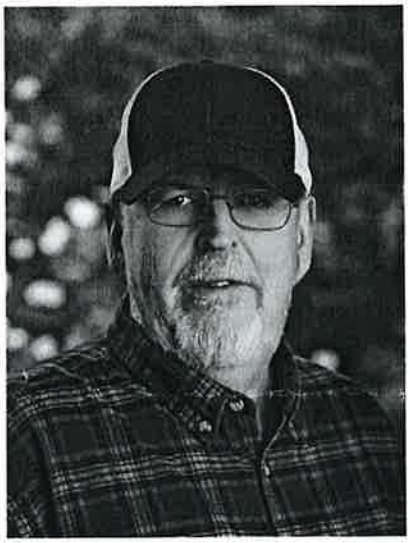


MFA's highest honor is the **John H. Lambert, Jr. Forest Stewardship Award**. Named for its first recipient, the state forester Jack Lambert, it recognizes a lifetime of service to forestry including impacting forests and forest policy in Massachusetts. This year, the award goes to **Keith Ross**. Keith began his career with a degree in forestry from UMass Amherst. Developing an interest in land protection, he then pursued a degree in environmental law and founded Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust. He subsequently worked in land protection for Mass Audubon and the New England Forestry Foundation, where he was a driving force behind the largest conservation restriction in history - the 762,000-acre Pingree Forest Partnership in Maine. Now working for LandVest, Keith has found ways to help forest landowners meet their goals with innovative financing. Keith has been a major part of countless forest policy committees and groups - from the Forester Licensing Board to the Forest Visioning process - and continues to impact forest policy here. Congratulations, Keith!

WARWICK SELECTBOARD -

I hope you will HONOR ~~RECOGNIZE~~ Keith for this significant AWARD.

MASSACHUSETTS FOREST ALLIANCE

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

1761 OLD MILL RESTAURANT

69 STATE ROAD EAST (ROUTE 2A)

WESTMINSTER, MA 01473

4:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Please join us for the **MFA Annual Meeting** on **Thursday, October 22**, at the 1761 Old Mill Restaurant in Westminster. Registration and a social hour with a cash bar begins at 4:30 pm. The meeting itself begins at 5:30 pm and runs until 8:30 pm, with a delicious buffet dinner. The cost for the meeting is **$40 for current MFA members**, and **$50 for non-members – well below the actual cost, thanks to our sponsor Farm Credit East**. Foresters, timber harvesters, forest landowners, MFA members and interested parties are all welcome to attend.

Here are some highlights of the meeting:
- An engaging presentation on the use of prescribed fire in Massachusetts by MassWildlife
- A legislative and regulatory update
- A short business meeting
- The presentation of awards to deserving recipients, including:
    - **Woodlands Partnership of NW Mass** with the *Friend of Forestry Award*
    - **Larry Lashway** with the *Douglas B. Cook Wood Producer of the Year Award*
    - **Mark Mueller** with the *Howard F. Mason Forester of the Year Award*
    - **Keith Ross** with the *John H. Lambert, Jr. Forest Stewardship Award*

The meeting has been approved for **2.25** Mass Forester CFEs in Category I, **2.5** Mass Timber Harvester Credits, **1.0** CT Forest Practitioner CEUs, and **1.0** SAF CFE credits in Category I.

Questions? Contact Chris Egan at cegan@massforestalliance.org or 617-645-1191.

You can register and pay online for the meeting at massforestalliance.org.

Or fill out the form on the other side and mail it with a check – **it must arrive at the MFA offices by October 19.**

We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting!