

Albert E. Grafton

Albert E. Grafton has spent his entire adult life as an active and hardworking state, national, and international forestry educator and businessman.

His teaching career focused mostly on the education of forestry students and preservation of forestry resources statewide, nationally, and internationally. He has taught courses in forest products, forest management, and wood manufacturing technology, among others.



Grafton's efforts haven't gone unnoticed. He was the governor's selection to the State Board of Registration for Foresters, and a forestry appointee to the state's Surface Mine Board. His colleagues at Glenville State College selected him as "Instructor of the Year" in 1986.

He served on the U. S. Office of Education's National Seminar, which developed "Standards and

Criteria for Identifying High Quality Programs of Vocational Education in Agriculture and Agribusiness." He is a member of several professional and field organizations including the Society of American Foresters and the West Virginia Forestry Association.

His professional interest in forestry began in 1955 as a self-employed contracted timber feller while attending West Virginia University. He served as a forest foreman and later as researcher and instructor at WVU. He traveled to Kenya in 1965 to serve as a forestry lecturer at Egerton Agricultural College.

Grafton became chairman and professor in the Glenville State College Division of Land Resources in 1972. He also manages the forestry branch library, and catalogs and develops media materials. During his tenure at Glenville, he returned to Africa for a one-year term as a forest training officer at the Zimbabwe College of Forestry.