

NEWS RELEASE

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THE POTTERVILLE MUSEUM IS HOSTING THE 2016 TREE FARM FALL TOUR

The Rhode Island Tree Farm Program is conducting its annual Fall Tour at the Yeaw's Tree Farm and Potterville Museum, located at 241 Old Plainfield Pike in Scituate. The forestry walk will begin at 8:30 AM on Saturday, October 15, 2016, and the event should last until noon. The Potterville Museum is an outdoor exhibit of restored agricultural implements and equipment, and is located just south of the Potterville Fire Station off Tunk Hill Road (RI Route 12). Signs will be posted at intersections.

Stephen Yeaw and his son Keith have carried out a number of forest and woods road improvements on the property over the past few years, with a thinning that will enhance the Black birch resource for future tapping of the trees for birch sap to make various products, including birch beer and syrup. Stephen will be operating his antique shingle mill, as he does at various country fairs in New England, while Keith will be demonstrating the operation of a portable sawmill. A variety of wood-oriented products are produced by this family.

The tour is being sponsored by the RI Tree Farm Program. It will be led by foresters from the Tree Farm Program and will include information on programs available through the USDA-NRCS and the state's Farm, Forest, Open Space Program.

The event is free and open to the public, and registration is not required. The event will be held rain or shine. Proper footwear and appropriate dress for the weather is required. For more information, contact RIFCO at (401)568-3421, or visit www.ritreefarm.org, where directions to the site will be posted.

The RI Tree Farm Program is a voluntary recognition program, part of the American Tree Farm System, promoting the sustainable management of our forests for wood, water, wildlife, and recreation since 1941. This is the 75th anniversary of the national program. The RI Tree Farm Program sponsors annual tours to highlight the work that certified Tree Farmers do to protect and manage Rhode Island's woodlands. The Rhode Island program is co-sponsored by the RI Forest Conservator's Organization (RIFCO), the RI DEM's Division of Forest Environment, and Providence Water.

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