

# Central New York Spring 2013 New York Forest Owners Association

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Chair - Ralph & Mary Jane Meyer

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## Programs at this time:

\*May 11 Woods Walk

Aug 25 Summer Picnic

Sept 14 Woods Walk

Dec 6 Christmas Party

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Wow, with 168 members, Central N.Y., NYFOA is alive and humming... bees are pollinating & trees are flowering, too. We cover a LARGE area of New York - 5 counties! That's 200 miles north to south & 130 miles east to west. I'm Ralph Meyer, your new chair. My wife is Mary Jane. I need to hear from you, your ideas about what to do, how we can meet in several places in our areas to get to know each other & learn from each other. From wine to muck to the Adirondack Mountains, we cover it all!

## Thoughts & Ideas:

Are you currently or have you in the past participated in one or more of the following: Timber Harvest, Forest Management Plan, Sustainable Forestry, Fire wood, Pellet, Chip wood, Timber Stand Improvement w/felling or girdling or using chemicals?

What are you harvesting from your property? - Charcoal, firewood, wood chips, a sawmill, nursery trees, willows, witch hazel (in Vermont they do!). Are you harvesting bees, wild flowers, ferns, shrubs, mosses, nuts, pine or spruce seeds? How about sand, gravel, shale, blue stone, muck, peat, and molding clay, or topsoil? Maybe Christmas trees, ramps, wild onions, spring water, eatable wild foods such as mushrooms, snails, horseradish, maple syrups, or birch syrups? How about forest grazing? Do you have a stream for hydropower? Wind power? Solar power? Are you trapping & hunting, & for what? Are you bird & animal watching? A fisher looks & acts like a wolverine going through the woods. Are they killing your turkeys, squirrels, or what else? Are you fishing or raising fish in your ponds & streams? What did I miss?

Are you using USDA Conservation Plans, Natural Resources Conservation Programs? Who are the sawmills, paper mills, chip or pellet mills in your areas? Who are the consulting Foresters? Have you done a Forensic study of your property? What can we do together in your area?

Contact me by: email, snail mail or phone.

Yours in Forestry,  
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Would you like to contribute to the next newsletter? Or would you like to be on a committee or host an event? Love to hear from you.