It is the classic on the State's early forest conditions and resources.

A. B. later served as forester for the West Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, where he worked on a program

concerned with stopping the spread of chestnut blight. From West Virginia, he moved to the state of New York and spent two years in its Conservation Department. After this, he returned to West Virginia where he soon published a 242-page book (*West Virginia Trees*). This book included identification data, descriptions, ranges and a detailed drawing of every tree species known to occur within the State. Originally published by West Virginia University in 1920, it was reprinted in 1951 and republished in 1972.

In 1921, West Virginia's first Conservation Commission was established, and A. B. became its first director with the title of Chief Game Protector. Under his administration, the first State forest (Seneca) and the first State park (Watoga) were established.

When Colonel E. W. Oglebay left his 700-acre Waddington Farms to the city of Wheeling, a recreational and educational program of music, nature study, handicrafts, horticulture and other cultural activities was instituted. A. B. became Oglebay Institute's first Staff Naturalist. His Sunday morning bird walks along Oglebay's trails gradually developed into the internationally famous Brooks Bird Club.

He died on May 16, 1944.

We invite you to attend the 2012 Symposium, the 27th annual, being held at the Ramada Charleston Downtown (formerly the Charleston House Holiday Inn).

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February 15-16, 2012**

Charleston House Hotel
600 Kanawha Blvd., East
Charleston, WV

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