

In Memory



THOMAS "TIM" McCLURE

Thomas "Tim" McClure passed away unexpectedly on May 10, 2008. Tim was the treasurer for the Kentucky Exotic Pest Plant Council at the time of his death. He had only recently taken on the position, but had been a KY EPPC board member for several years.

Tim was the Forest Health Specialist for the Kentucky Division of Forestry and was instrumental in the detection and treatment of hemlock woolly adelgid. Tim took great strides in making sure that all partners (public and private) were aware of the threat that adelgids are to Kentucky's hemlocks. He provided training to local officials and legislators in southeastern and eastern Kentucky, public agencies (parks, fish and wildlife, nature preserves, forestry, US Forest Service, etc.), and recruited "spotters" from local boy scout troops, ATV clubs, hiking clubs and mountain biking clubs. Tim was part of the group that founded "Save Kentucky's Hemlocks," a coalition of individuals and organizations that had just received more than \$100,000 in funds to help eradicate the adelgids threatening our hemlocks.

Tim not only battled hemlock woolly adelgid, he monitored for the incoming emerald ash borer, sudden oak death pathogen, beech bark disease, exotic bark beetles, and invasive exotic plants. He was an active member of the professional organization, the Southern Group of State Forester's Forest Health Task Force, and the in-state working group, the Kentucky Forest Health Task Force. He also provided training to Division of Forestry foresters and ranger technicians on insect/disease and invasive plant threats.

Tim's delightful sense of humor and his respectful, professional integrity made him a truly valuable employee and an honored coworker. The loss of Tim has turned our world on its side. He is greatly missed by his coworkers and those who knew him.

— Diana Olszowy, Kentucky Division of Forestry

Memorial Created to Kathy Craddock Burks (1946 – 2006)

On Friday, June 13, 2008, a memorial to Kathy Craddock Burks was placed on the campus of Florida State University, close to the R. K. Godfrey Herbarium. Kathy passed away in 2006. Kathy received a Master of Science degree in Biological Science from FSU in 1992. She was always a devoted advocate for the herbarium, bringing positive attention and critically needed financial resources to this important educational and research resource.



Kathy served FLEPPC as Chair of the Invasive Species List Committee for many years, and was active in FLEPPC outreach activities. During her career, she also served as Chair of the Science Committee for the Florida Wildflower Advisory Council, and as a member of the Florida Endangered Plants Advisory Council. She was known as one of the state's foremost experts on invasive plant species and provided expert plant identification services for biologists and public land managers throughout the state. Whether invasive plants, rare plants, or roadside wildflowers, Kathy was involved with helping to bring good science to decisions regarding all of these important conservation issues.

FLEPPC's Kathy Craddock Burks Education Grant REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – FY2009

FLEPPC is soliciting grant proposals for non-native invasive plant education and outreach projects in Florida. Proposals will be accepted from individuals, public or private nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions.

Award preference will be given to proposals that:

- Involve a plant or plants listed on the FLEPPC 2007 List of Invasive Plant Species (found on www.fleppc.org);
- Heighten community awareness about non-native invasive plant identification, management, prevention, environmental and/or economic impacts;
- Are from first time applicants and involve new projects, although repeat applicants will be considered.

Application instructions and further information may be found on the FLEPPC website (www.fleppc.org).

The deadline for proposal submission is February 2, 2009. Winners will be announced in April 2009 at FLEPPC's annual conference.

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