



Chairman’s Corner

Submitted by Dick Brennan

Greetings, I hope this finds you and your family healthy. It’s been an unusual time since the Spring Newsletter. All of our chapter’s activities have been curtailed and chapter Steering Committee meetings have been held via telephone conference. Personally, staying home has sometimes been tedious but I have also spent more time in my woodlot (a good thing) and completed more projects around my home.

Our state NYFOA has initiated a monthly e-mail newsletter, “The Woodlot”. This will help fill the information void left by the absence of chapter activities. I enjoyed the July edition; it was well done and covered a lot of ground. It is only available electronically. If you did not receive a copy, please contact Liana Gooding and update your email address (lgooding@nyfoa.org) and look for the next edition around August 1st. Also coming is NYFOA branded t-shirts, hats, and tote bags. Expect to hear more in the near future.

Our state NYFOA has joined with the Audubon Society of NY in applying for a grant that would support educational activities related to bird habitat and forest management. If approved, the Allegheny Foothills Chapter would be one of the chapters sponsoring activities. If approved the activities would be planned for 2021.

Our chapter will get back in the game with 2 woods walks that are planned for this September. Planning was based on the assumption that NY State will continue to progress in reducing COVID -19 restrictions. See the “Mark Your Calendar-Upcoming NYFOA AFC Events” section for dates/details. It is anticipated that participants will be expected to follow state guidelines regarding social distancing and face covering. If you desire food or beverage, please bring your own.

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Dick Brennan, AFC Chairman

Because of the current COVID-19 Restrictions, we ask that masks are worn and that social distancing is practiced at all of our events.

Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming NYFOA AFC Events

September 12	Wood’s Walk—Jerry LaPorte’s	9:30
September 26	Wood’s Walk—John & Gayle Rembold	9:00

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Fran Michalak Receives NYFOA Service Award Submitted by Tony Pingitore

Fran Michalak and her husband Greg joined NYFOA-AFC in October of 2007. They live on 80 acres, about a third of it woods, in the town of North Harmony. Greg handles the management of the property and Fran is his right-hand (wo)man moving logs, stacking firewood, moving tops and brush, and whatever else needs doing.

Fran became active in the chapter soon afterwards. She has been a tireless and enthusiastic worker at the NYFOA display at the Chautauqua County Fair. She actively tries to keep kids engaged and each year brought woods-themed cookies for them and asked forestry type questions before giving them a cookie. She helped design and arrange the exhibit making it 'visitor friendly'. At the annual chapter Christmas Party, she runs the popular gift exchange adding a lot of fun and surprise to the party. Fran is an active participant in all of the woods walks and other events; she is known for going barefoot through the woods.

Fran and Greg have two daughters, Elizabeth (John) of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Katherine of Houghton, New York and one Grandson, Owen of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Besides being an active member of NYFOA, she, Greg and their daughters are avid and successful deer hunters. She works as a Teaching Assistant in the Conservation Program at the Hewes Ed Center (BOCES) Asheville.

In the community, Fran has been active in Girl Scouting for over 30 years and is currently the cookie manager for two Service Units. She teaches religion and is music director and cantor for Our Lady of Lourdes RC Parish in Mayville.

The AFC Chapter is so fortunate to have dedicated members like Fran . CONGRATULATIONS Fran!!

Wood's Walk—Jerry LaPorte's Farm - September 12th (9:30)

The Woods Walk will be at Jerry LaPorte's Farm, 7405 Martin Wright Rd, Westfield NY starting at 9:30. The farm is on the south side of the road.

Topics of interest include:

- ⇒ habitat improvement on a stream
- ⇒ clearcut reforestation project on an old growth conifer planting
- ⇒ seven year old larch planting
- ⇒ recent timber harvest on mature hardwood forest and the regeneration results after the harvest

Wood's Walk—John & Gayle Rembold Property—September 26th (9:00)

The Woods Walk will be at John & Gayle Rembold's property 6666 Sweeney Hill Road, Cataaugus, NY will start with a Gathering at 9-9:30am and we will be entering woods at 9:30

We will provide bottled water and there will be a port- a-potty available. We will review forest activities on our property and view the results of these activities.

- These include early plantation development, road building, timber harvest and EQUIP sponsored invasive control and TSI.
- We will also observe the effects of deer browsing and discuss open field management.
- We are hoping to have a forester on hand and our walk will be on "fairly flat" ground.

We are limited on shade so prepare for the weather.

Bring your own beverage and lunch if you so desire.

Directions

From central Little Valley (traffic light) head north on Rte. 353 for 1.3 miles. Turn left onto County Road 5 (New Albion Road) and go 2.3 miles to Sweeney Hill Road (at a curve) turn right and proceed .8 miles to 6666. DO NOT TRY GPS as it misdirects you!



Interesting Article on Glyphosate

From University of Maryland College of Agriculture & Natural Resources

<https://tinyurl.com/rgwkyyt>

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Welcome New Members!!!

John Moscatti Sr.
Mark Warnes

Williamsville NY
West Valley NY

Stumpage Price Report

https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/sprwinter20.pdf

Please email your comments to:

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If you know of someone who has woodland, or is interested in wood lands invite them to join NYFOA-AFC. Feel free to show them your copy of the Newsletter and/or the N.Y. Forest Owner Magazine.

The mission of the New York Forest Owners Association (NYFOA) is to promote sustainable forestry practices and improved stewardship on privately owned woodlands in New York State. NYFOA is a not-for-profit group of people who care about NYS's trees and forests and are interested in the thoughtful management of private forests for the benefit of current and future generations.