

## Smoky Mountain Chapter Second Annual Fall Frolic – 2011

The Smoky Mountain Chapter of the NCVA held its second Fall Frolic in Oxford, Alabama on 7 and 8 October. The annual evening banquet was held in Anniston on Saturday, 8 October at Classic On Noble, a quaint, period establishment.

Headquarters for the Frolic was the Hampton Inn, Oxford. The event was graciously and excellently hosted by John and Joan DiMartino. Forty one folks attended the gathering and six states were represented. Florida was well represented by ten attendees and the other states represented were Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

The highlight of the gathering was a tour of Don East's Creek's Tree Farms in Lineville, Clay County, Alabama. Don put together a dynamite tour and was assisted by members of the Alabama Forestry Commission and other friends involved in forestry management. The group was treated to a picnic at a set of rapids on scenic Fox Creek after the tour. The group concluded the tour with a greatly enhanced appreciation for sound forest management and all the benefits that flow from such practices.

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