



Scotland's Finest Woods

Awards Programme for 2012

Here at Scotland's Finest Woods we are doing our bit to highlight all that is best in Scotland's management of its woods and forests and so showcase how they contribute to the wealth and wellbeing of Scotland's people.

As always our judges will be seeking out Scotland's finest woods and rewarding the pursuit of excellence!

Four award categories and £7,500 of prize money are available:

Schools Award >> Schools and pre-school projects are invited to enter our ever-popular Schools Award with £750 of prize money to be won.

Don't forget to tell teacher!

Community Woodlands Award >> Community and urban projects are invited to compete for a special Community Woodlands Award focusing on the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) Activity Area: the Tim Stead Trophy and £3,000 of prize money are up for grabs. ***Continuing the CSGN focus for 2012!***

New Native Woods Award >> New native woodland projects are invited to compete for this award: the Woodland Trust Scotland Trophy and £750 are there to be won.

Now in its second year!

Quality Timber Awards >> Focusing on quality timber, whether from newly-planted woodland, single stands or larger multi-purpose woods, woodland owners are invited to compete in our three competitions with three trophies and £3,000 of prize money at stake.

Bigger prizes and a new award category!

- Enter **new commercial woodlands** and compete for the new James Jones Trophy. Entry is open to newly-planted productive and predominantly conifer woodland of 10 hectares or more in extent, up to 5 years old and established on previously bare land where the planning, practice and management regime is designed to result in high quality timber production. ***NEW AWARD!***
- Enter **small woods, a single stand or compartment of trees** where exemplary silviculture results in high quality timber production and compete for the Hunter Blair Trophy.
- Enter **whole estates** managed as multi-purpose forests in which high quality timber production is a major objective and compete for the John Kennedy Trophy.

Key dates:

Closing date for entries - 31st March 2012.

Judges visit short-listed entries - 30th April to 11th May.

Prize-giving ceremony – Friday, 22nd June 2012.

So don't be shy, enter your woodland project today! Be part of it...!

See www.sfwa.co.uk for full information and follow us on Facebook.

Prizes

Schools Award

There is a cash prize of **£500** for the winning school and the second prize is **£250**. Each school will also receive a certificate and wooden display plaque recording their achievement and special tree growing kits from Alba Trees.

Community Woodlands Award

There is a cash prize of **£2,000** for the winning project and custody of the stunning Tim Stead Trophy for one year; the second prize is **£1,000**. Both also receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

New Native Woods Award

There is a cash prize of **£500** for the winning project and custody of the stunning Woodland Trust Scotland Trophy for one year; the second prize is **£250**. Both also receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

Quality Timber Awards

There is **£3,000** in cash prizes.

New commercial woods competition: £1,000 for the winning project and custody of the brand new James Jones Trophy for one year; the winner and any other entrants commended by the judges will also receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

Small woods, single stand or compartment of trees competition: £1,000 for the winning project and custody of the prestigious Hunter Blair Trophy for one year; the winner and any other entrants commended by the judges will also receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

Whole-estate competition: £1,000 for the winning project and custody of the prestigious John Kennedy Trophy for one year; the winner and any other entrants commended by the judges will also receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

Prize-giving

The winning projects will be presented with their prizes on Friday, 22nd June 2012 at the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston.

How to enter

Simply visit www.sfwa.co.uk and download and complete a short entry form with basic location and contact details and state in no more than **500 words** why you think your entry would make a worthy winner of one of these prestigious awards.

The deadline for entries is 31st March 2012.

More information

See www.sfwa.co.uk or contact Peter Wilson at Scotland's Finest Woods Awards, c/o Wilson Applied Consultancy, 27/2 North West Circus Place, Edinburgh EH3 6TP or admin@sfwa.co.uk or 0131 226 4665.