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From Forest to Flooring

A unique event to learn about wood science fundamentals.

Gray Court, SC — May 15, 2023 — The National Association of Floor Covering Technicians (NAFCT) is excited to announce the upcoming Wood Science Fundamentals event, to be held June 12th, 13th, and 14th at Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS. This educational and interactive event is designed to provide flooring professionals with an in-depth understanding of the science behind wood and how it relates to the installation and maintenance of flooring.

NAFCT is proud to join forces with Mississippi State University Extension to offer a one-of-a-kind training experience at the South's premier institution for wood science education. Frank Owens, Assistant Professor explains, "Equipping participants with a practical foundation in wood science basics will deepen their ability to diagnose difficult problems and propose effective solutions. We have an outstanding week planned that includes a diverse lineup of expert instructors, manufacturer visits and hands-on learning. Come join us for an exciting, highly informative, and fun-filled week at Mississippi State University."

Wood Science is a field that delves into the intricacies of timber, exploring its properties, structure, uses, and the sustainable management of forests. The NAFCT event aims to provide a platform for experts, professionals, educators, and enthusiasts to come together, exchange knowledge, and celebrate the importance of wood in our lives.

"This event is a must-attend for any flooring professional looking to deepen their understanding of wood and how it behaves in different environments," said Sonny Callahan, Chairman of NAFCT. "By the end of the event, attendees will have a solid foundation in wood science, which will enable them to make more informed decisions."

Attendees can look forward to an engaging lineup of presentations, hands-on labs, and demonstrations led by renowned wood scientists, researchers, and industry leaders. Through these informative sessions, participants will gain valuable insights into the latest advancements in wood science, sustainable forestry practices, and innovative technologies shaping the future of the timber industry.

"We are thrilled to bring together experts, professionals, and enthusiasts from the wood science community for this remarkable event," said Paul Pleshek, NAFCT Executive Director.

The event will feature a diverse range of topics, including:

- Forestry
- Wood Anatomy
- Wood Physics
- Wood Deterioration and Preservation
- Wood Identification
- Lumber Manufacturing
- Lumber Drying
- Wood-based Composites

Registration for the NAFCT Wood Science event is open. To secure your place and learn more about the event, visit <https://nafct.com/wood-science/>.

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About NAFCT

Founded in 2020, National Association of Floor Covering Technicians (NAFCT) is a non-profit 501(c)(6) trade association formed with the purpose to improve the flooring industry by partnering with industry experts, manufacturers, and other flooring associations to provide accessible, affordable, advanced training and certification programs. NAFCT was developed to assist in bridging this gap and to develop low, no cost structured certified training programs directly to the installer. Visit [NAFCT.com](https://nafct.com) or @NAFCT4U on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to learn more.

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