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The Future of Oak Forests: Ecology, Management, and Regeneration

Oaks are the dominate species in much of the central hardwood region of the eastern US. They are also important components of northern hardwood and Appalachian hardwood forests. Throughout the eastern US oaks are not only pivotal as a timber species and hard mast for wildlife, but they also provide important aesthetic attributes and most importantly stability to ecological communities. As with many hardwoods, oaks are experiencing regeneration complications and failures. This webinar will explore the ecological and economic importance of oak, establish the basis for the challenges of oak regeneration, factors that have contributed to regeneration decline, and steps that can be taken. [Watch Video](#)

In the News

New Video Aims to Help Landowners Preserve Future of Oak in Wisconsin

A new video, produced by foresters and social scientists from UW-Madison, UW-Extension and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, encourages Wisconsin woodland owners to adopt land management practices that will help ensure a future for oak trees in the state. [Read More](#)

Watch for Oak Wilt Signs to Help Stop the Spread of this Tree-Killing Disease

Each year, a tree-killing fungal disease strikes and kills thousands of oak trees in Wisconsin's forests, woodlots and urban areas. Oak wilt is common in southern and central Wisconsin and is becoming increasingly abundant in northern counties. It is difficult to control once the disease takes hold and prevention steps need to be taken to slow the spread. [Read More](#)

'A Toast to the Valley': Local Film Celebrates Chippewa Falls Mansion

A popular Chippewa Falls historical site is being brought to life as a fictional lumber baron's mansion in an upcoming film. "The Lumber Baron," written and directed by Chippewa Valley historical scholar Karen Hurd, is expected to debut as early as 2018. Based on Hurd's fascination with the Chippewa Falls lumber boom, the feature-length film explores the tale of 'Daniel Rimsdale', who returns to Chippewa Falls to salvage his father's lumber business. The character is entangled in a hunt for hidden treasure inside a mansion along the way. [Read More](#)

"Women in Wood" Promotes Women in an Industry Dominated by Men

Wood is a growing industry, so to speak. When sustainably harvested and managed, it is the greenest building material. That's why codes are being revised and more, taller wood buildings are being built. But from right where it starts in the forest, where most of the fellers (that's what they call lumberjacks) are fellers, the industry is dominated by men. Women are in fact only 18.4 percent of the industry. (I would have thought it was even lower!) So I was intrigued to learn that there is actually a bit of a movement happening, called Women in Wood, [Read More](#)

Kaiser of Eau Claire: A History of Eau Claire's Last Lumber Company, 1905-1939

The John H. Kaiser Lumber Company was founded in 1905 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin by John Kaiser, a lumberman and box manufacturer from Muscatine, Iowa. The Kaiser Lumber Company was the final lumber company to operate in Eau Claire, and its closure in 1939 marked the end of the city's lumber industry, which had already been in decline when the company was founded. This thesis includes an examination of the business operations of four lumber companies that operated in the area in the 19th century, the economic changes that occurred from 1870-1905 and how they influenced the lumber industry, and a history of the Kaiser Lumber Company's operation in Eau Claire. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

Event	Location / Dates	Cost	Notes
Wisconsin's John Muir Traveling Exhibit	When: October 3-21, 2017 Where: UW-Stevens Point Library	Free and Open to the Public	More Information



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0RljCmISrg>

New Video Aims to Help Landowners Preserve Future of Oak in Wisconsin

<https://news.cals.wisc.edu/2017/08/16/new-video-aims-to-help-landowners-preserve-future-of-oak-in-wisconsin/>

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<http://dnr.wi.gov/news/Weekly/Article/?id=4025>

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<https://www.treehugger.com/green-architecture/women-wood-promotes-women-industry-dominated-men.html>

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https://minds.wisconsin.edu/bitstream/handle/1793/74110/Niles_Benjamin.pdf?sequence=1

Wisconsin's John Muir Traveling Exhibit

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/calendar/event/5314/wisconsins-john-muir>