

2013 Irish Forestry, Woodland & Bio

Donal Whelan

Action from the 2011 forestry show



Sean Lenihan, Kestrel Forestry (centre) with Agnes Hayes and Willie Joe Hayes, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork.



The men from Green Belt: Seamus Hagan, Seamus Gavigan and Maurice Ryan



Minister McEntee (second from the right) who expects to launch the 2013 show here with Paddy Murray, Murray Group, Brendan Lacey, Chairman ITGA and Donal Whelan, Technical Director ITGA, at the 2011 show.

Stradbally Hall Estate in Co. Laois is the venue for the 2013 Irish Forestry, Woodland and Bio Energy Show which takes place on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May. The estate is centrally located close to the M7 motorway at Portlaoise and is easily accessed by international exhibitors from Dublin and Rosslare.

Shane McEntee, Minister of State with responsibility for forestry enthusiastically welcomed the show as being of great importance to the forestry sector as it highlights a wide range of forestry products and services. It will showcase all aspects of the forestry sector, from nurseries to forest management, timber products as well as providing information on research and development, education and advisory services available to forestry stakeholders.

Minister McEntee acknowledged the significant role of the Irish Timber Growers Association and its ITGA Yearbook Conference Centre which will once again be a central feature at the 2013 Show.

“Given that the forestry and bio energy sectors are playing an increasingly important role in our economy as well as on the wider environmental platform, an industry specific show such as this provides a vital boost to our national and international position in these fields” stated the Minister.

The estate has developed excellent internal roads to service events such as The Electric Picnic and large equestrian shows. Forestry show Director, David Wilkinson, said

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Joe Gowran demonstrates charcoal making at the Birr show. He is also one of the few experts on coppicing woodlands in Ireland. He has been involved in a number of projects including coppicing the ecologically important native woodland St. John's Wood in Co. Roscommon.



Worrell Harvesting demonstrate felling and extraction with a John Deere forwarder and harvester.



Tree climbers will be back at Stradbally forestry show.

that “for the long term sustainability of a national bi-annual forestry show, all show sites must be ‘weather independent’ and show site selection is of paramount importance for building the confidence of exhibitors over the coming years”.

The 2013 show will encompass many features of the 2011 event, including a large and varied selection of forestry and timber processing machinery, outdoor and indoor exhibitors, the ITGA Yearbook Conference Centre, a Teagasc Forestry Section, main arena demonstrations, National Tree Climbing Championships, arboriculturist equipment, safety training, horse logging, fire control, woodland craft section and competitions, a new nursery and garden section and some hearty, local and varied catering.

“The immediate response from the industry generally and the 2011 exhibitors specifically has been extremely positive” commented Show Director David Wilkinson. “We will capitalise on the solid foundation of the 2011 Show, maintaining our trade focus whilst expanding certain aspects – such as bio energy, and providing a broader public appeal.”

Brendan Lacey, ITGA Chairman stated, “It is a natural fit for the ITGA to be at the forefront of involvement with the Forestry Show as ITGA is a significant and high profile provider of information services to growers and the sector”.

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All sectors of the forestry and forest products sectors will be represented at the 2013 forestry show including:

- Sawmills
- Panel board mills
- Forestry companies
- Forestry consultants
- Researchers
- State organisations
- Universities and Institutes of Technology
- Wood energy
- Contractors
- Tree surgeons
- Tree climbers
- Axe men and women
- Machine operators
- Charcoal makers
- Hurley makers
- Arboriculturists
- Certification organisations
- Forest producer groups
- Environmentalists
- Machine and forestry equipment suppliers
- Training organisations
- Garden/leisure furniture makers