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### Schooner Passage: Tall Ships on Lake Michigan

Lake Michigan was a maritime region settled from the water and in the early days tall masted sailing ships served as the covered wagons of this blue water frontier. This illustrated lecture will bring to life the vessels, captains, and crews of the sailing ship era on Lake Michigan, 1800-1930. [Watch Video](#)

### In the News

#### Did the Pandemic Drive Up Wood Product Costs?

During the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, prices of processed wood products, such as softwood lumber and plywood, nearly quadrupled, according to a report from the Southern Research Station of the United States Department of Agriculture. In a report by Virginia McDaniel of the USDA, she said that wholesale prices for plywood increased from \$400 to \$1500 per thousand square feet (roughly equivalent to retail prices of plywood increasing from about \$12.80 to \$48.00 per sheet). [Read More](#)

#### Success: Oak Seeding Restores Forest

A derecho storm in July 2019 ravaged much of northern Wisconsin. Almost 250,000 acres were impacted throughout the state. The heaviest-hit areas included Polk, Barron, Oconto and Lincoln counties. The 120-acre Jorgenson family forest was directly in the storm's path; most of the forestland was severely damaged. Rod Jorgenson took action; he began a salvage logging process to remove downed and damaged timber. The western edge of the forest, consisting of a northern-hardwood mix, was the most critically damaged, with almost 100 percent tree mortality. [Read More](#)

#### How Prescribed Burns Can Help Restore Eastern US Forests

It's an apocalyptic scene that has become all too familiar in recent years. Columns of thick black smoke rise from the land, turning the piercing late winter sun an otherworldly orange. The acrid smell of burning grass and trees wafts on the wind as dry stalks and dead trunks crackle and pop. [Read More](#)

#### The Mysteries of Bourbon: How Forestry, Mapping Support a Changing Industry

Even with careful environmental stewardship and well managed forests, the white oak trees needed to make bourbon barrels have always been hard to find. Twenty years ago, it was as much art as science—the best sleuths working to track down the trees that made ideal bourbon barrel staves. The quality and character of the wood matters because of its immense effect on the beverage's color and flavor. [Read More](#)

#### Inside America's 'Forest Census'

The four pairs of boots crunch on the undergrowth and down woody as they press ahead with a purpose, tape measures in hand. On a one-acre plot of ponderosa pine in northern New Mexico, it's time to take a step into the future by looking inside the past. [Read More](#)

#### Great Lakes Driftwood Schooner-Scows

Few inanimate things arouse sentiment and excite the imagination as does the sight of almost any kind of ship. A gambler by the nature of her existence, a sailing vessel not only adds the spice of a special kind of romance, but commands admiration as she seems to flaunt her helplessness against the elements by reaching slender masts high, then dares to give odds by mounting canvas wide to the whim of the winds. Here is a paradox of sorts. Incapable of any maneuver by herself, she must constantly stand ready to defend against the caprice of the selfsame elements she depends on for her slightest progress. In the early days on the Lakes, before weather forecasts, every departure was a courageous adventure into the unknown. The challenge was all too real, for many vessels did not make good their destination. [Read More](#)

#### DNR Hosting Free Fun Weekend June 4-5

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites the public to join us for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Free Fun Weekend, June 4-5, 2022. State park admission fees, fishing licenses and trail passes are waived for all visitors. [Read More](#)



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To open the link, place your cursor over **Watch Video** or **Read More** and so on, and then left click on your mouse. That should open the link in a new window providing access to the specifically linked webpage.

With this issue of Woodchips, we will start listing the full URL to each hyperlink on a second page. If needed, the URL can be copied and pasted into your web browser address bar (also known as location bar or URL bar).

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### Links shared in this issue of Woodchips

#### **Schooner Passage: Tall Ships on Lake Michigan**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRvfVn07ahw>

#### **Did the Pandemic Drive Up Wood Product Costs?**

<https://www.woodworkingnetwork.com/news/woodworking-industry-news/did-pandemic-drive-wood-product-costs>

#### **Success: Oak Seeding Restores Forest**

[https://www.agupdate.com/agriview/news/technology/success-oak-seeding-restores-forest/article\\_0c66ab44-3ff3-57cd-b12e-f39176aa0004.html](https://www.agupdate.com/agriview/news/technology/success-oak-seeding-restores-forest/article_0c66ab44-3ff3-57cd-b12e-f39176aa0004.html)

#### **How Prescribed Burns Can Help Restore Eastern US Forests**

<https://www.wired.com/story/how-prescribed-burns-can-help-restore-eastern-us-forests/>

#### **The Mysteries of Bourbon: How Forestry, Mapping Support a Changing Industry**

<https://www.esri.com/about/newsroom/blog/white-oak-map-sleuthing/>

#### **Inside America's 'Forest Census'**

<https://www.wesh.com/article/forecasting-our-future-forest-census/39739168>

#### **Great Lakes Driftwood Schooner-Scows**

<https://nmgl.org/great-lakes-driftwood-schooner-scows-winter-1964/>

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<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/newsroom/release/58046>