

# Treelines

Winter 2019-2020



## Upcoming Chapter Events

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**The story of the Seneca Army Depot**

**Dennis Money, President of Seneca White Deer, Inc.**

Tuesday, January 28th, 2020

Doors open at 6PM

Cornell Cooperative Extension

840 Upper Front Street

Binghamton, NY

*Bring a dish to share and your own plate and utensils*

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Ruffed Grouse Society |

American Woodcock Society

Thursday, March 26th, 2020

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program starts at 6:45PM

Waterman Conservation

Education Center

403 Hilton Rd, Apalachin, NY

13732

### **Ticks and Tick-Borne Disease**

Kenneth Smith, Executive

Director for Cornell

Cooperative Extension of

Chenango County, in the

auditorium at CCE Broom

County, at 6:30 on

Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

See page 5 for further details.

## Other Programs of Interest

### **25th Annual Mid-Winter Maple Conference**

NY State Fair Grounds

Syracuse, NY

Jan. 3-4, 2020

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February 27-29, 2020

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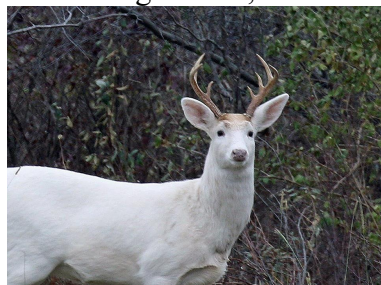
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Our speaker for our annual dinner will be Dennis Money who is the President of Seneca White Deer, Inc. ([www.senecawhitedeer.org](http://www.senecawhitedeer.org)). The former Seneca Army Depot, located along Seneca Lake, is the home to the world's largest all-white, white-tailed deer herd. In an unprotected environment, white deer are usually easy prey for predators or hunters. The limited predators and controlled

hunting on the former Depot have allowed the white deer to interbreed and increase in numbers for more than 60 years. Dennis will explain the history of the Army Depot, how the herd developed and his organization's efforts to maintain the deer herd.

Please bring a dish to share. Power outlets will be available for crock pots. Bring your own plate, cup or mug and utensils. Hot and cold beverages will be available. Register for the event by calling Steve Kutney at 607-862-9152.

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<https://www.watermancenter.org/>



The American woodcock or commonly called "Timberdoodle" is an odd-looking, short-legged bird with a long straight bill. Considered as a species in decline, it seems to be making a comeback as the

amount of early-succession forest cover has increased. Woodcock migrate south during the winter and return in March to breed. The male makes a distinctive “peent” call to attract females. We hope to see, or at least hear some on the grounds of the Waterman Center after the 6:45 presentation in the auditorium. Please bring boots because the ground will likely be wet. Participants will have an opportunity to enjoy Waterman's natural history displays between 6:15 and 6:45.

Andy Weik is currently a regional wildlife biologist for the Ruffed Grouse Society and American Woodcock Society. He has been employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Northeast Region at the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge – the only National Wildlife Refuge dedicated to woodcock management. He is an expert on early succession forest habitat management and its impact on American woodcock population dynamics."

This program is open to the public. If you have questions call Steve at 607-862-9152.

**NY State Fair Grounds - Jan. 3-4  
2020 25th Annual Mid-Winter  
Maple Conference!**



Information to our members on behalf of the Cornell’s Forest Connect Program. For more information, please visit [www.CornellForestConnect.ning.com](http://www.CornellForestConnect.ning.com)

Schedule:  
Friday, January 3, 2020  
4pm-9pm – Trade Show  
4:30pm-6:30pm – Workshops  
5:00-7:30 – Dinner  
6:30 until done – Used maple equipment auction  
8:00pm-9:15pm – NEW THIS YEAR!! Maple Beer, Spirits and Wine Tasting Seminar. An additional \$10 per person for 3 beverage samples and appetizers. Please note, you must be 21 to participate. ID will be checked.  
8:00pm-9:15pm – To celebrate our 25th year, we will have live music by Matt Grainger!

Saturday, January 4, 2020  
8:00am-4:00pm – Trade Show, Workshops and Seminars.

To register, contact Conference Coordinator, Keith Schiebel, at [kschiebel@tds.net](mailto:kschiebel@tds.net) or 315-335-0887.

Coming from out of town? We have reserved a “maple block” of rooms at the Quality Inn, located at 100 Farrell Rd (just five minutes from the Fairgrounds). Rooms start at \$65.99 per night. To reserve a room, call 315-457-8700 and be sure to request the maple block.

**NY Farm Show  
February 27-29, 2020**

NYFOA will once again be participating in the NY Farm Show at the State Fair Grounds in Syracuse, NY. We will be providing necessary forestry related seminars and staffing an informational booth all three days. We will be seeking volunteers and developing schedules in early January.

**Legacy Planning Presentation**

On Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Kristina Ferrare and Dr. Shorna Allred provided a extremely interesting, and information packed presentation to our membership at the

Cornell Cooperative Extension on Upper Front Street in Binghamton.

Many of our members have similar concerns, and issues when it comes down to what will happen when they are gone, or can no longer manage the day to day management of what had become a major part of their lives, and very close to their heart. Unfortunately, many of us have not had this very important conversation with our families, and equally important have not expressed these wishes in writing through wills, or trusts. As the old axiom goes “failing to plan, is planning to fail”.

Kristina, and Shorna presented some eye opening statistics covering a range of concerns like 80% of us would like to keep the land in the hands of family members, and that 32% would like to keep their land undeveloped, and that 55% were unsure. Unfortunately family dynamics, and distance between family members often makes it difficult to sometimes reach a desired disposition whether we want to or not. There are ,however, other avenues available when the desired outcome appears unattainable. Other options are available, though perhaps less desirable. Such options include conservation easements, and the establishment of land trusts which might also offer the landowner some financial benefits during their lifetimes. Available land trust alternatives may be found through sources like the “Land Trust Alliance”.

The information was eye opening, and much more extensive then can be presented in this short article, but we’d like to thank Kristina, and Shorna for taking the time to come and provide this wonderful introduction to Legacy Planning.

Kristina and Shorna provide this presentation at other CCE venues, and we encourage our members who could not attend the October presentation to seek additional information through the Cornell Cooperative Extension for other opportunities to hear it first hand. Additional information can also be obtained through [www.yourlegacyny.org](http://www.yourlegacyny.org). You can watch the full webinar at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PP2J1yPtEso>

### **NY Master Forest Owner Program (MFO)**

Over the years many of our members have taken the opportunity to have a visit to their property by a Master Forest Owner volunteer. The Master Forest Owner program is peer based source of educational training provided by the Cornell Cooperative extension which is available to the forest owner to help facilitate achieving their individual goals through the available resources from federal, state, as well as private entities. Many of the volunteers are NYFOA members.

The MFO volunteer will talk with you about your priorities for your woodlands, and there is no cost for this service. Topics include, but are not limited to attracting wildlife to your woods, building trails, growing crops like mushrooms, ginseng, and firewood as well as topics like forest regeneration, and a healthy woods.

If you should like a visit from an MFO, or would like further information about becoming a MFO volunteer yourself please contract the following Cornell Cooperative Extension representatives...

Region: Catskill/Lower Hudson  
Ron Frisbee – rf369@cornell.edu,

518-622-9820, Counties in Region: Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Rockland, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester

Region: Southern Tier

Brett Chedzoy - bjc226@cornell.edu, 607-535-7161, Counties in Region: Allegheny, Broome, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins

### **Letter from the Chair**

Many landowners have a fern problem on their property that interferes with hardwood regeneration. The problem in my woods is not nearly as severe as some of the pictures that I've seen on the Forest Connect YouTube videos. I have noticed that the area's that has received timber stand improvement also have more ferns. I suspect it's because of the TSI but I really don't know. I have tried spraying ferns using glyphosate while using cardboard to protect desirable hardwood trees. I've found this to be tricky because it doesn't take much to get some glyphosate on the leaves of desirable trees. I've found a study that was presented to the 20<sup>th</sup> Central Hardwood Forest Conference that offers a different approach. It's titled, "Control of hay-scented and New York ferns with OUST XP® herbicide: Revisiting rate and time required in mixed oak and northern hardwood stands by Todd E. Ristau." This paper can be read at this internet location:

[https://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/gtr/gtr-nrs-p-167papers/02-ristau\\_2016-CHFC.pdf](https://www.fs.fed.us/nrs/pubs/gtr/gtr-nrs-p-167papers/02-ristau_2016-CHFC.pdf)

The paper describes a study performed during the months of July, August and September. The product did not harm hardwood trees except for cherry and

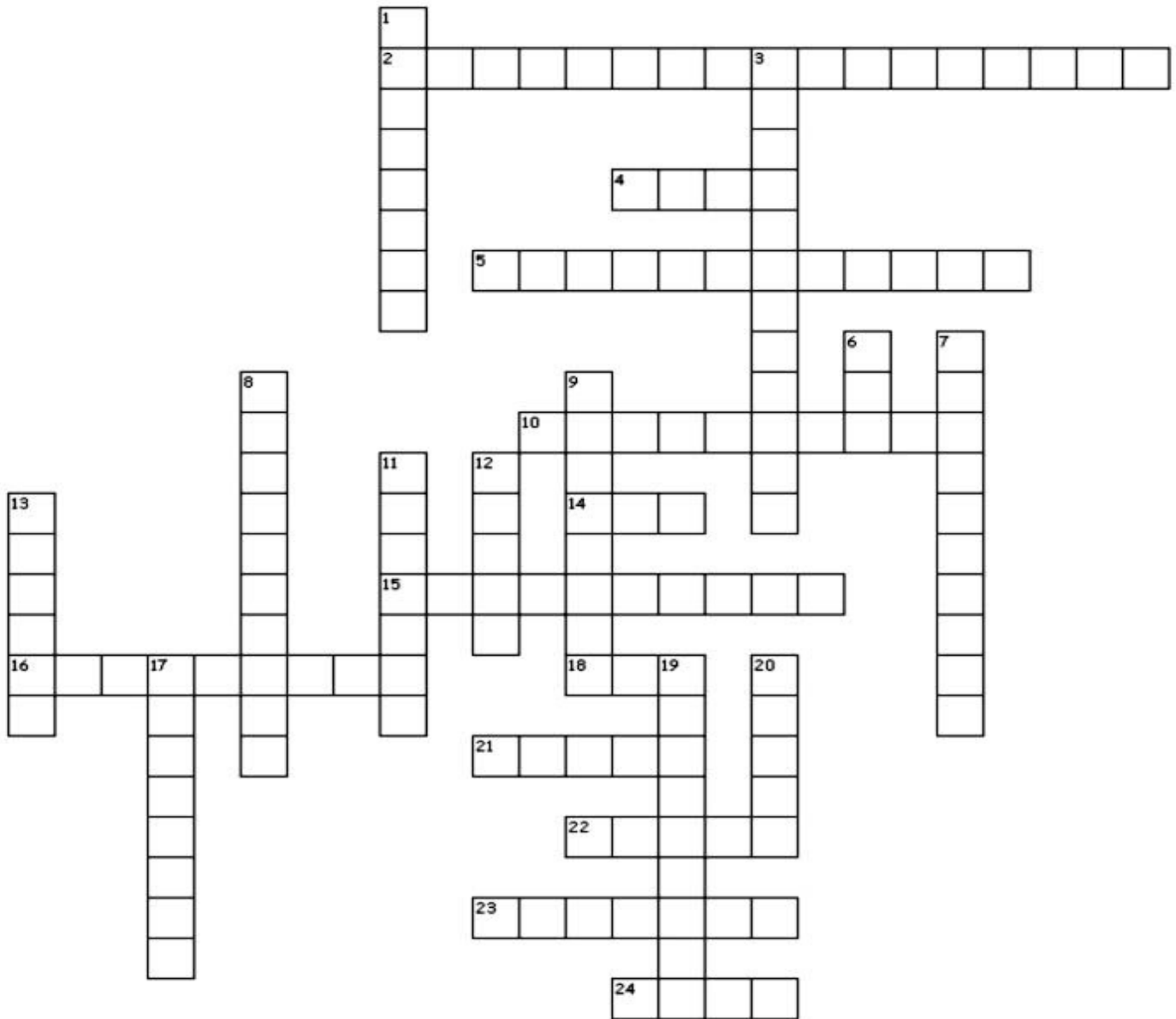
serviceberry when a surfactant was not included with the product application. The results were nearly the same whether 2, 3 or 4 ounces per acre were applied. The month didn't seem to matter much but the recommendation is to apply 2 ounces of OUST XP® per acre in July and August which reduces the amount of herbicide applied while not negatively affecting tree seedling numbers.

This paper discusses a study that was performed in Pennsylvania using OUST XP® (EPA registration #432-1552). The manufacturer does not recommend its use in marshy areas because it contains a chemical called Sulfentrazone which is persistent in soils. The label in New York State is marked "Restricted Use" per 6NYCRR 326.23(e).

"Restricted Use" means that this pesticide is not available to the general public. It can only be applied by a certified pesticide applicator or someone under the direct supervision of a certified applicator. A private landowner can get this certification but in my view its more trouble than it's worth. The best path would be to hire someone who can go through your forest with machinery to spray your fern covered forested areas. Funding may be available from NRCS if invasive treatment is called for in your management plan.

If you have a friend who owns forest land or has an interest in forest land please make them aware of our organization. Our meetings are open to the public.

-Steve



Across

- 2. latest invasive insect affecting grapes, apples stone fruit and Tree of Heaven
- 4. cost sharing program offered by NRCS
- 5. intentional combination of trees, forage plants and live stock together as a managed system
- 10. trees in forest that grow beneath the main canopy
- 14. timber stand improvement
- 15. natural process of change from one form of vegetation to another
- 16. pine, fir, hemlock, spruce
- 18. state agency most involved with forestry and wildlife issues

- 21. area in square feet which is equal to (DBH in inches)squared X .00545 (a constant)
- 22. alternative name for wild leeks
- 23. removal of persistent low branches to improve tree quality
- 24. competing vegetation, or too many \_\_\_\_\_ can reduce the ability of forest regeneration

Down

- 1. emerald \_\_\_\_\_ (2 words)
- 3. debilitating tick borne disease in addition to Lyme's
- 6. program offered by CCE to assist forest owners
- 7. prevalent invasive fern

- 8. prohibited fish affecting streams and rivers through St. Lawrence passage
- 9. Japanese \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. valuable woodland product on prominent north, east and northeast exposures
- 12. suitable hardwood for Shiitake log production
- 13. large woodland game bird
- 17. forest buffers along stream and rivers
- 19. woodland flower
- 20. cavity trees are dead or live trees with \_\_\_\_\_ in them

The answer to the crossword puzzle may be found in our next newsletter, or on the NYFOA website under Southern Tier Chapter news.

### **Ticks and Tick-Borne Diseases**

Kenneth Smith, Executive Director for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County, in the auditorium at CCE Broom County, at 6:30 on April 15, 2020.

Ticks and tick-borne diseases are on the increase and active forest owners are particularly vulnerable. In addition to Lyme, other diseases, including anaplasmosis, powassan and babesiosis are showing up in New York state and can be debilitating or fatal. This program will be presented by Kenneth Smith, Executive Director for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County, in the auditorium at CCE Broom County, at 6:30 on April 15, 2020. Further details will appear in our Spring Newsletter, but mark your calendars now."

### **Welcome New Members**

Allan Aujero  
Richard DeCola

For information on becoming a NYFOA member visit [www.nyfoa.org](http://www.nyfoa.org), or contact Liana Gooding, NYFOA Secretary, NYFOA, PO Box 541, Lima, NY, 14485 or at 1-800-836-3566.

Annual membership is \$45 and includes: subscriptions to Treelines: to the bimonthly NYFOA state wide publication, The New York Forest Owner, attendance at chapter meetings and statewide meetings.

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Thank you for your thoughts going forward, and your considerations in our efforts to increase awareness in matters that concern NYS forest owners.

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