

Tree Farmer of the Year Award

The Delaware Forestry Association presented its 2013 Tree Farmer of the Year Award to Bessie Shockley of Frankford at its recent annual meeting held in Bridgeville.

Pictured: (from left) As DFA President Brian Michalski looks on, Bessie Shockley of Frankford receives the coveted “green jacket” from last year’s winner, Ruth Hickman of Laurel. Shockley was honored for her commitment to outstanding stewardship of her 49-acre Tree Farm for over 25 years, as well as her commitment to preserve her forestland in the midst of increasing development.



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25 Years of Tree Farming: The Delaware Forestry Association’s President Brian Michalski (second from right) recognized Delaware Tree Farmers with 25 years of continuous Tree Farm certification at the organization’s annual meeting in Bridgeville recently.



25 Years of Delaware Tree Farming

Pictured (from left) Austin Short Sr. of Georgetown, Bessie Shockley of Frankford, and Ruth Hickman of Laurel were honored for their commitment to the American Tree Farm System principles of sound forest stewardship and conservation. Shockley (center) received this year’s Tree Farmer of the Year Award for her enthusiasm about forest management and her strong desire to preserve forestland in an ecologically sensitive area.