Southern Ohio Forest Farming Conference

August 27-29, 2021

United Plant Savers Botanical Sanctuary; Rutland, Ohio

FULL SCHEDULE

Friday, August 27

4:00-5:30pm	Registration Vendors available
5:30-6:00pm	Welcome and Introductions
6:00-7:00pm	Dinner service
7:00-7:45pm	**Keynote with Bob Beyfuss** – *Income Opportunities from Forested Land* **Description**: Forested land can produce so much more than just timber. Bob Beyfuss, Independent Agroforestry Consultant will provide an overview of the many supplemental income opportunities from forested land.
7:45-8:30pm	**Q&A with Instructors** **Moderator**: Ed Fletcher **Instructors**: Bob Beyfuss, Eric Burkhart, Chip Carroll, Rick Felumlee, Chris Chmiel **Description**: An opportunity for attendees to ask our expert instructors questions on various forest farming topics.

Saturday, August 28

7:30am	Breakfast
7:30-9:00am	Coffee Service (available to all) Vendors available
8:00-8:45am	***Plant Walk*** with Ed Fletcher (optional) **Description**: Learn the basics and importance of plant identification with one of the best.
8:30-9:00am	Registration
9:00-11:15am	**Rotating Field Stations** *Propagation* with Chip Carroll *Wild-simulated Ginseng* with Bob Beyfuss

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	Mushroom Cultivation with Rick Felumlee *Forest Farming Goldenseal* with Eric Burkhart **Description**: Attendees will break into small groups and rotate through four stations that will cover mushroom cultivation and forest botanical plant propagation, especially in regards to goldenseal and ginseng.
11:15am	Break
11:30am-12:15pm	**Plenary Session -** *Post-harvest Handling and GAPs for Herb Growers* with Robin Suggs **Description**: Learn about the best practices for handling harvested plant material such as drying, storing, and good agricultural practices
12:15-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00-2:00pm	**Concurrent Session 1** *Ramps* with Tanner Filyaw *Pawpaw and Persimmons* with Chris Chmiel **Description**: Choose between two sessions covering history, propagation, harvesting, disease management, income opportunities and more for ramps or paw paws.
2:00-2:15pm	Break
2:15-3:15pm	**Plenary Panel -** *Current Gaps in Supply Chains and How Industry can Help Support Forest Farming* **Moderator**: John Munsell **Panelists**: Chip Carroll, Ed Fletcher, Robin Suggs, Ed Daniels **Description**: Panel discussion among farmers and herbal products industry representatives covering gaps in herb supply chains, and how the herbal products industry can support foresting farming initiatives and forest farmers.

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3:15-3:30pm	Break
3:30-4:30pm	**Concurrent Session 2** *Business Planning for Botanical Forest Farmers* with Ed & Carole Daniels *Business Planning for Mushroom Cultivators* with Rick Felumlee **Description**: Choose between sessions covering the basics of business strategies and planning for botanical forest farmers or mushroom farmers.
4:30-5:30pm	Break Vendors available
5:30pm	Dinner
After dinner	Vendors available

Sunday, August 29

7:30am	Breakfast
7:30-9:00am	Coffee Service available to all Vendors available
8:00-8:45am	***Herb Walk*** with Ed Fletcher (optional) **Description**: Herb walk covering best harvesting times and propagation methods for a variety of plants.
9:00-11:15am	**Rotating Value-added Products Sessions** *Basic Tincture Making* with Andrea Miller *Elderberry Products* with Maureen Burns *Forest Edibles* with Chris Chmiel *Salves* with Katey Patterson **Description**: Attendees will rotate through four sessions covering the basics of tincture and salve making, income opportunities from forest-farmed foods, and value-added elderberry products.

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