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**NHLA Announces *Hardwoods 101* Program
*Program Designed to Offer 'Forest to Market' Education***

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE – The National Hardwood Lumber Association announces the development and implementation of its newest educational program- *Hardwoods 101*.

Hardwoods 101, which provides students with a 'forest to market' education, is set for June 1-4, 2009 at the NHLA Inspector Training School in Memphis.

"NHLA is pleased to offer this program, as its staff and leaders recognize a high demand for an educational program that offers the basics of the industry for professionals that work within the hardwood industry, but don't have an industry background.," said Crystal Oldham, Director of Education.

Hardwoods 101 is designed for those individuals that are just joining the hardwood industry or maybe have been a part of it for years and just want to know more about the inner-workings of the business. Some of these individuals may include company office staff or salespersons.

The program, which will be taught by industry leaders in education including Rich Hascher-NHLA Inspector Training School Instructor and Tom Walthousen- NHLA Director of Industry Relations, will cover the following topics:

- Species Identification
- Logging/Trucking
- Management
- Woods Tour
- Vocabulary
- Sawmill Tour
- Uses for Lumber
- Standard Grading and Drying
- Imports
- Marketplace

To learn more about *Hardwoods 101*, or to register for the program, visit www.nhla.com or call 901-399-7555.

The world's largest and oldest hardwood industry association, NHLA represents 1400 companies and individuals that produce, use and sell North American hardwood lumber, or provide equipment, supplies or services to the hardwood industry. It was founded in 1898 to establish a uniform system of grading rules for the measurement and inspection of hardwood lumber. Since 1980, its headquarters have been in Memphis, Tenn. To learn more about NHLA, please visit www.nhla.com.

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