

# Treelines

Fall 2023



## Upcoming Chapter Events

### SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Noon

Waterman Conservation  
Education Center, 403 Hilton  
Road, Apalachin, NY  
FREE LUNCH!

### Power and Paddle Shop Tour

Saturday, September 23, 2023  
1 PM

1035 Owego Road, Route 96,  
Candor, NY

### Trail Camera Basics

Victor Lamoureux

Saturday, Nov. 11th, 2023

Doors Open: 1:30 pm

Presentation & Open

Discussions 2 pm-5 pm

Cornell Cooperative Extension  
840 Upper Front Street  
Binghamton, N&Y 13905

### Potluck Lunch

"For the Love of Forests"

Rick Marsi

Saturday, January 27, 2024

2 pm - 5 pm

Doors open at 1:30 pm

Cornell Cooperative Extension  
840 Upper Front Street

## SUMMER PICNIC - August 13th - FREE LUNCH!

Join Southern Tier Chapter members at the Waterman Conservation Education Center, 403 Hilton Road, Apalachin, NY at noon on Sunday, August 13th. After a lunch provided by the Owego Kitchen, enjoy several program features:

- A brief talk about the chemical treatment of Hemlock trees to protect them from the invasive insect Hemlock Wooley Adelgid.

- A description and tour of the storm water retention and purification system recently installed at the Waterman Center. The system includes three different permeable surfaces in the parking lot, underground retention with overflow to a series of wetland areas and retention ponds featuring aquatic plantings. This "Green Infrastructure" project also includes an outdoor classroom with a green (vegetated) roof.

- Visit the natural history museum in the Waterman Center building, where restrooms are also available. The museum features some fabulous taxidermy, including full-body mounts of Timber wolf, Mountain lion and three species of bear.

- If you want to extend your stay, enjoy some of the miles of hiking trails at the Waterman Center "on your own".

A variety of sandwiches from the Owego Kitchen will be provided, as well as fruit, cookies and beverages. There will be no charge for members and their spouses. Lapsed members

are welcome and can renew membership at the event. Advance registration is required by calling Jerry Michael at (607) 648-2941 by August 10th. Let Jerry know if you would like a vegetarian wrap instead of a non-vegetarian sandwich. For more information about the Waterman Conservation Education Center, [www.watermancenter.org](http://www.watermancenter.org).

## The Power Shop Tour

The equipment used by landowners to manage their property has evolved just like any other technology. The Southern Tier Chapter and Southern Finger Lakes Chapter of the New York Forest Owners Association will have a tour of Route 96 Power and Paddle (PowerandPaddle.com) on Saturday, September 23 at 1 PM. The store is located at 1035 Owego Road, Route 96, Candor, NY. It's about halfway between Owego and Candor. Refreshments will be available. The location consists of three stores, The Shoe Outlet, The Power Shop, and the Kayak Showroom. The Power Shop carries a full line of Stihl and Husqvarna products, plus log splitters, portable sawmills, logging winches, DR mowers, Mantis tillers, logging supplies, rototillers, repair service, sheds, utility trailers, boots, and snowshoes. This is the best local place to buy products used by forest landowners. Jim Signs is a landowner and has equipped his store with products that he has used on his own property. He will

explain what the store sells and how to safely use the equipment. For example, the new electric chain saws. Jim has a chainsaw safety class that he will be offering on September 30th that may also be of interest to landowners.

### **Trail Camera Basics An Evolution On How We Look At Nature**

Saturday, Nov.11th  
Doors Open: 1:30 pm  
2 pm-5 pm

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What goes there? Revealing the natural world with Trail Cameras. This talk will cover some of the basics behind trail cameras and how to successfully deploy them to capture local wildlife (not for “publication quality” photos, but for documentation of the natural world.) Victor Lamoureux who operates as trail steward at SUNY Broome will discuss their use as they were used for seven years with up to 6 cameras in the SUNY Broome Natural Areas (24/7/365). These shots form the basis of the talk along with other experiences using trail cameras in other settings.



Broad white stripe skunk recorded on 20mo Victure HC300 with .35 sec trigger speed. 2.0 tft screen Cost range <\$100

The presentation will conclude with a question & answer period. Attendees are welcome to provide their own thoughts on their use and experiences, as well as any input for various features they found useful in their settings. Trail cameras have evolved over the years to include many new features that are unique to a variety of applications including high resolution, twilight color capabilities, and blue tooth capabilities to name a few. From the early days of 4 megapixel cameras, cameras today have the capabilities of 64 or greater at little additional cost. We will touch on some of these capabilities during our open discussions following Victor’s presentation. Trail cameras open up a whole new way of exploring the natural world, and we hope that you will take this opportunity to join us with your family to learn how these cameras can increase your understanding, and enjoyment of your fields, and forest.



Images of fox shot with Campark4 camera with .1 sec trigger speed, 60 MP, Blue-tooth capable for cell phones up to 50 ft without subscription. 2.4" tft screen. Enhanced characteristics allows for color images in low light conditions of dusk, and dawn. Cost range \$100=150

Attendees are encouraged to bring their trail cameras for comparison and discussion with others.

### **Potluck Lunch**

Saturday, January 27th, 2024  
Cornell Cooperative Extension  
840 Upper Front Street  
Binghamton, NY  
Doors Open 1:30 pm  
Meal starts at 2:00 pm

Join us for one of the most popular events of the year. The annual Potluck late lunch/dinner will be held on Saturday, January 27th, 2024 at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 840 Upper Front Street, in Binghamton, NY. In the past, we have had the winter meeting during the week, in the evening. We decided to try for a Saturday meeting because our membership is getting older. Traveling home at night may not suit some of our members. Doors will open at 1:30, late lunch/dinner will be served at 2 PM and the program will begin after the meal. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. We will provide beverages and a sheet pizza to supplement your gourmet offerings.

We always look for something other than a “nuts and bolts” program for our annual dinner, and this year we are pleased to have renowned naturalist, writer, and photographer Rick Marsi join us. Many of us have followed Rick’s weekly column in the Press & Sun-Bulletin for many years, and have enjoyed his books and photo essays. The subject of Rick’s talk will be “For the Love of Forests”. This will be a great program for the entire family, so bring the kids and grandkids!

Please call Steve at (607) 902-4090 to make reservations so we can plan for seating and beverages.

## Message from the Chapter Chair

What is the value of New York Forest Owner membership? I would like to propose that membership is something that you should consider for the long term. I've heard it said that once you become a member and understand Timber Stand Improvement, the value of a written plan for your property, invasives, and a little tree identification your good to go and there is not much else to learn. I disagree. A lot of information is gained through attending meetings, and woods-walks.

My Dad and I attended the first woods walk ever held by NYFOA on May 27, 1967 on the 1200 acres of forest land owned by Henry S. Kernan located in South Worcester, NY. The Charlotte Forest as it was called was the combination of five farms. I was inspired by the large trees on that woods walk. Henry graduated from the Yale School of Forestry in 1941. During World War II he searched the depths of the Andean jungle for sources of quinine to treat Allied soldiers ill from malaria. Fifteen people registered for the event, ten showed up. In general, that's about the same number who show up for most woods-walks. I've attended many.

Through NYFOA my dad learned of a New York State program that paid \$40 per acre to any landowner who did Timber Stand Improvement. To a 17-year-old, that was an opportunity. I agreed to do the work for the \$40 per acre. A New York State Forester marked four acres of trees. I girdled them with a hatchet. We didn't have a chainsaw that worked very well. It took a lot longer than I thought it would. The Forester then required me to spray the girdled trees with a chemical.

I'm not sure of the name of the chemical but I'm confident that it's outlawed today. While doing the work it occurred to me that I was working on my retirement because I knew it would take many years for these trees to grow to a harvestable size. I did several TSI projects of ten acres when I was in my early twenties using a Homelite Super 2 chainsaw to girdle the trees. I was not required to use chemicals. About 1995 I had a small timber cut to help me finance the purchase of my house. I have not had that retirement harvest. The trees are looking good and continue to grow.



WOODS WALKERS ON THE TRAIL  
Henry Kernan Explains Need For  
Priorities in Woods Management

I recently attended a presentation on watershed management that was held by the Southern Finger Lakes chapter. I learned the importance of having an engineering team plan and design a pond that will prevent flooding downstream and will also prevent future problems with the pond.

The Southern Tier Chapter recently held a woods-walk on property owned by John and Stacie Knapp. It was a wonderful event.

I was surprised at the low turnout at the above two events. Many members are depriving themselves of a wonderful opportunity. Please consider putting these events on your calendar. You will find that you will

be inspired by what others have done and have an opportunity to meet some great people.

I hope to see you at one of our events. Bring a high school student if you can.

Steve

For information on becoming a NYFOA member visit [www.nyfoa.org](http://www.nyfoa.org). Annual membership is \$55 and includes: subscriptions to Treelines: to the bimonthly NYFOA state wide publication, The New York Forest Owner, attendance at chapter meetings and statewide meetings.

### Welcome New Members

Don Hewes  
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