

Summer 2013

NFC NEWSLETTER

Niagara Frontier Chapter

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Extraordinary Woodswalk!

On May 18, Ken Gaines hosted a terrific woodswalk at his property in Springville.

The large group of attendees were taken in smaller groups for a fine woodswalk led by Jim DeLellis, Dave Paradowski from the DEC, Eric Stawitzki, Pioneer Forestry; Dave Czesak, logger, Jim Sroka, Forest and Water Conservation District, and Ken Allein from Sienna Environmental.

The chili, hot dogs and brownies made by Ken's family members and friends were so good, they just vanished.

There were displays for everyone and ample time for questions and conversation. Curtis Martin won the drawing for a NY-FOA family membership.

We are very grateful to Ken and his family for such an enjoyable day. Enjoy the photos!!

NFC Steering Committee wants you

There will be a meeting of the NFC steering committee on **Monday Aug. 12** at 7 p.m. at the Clarence Library located behind the town offices on Goodrich Road.

Steering committee members are:

Jim DeLellis	Fred and Lois Thurnherr
Ken Gaines	Bob Troidl
Bob Glidden	Barbara Tucker
Ed Janulionis	Rita Hammond
Jim Smith	Herb Linderman

And anyone who may be interested in giving input or assistance. Hope to see you Aug. 12.

For more information, call Rita Hammond at 937-0744.



A few photos of the fun day Ken Gaines worked so hard and tirelessly to arrange on his amazing property. At top left, Ken gestures to show a measurement. Part of the crowd at upper right pays close attention to the speaker. At lower left, a generous NYFOA member gives out free tree shelter guards, and at right, everyone gobbled up the wonderfully tasty chili Ken's wife provided. A really great day all around. Thanks, Ken!



NYFOA moving forward

From the minutes of NYFOA meeting June 15

Among the proposals discussed at the meeting:

1. There was a discussion on developing core values. These include: improving chapter effectiveness, increasing awareness of NYFOA and its mission to coordinate chapters, grow membership; advocate for our members to state legislators, and continue to promote good forest stewardship.

2. As you may know, "THRIFT," whose members were previously a part of NYFOA from the Tug Hill area, are being encouraged by Jim Minor, president, to join our organization. There will be a Woodswalk to that end in Glenfield, NY at 10 a.m. Sept. 21. If any are interested in attending, call Rita Hammond at 937-0744 for more information.

3. A fundraiser is being planned.

4. The Forest Owner editorial committee feels it is time to expand and update the content of the magazine.

5. The next board meeting is set on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Onondaga County CCE, Syracuse. Lunch will be provided.

Jim Minor announced that during August, the Soil and Water Conservation District will host local EQIP working groups to prioritize EQIP cost-sharing funding. As of this publication, no date has been established. Please call E.C. Soil & Water or Rita Hammond for more information.



August!
What happened to June and July?
Many of my flowers and

shrubs are not happy, the trees looking more like September than July. The recent wind and thunderstorm took down sections of my fence and all in all, not of the best summers ever.

We're still putting out a call for email addresses — not only saves money but

Get Your Walking Sticks Ready for Next Woodswalk

On Sept. 14, Bob Glidden will host a woodswalk on his property, 9204 Coleman Road, Barker in Niagara County. We are looking forward to this Woodswalk as Bob has promised us a real fine woodswalk and we hope to see more of our members from Niagara County. Bob is a long time member of NYFOA and is a knowledgeable MFO.

The Gliddens have owned this property for about 16 years. The property was overgrown orchard and abandoned crop land with some attempt at establishing some evergreen plantings throughout.

They have 30 acres that is on the **Tree Farm Program with a Management Plan** to encourage wildlife habitat. The property is managed to enhance pheasant, turkey and song bird habitat. There are approximately 12 acres of woods, one-acre duck and goose marsh pond with related grasslands (WHIP). There is a half-acre bass pond as well as many trails along with a Blue Bird trail.

Bob said they are currently in the second year of a three-year WHIP program with the USDA for creating grouse habitat and releasing fruit trees.

Charles Kesterson from the USDA, NRCS will give an overview of the current practices on the property as well as information for participation.

Our chapter toured Bob's property more than 10 years ago. So for those of us who took part in that woodswalk, it will be very interesting to see the changes that Bob and nature have made.

Bob and his wife Pat will also provide lunch.

More details on how to get to Bob's property will be sent as the woodswalk comes closer. **But mark it on your calendar now.**

In October, we hope to have a woodswalk also in Niagara County at the residence of Mark Gallo.

His unique property has a variety of mature trees and open areas with very good trails.

More details on the October woodswalk as it become available.

Please bring a friend to our activities. All events are free, as you know, and open to the public. We could use new members who are interested in sustaining and regenerating forests.

Rita Hammond

give us an opportunity to quickly pass along information.

If you sent in your email address and still get the newsletter by mail, please let me know so the list can be corrected.

If you would like to be on our email list, just send an email to Barbara Tucker at wgtbt@aol.com.

Please put NYFOA in the subject line.

Also send along any ideas of places to go for woodswalks for the spring and

summer. And be assured your email address is not shared with anyone.

No one has responded to our call from members who have been long time NYFOA folks to help celebrate the organization's 50th year.

My hope is that some of the early organizers (**Bob White are you there?**) will share their memories. If you don't have email, send your stories to me, 849 Delaware Road, Kenmore NY 14223.

Barbara Tucker

Stumpage Price Report

This report is for the Western/Central Region, DoyleRule. Price paid to owner for standing trees.
Listing is most common price and low-high, (median) per thousand board feet.

Species	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)
Ash, white	100-415 (200)	220-500 (300)	275-625 (410)
Aspen	10-30 (20)	25-50 (40)	60-80 (55)
Basswood	35-125 (100)	75-250 (125)	100-300 (175)
Beech	30-90 (45)	50-120 (50)	50-150 (60)
Birch, white	NR	NR	NR
Birch, yellow	50-200 (100)	75-300 (200)	100-400 (250)
Butternut	60-200 (150)	50-550 (200)	150-600 (325)
Cherry, black	200-700 (400)	300-1000 (600)	450-11750 (800)
Elm, American	NR	100 (100)	NR
Hemlock	20-80 (50)	30-125 (50)	60-100 (95)
Hickory (spp)	50-150 (100)	75-240 (150)	125-300 (200)
Maple, hard (sugar)	200-500 (375)	350-750 (550)	450-1165 (720)
Maple, red (soft)	50-300 (160)	125-400 (250)	175-500 (325)
Oak, Chestnut	50-185 (110)	120-300 (200)	150-400 (250)
Oak, red	100-655 (300)	320-685 (400)	360-800 (580)
Oak, white	90-300 (165)	110-450 (250)	120-650 (335)
Pine, red	25-150 (55)	50-200 (80)	50-250 (115)
Pine, white	25-80 (50)	45-125 (80)	60-185 (110)
Poplar, Tulip	50-275 (100)	50-105 (175)	100-310 (200)
Spruce	40-85 (80)	100-145 (100)	80-150 (120)
Walnut, black	200-600 (500)	700-1000 (750)	900-1500 (1000)
Firewood	2-12 (6)	2-14 (8)	5-18 (15)

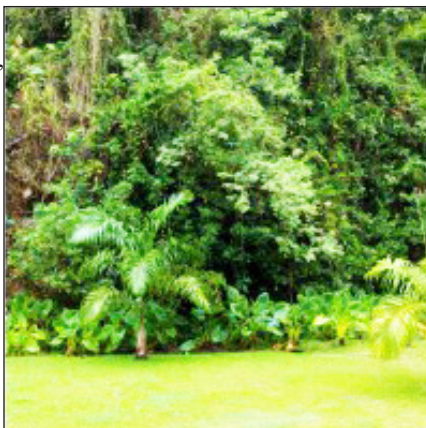
Delegates' Report

On April 15, Bob Glidden, our chapter's delegate to NYFOA, attended the annual membership and board meeting in the State University ESF in Syracuse.

At the meeting, the Heiberg Award was presented to Ron Pedersen and the Outstanding Service Award was presented to Dick Starr.

Officers elected include: Jim Minor, president; Ron Pedersen, vice president; Marilyn Wytman, secretary; Sarah Stackhouse, treasurer, and Phil Walton, at-large.

Thanks, Bob, for attending. If you have something you'd like brought up at the next meeting, give Bob a call or email him at rkglidden@verizon.net.



NYFOA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

NFC

1 new membership in June.

2 lapsed, expired in March

0 Students

5 Free/ROM

109 Paid Members

114 Members.

(By comparison, in 2011, NFC had 116 Members.)

Total Paid Members in 2013: 1,720

Total NYFOA membership: 1837

If you know someone who would be interested in joining, bring them to a Woodswalk or call for information on our chapter.

Warming planet may shift how forest work

The fate of the world's forests on a warming planet has long been one of the great unanswered questions about climate change. Now, new research is complicating the picture further, suggesting that big shifts are already under way in how forests work.

A view seen through a fisheye lens of the forest canopy from the University of Michigan Biological Station. New research suggests that trees in some parts of the world are having to pull less water out of the ground to achieve growth.

Some scientists say they believe that this may be a direct response to the rising level of carbon dioxide in the air from human emissions, though that has not yet been proved.

If the research holds up, it suggests some potential benefits for forests. They might be able to make do with less water, for instance, becoming more resilient in the face of drought and higher temperatures as climate change proceeds.



A device in Michigan monitored the exchange of gases between the forest and the atmosphere.

But the new finding also has potential downsides, scientists said.

The immense volume of water that trees pull out of the ground winds up in the atmosphere, helping supply moisture to farming areas downwind of forests. So if trees use less water, that could ultimately mean less rain for thirsty crops in at least

some regions of the world.

Several scientists predicted that the new research would set off a flurry of efforts to clarify whether trees are really using less, and what the implications might be, not only for forests but for the human and ecological systems that depend on existing patterns of moisture flow. They suggest the effect is several times larger than the assumptions incorporated into computer forecasts of how forests and other landscapes will respond to future climate change.

At the same time, in some areas where forests are still comfortably within their preferred climatic range, they are doing better than in the past, possibly because the rising carbon dioxide level is essentially acting as a kind of plant fertilizer.

How these opposing trends will balance out over time is entirely unclear, experts said.

An excerpt from an article by Justin Gillis in the New York Times.

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A Few Websites

For NYFOA: www.nyfoa.org or Google New York NYFOA

U.S. Forest Service tree info database: www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/plants/tree

To learn the legal framework of Timber Trespass, various statutes are available in a special state legislative report at www.NYSTimberTrespassLaws

End of the Day

Our photographer didn't get the names of these three participants at Ken Gaines' event, but he thought they seemed as tired as he was after one of the hikes in the woods.

Seems like a great photo to wrap us this issue and remember the fun we all had at Ken's.

