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WFL Annual Meeting and Picnic

September 25, 2021

by Eileen Schaefer

Our Annual Meeting this year was hosted by David Swanson and the Swanson family on their Osage Farm in Mt Morris. The property still has crop farming, but no longer has dairy cows. We started the meeting with a picnic in their special grove that has hosted many other picnics. After eating our lunch, the annual meeting was called to order and a slate of officers were elected for our WFL Board of Directors. The Stihl chainsaw drawing was much anticipated with Roger Schenkle as the big winner! Next came the Dryshod Boots which were won by Nick Jensen, he was present to receive congratulations!



Guarding the Fire

cus Macrocarpa, the circumference at 4.5 feet is 258', height is 110 feet, the tree was last measured in 2016. The information is listed in the New York State DEC Big Tree Register as of September 19, 2018 for Livingston County Region 8.

Many thanks to the Swanson family, it was a wonderful day to be in the woods.



Using the Cook Fire



Dine Time

We took a walk up a trail into the woods to view an outstanding gully and debated the possibility of a maple tree being a birdseye maple. The next treat included a wagon ride to see the osage orange grove that is so famous on the Swanson farm. David and Jeff gave us some of the history of the grove while we picked an osage orange to take home with us. The final wagon trip took us down a field and in front of the Champion Bur Oak. The common name is Oak, Bur, the scientific name is Quer-



**Nick Jensen (left) gets
Dryshod certificate from Greg
Lessord**

Your Raffle Results

by Greg Lessord

With covid still a stumbling block to our annual dinner meeting we met at the Swanson family farm for a picnic and woodswalk on September 25th. We incorporated our required annual meeting into that to elect the slate of officers and followed with the Dryshod and Stihl raffles.

Ticket sales were above those of last year and split near even between the items, separated by just 6 tickets. Our grand total was \$810 into the WFL bank account. As the vendors graciously donated both the boots and saw/ PPE package we had no costs to cover! Also to be noted, Dryshod provided a pair of winner's choice to each of our ten chapters.

The board sincerely appreciates their generosity and continued support from them as both companies have been multi- year donor/ sponsors. Their products are top notch.

The winner for Dryshod boots is Nick Jensen of Baldwinsville, NY. Nick recently e-mailed me to say he has received his Dryshod NoSho boots and has been wearing them hunting and to the recent Tree to Table event at the Arnot teaching forest. He has been pleased with them. He is waiting to try them hunting when the temperature finally plummets.

The winner of the Stihl saw/ PPE package is Roger Schenkel of Victor, NY. Roger was not present but as the ticket says " need not be to win"! Enjoy that saw.

Congratulations to both of them. I would also like to thank all those who purchased tickets. These monies go a long ways in funding our variety of programs, speakers, venue rentals, newsletter and so on. I would like to thank those who mailed in their tickets/ checks and took the time to enclose a hand written note letting us know how they appreciate what WFL has been doing and to say how/ what they have been up to.

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Membership is open to anyone interested in understanding how to manage a woodlot. NYFOA membership can bring returns in the satisfaction of growing quality timber, stabilizing forest industries and markets, providing permanent jobs, increasing the value of your woods, enlarging areas of natural beauty across the state, and leaving behind a monument in living trees to bless the tomorrows for the youngsters of today. For information on becoming an NYFOA member, contact Liana Gooding, NYFOA Secretary, NYFOA, P.O. Box 541, Lima, NY, 14485 or at 1-800-836-3566. Annual membership is \$45 and includes: subscriptions to this newsletter; to the bimonthly NYFOA state-wide publication, The New York Forest Owner; attendance at chapter meetings; and to statewide meetings. Membership at the Contributing level \$50-\$99; Sponsor level \$100-\$249; Benefactor \$250-\$499; and Steward \$500 or more are also offered. For more information visit www.nyfoa.org.

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Note: The deadline for the Spring 2022 issue is February 15

Genesee Country Village and Museum

Western Finger Lakes Outreach – September 18, 2021

by Colette Morabito

On Saturday, September 18, the WFL team of volunteers proved their very best. Smithsonian Day at Genesee Country Village and Museum (GCV&M) was sold out. Our team, namely: Ron Rietz, Mike Seager, Greg Lessord, NYFOA Executive Director Craig Vollmer, David and Colette Morabito all graciously shared their knowledge and the chapter's overabundance of handouts to the many interested visitors to the museum that day. Craig arrived with the beautiful backdrop for our tables and displays which added a real "wow" factor. A shout out to Hugh Canham, who was unable to attend, for his significant participation in the quality of the program.



Greg Lessord (left), Mike Seager and Ron Rietz enjoy the fall sunshine at the NYFOA booth in front of the John Wehle Gallery. They were able to connect with many of the museum guests on Smithsonian Day.

Craig spent the whole day alongside us to spread the word about NYFOA and Master Forest Owner (MFO) opportunities available to forest owners. He provided two presentations that he shared in the comfort of the museum: "The Past, Present, and Future of New York's Forests and Forest Products". The talk was right on point with the museum's goal of demonstrating how forests in Upstate New York have endured. The countless changes in forest ownership from 1700-2021 has been varied, to say the least. The history of the forested land in NYS was devastated to a level of virtual unsustainability. NYS has a total of 30.2 million acres. By 1880 more than 75% of all New York State forests were cut down. However, by 1950 New York had over 50% forest cover or nearly 15 million acres. Today nearly 61% of NYS is back to forest cover. These forested lands are primarily family owned.



NYFOA President Stacey Kazacos (left), Colette Morabito, Jeannine Kazacos, and NYFOA Executive Director Craig Vollmer pose in front of the many resources provided to the visitors at the GCV&M.

NYFOA President Stacey Kazacos and his wife Jeannine pulled up their sleeves to pitch in and support our efforts. They spent the day with us; we appreciated their help. Mark and Liana Gooding were also in attendance and kindly brought resources and laughs to the day. Many other NYFOA members who were visiting the GCV&M grounds came to see us as well. It was delightful to learn of their personal forest property histories, goals, and stories. A beautiful day was enjoyed by all to reconnect after a long-sequestered time apart due to the pandemic.

FIREWOOD 4 CHARITY ANNOUNCES A SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS

by Dave Keebler

Firewood 4 Charity (F4C) is an initiative of the New York Forest Owners Association Western Finger Lakes Chapter. The Wagner Companies delivers donated logs to the Deuel Farm outside of Caledonia. Volunteers make the logs into firewood over the Spring and Summer. Meanwhile Rotary Clubs of Ontario and Wayne County take orders for firewood to be delivered in the Fall. This October F4C completed its fifth season. Forty-five face cords are on hand.

David and Cecilia Deuel host the operation. David also takes responsibility to be the yard boss. In this role he contacts The Wagner Companies to schedule log deliveries and sets up the work schedule for the volunteers to split wood. In late Fall he coordinates with the Rotary Clubs to have their firewood orders picked up for delivery. Proceeds from the sale are donated to Rotary Camp Onseyawa on Seneca Lake. The camp is named for the counties from which the twenty-one supporting Rotary Clubs hail: Ontario, Seneca, Yates and Wayne. The camp operates the last two weeks of August. The rest of the year the location is known as Boy Scout Camp Babcock-Hovey.

David is assisted by Eileen Schaefer. She keeps a roster of volunteers and distributes the work schedules from David. She also distributes a production report based on David's input after each work session.

In the five years that F4C has operated more than 200 face cords have been donated to the Rotary Clubs to sell. Once the Rotary needs were fulfilled a few cords were left to help people that needed some firewood. Any donations were given to the camp. To date donations in the \$20,000 range have been made to the camp through the efforts of F4C.

Now at the conclusion of year five, David has announced the operations will be suspended. The active volunteers agreed that it was time to hand off the project to a new group. A gas-powered log splitter, a five-gallon gas jug, a

nice Keurig coffee maker and a small amount of cash accumulated in the doughnut fund will be held and made available to a group that takes over the project. Some wood pallets on which to stack wood can also be passed along to the next group. This offer is not limited to the WFL chapter. If no group comes forward by the end of next Summer, then the items will be sold and the proceeds given to the camp.

In closing credit must be given to Dean Faklis who conceived the idea for the program. It was originally named Chainsaws 4 Charity. However, two years ago we were contacted by an organization that has used that name for many more years than did the NYFOA WFL chapter. So C4C was renamed F4C. Once again credit must also be given to The Wagner Companies for their willingness not only to donate logs but to deliver them to the job site for free.

Anyone interested in taking up this very worthwhile project may contact David Deuel at dsdeuel@gmail.com to discuss their interest.

David and Cecilia, all the volunteers thank you for hosting the program. Many happy hours were spent splitting wood, exchanging updates on camps in the woods and enjoying the view of the Genesee Valley from your yard. The tranquil setting and energy expended splitting wood mellowed the group to the point where many calm and orderly discussions were held exchanging various views on the topics at hand. Which is somewhat of a rarity these days!



Piestrak Forestland Woodswalk

June 26, 2021

by Eileen Schaefer

The Piestrak family has been graciously hosting an amazing woodswalk bi-annually for many years. Consulting Forester Bruce Robinson shares technical and practical knowledge of the forest the Piestrak's have under management with Bruce. The Piestrak family gets to do all of the labor!

trail that is wet and difficult to use.

There couldn't have been a woodswalk without a discussion on caterpillars and the gypsy moth invasion many of us experienced this year. Bruce pointed out there is a dormant bud in a tree that will come out if there is a stressor such as the gypsy moth that kills the initial bud. The critical piece is what will happen next year in determining the longevity of the tree.

After lunch we traveled by wagon to a walnut



Participants of the Woodswalk

photo credit Crystal Piestrak-Paluck

We started the day with refreshments and introductions of our host Ed Piestrak, along with the Piestrak family that do so much to make the woodswalk a success (including the wonderful lunch), Forester Bruce Robinson, NYFOA President Stacy Kazacos, NYFOA Executive Director Craig Vollmer, and NYFOA Board Member Ed Neuhauser. Then we headed to the wagon to begin our tour of the forest.

Ed mentioned the original parcel was purchased in 1989 and they have continued to purchase surrounding parcels as they became available for sale.

The question of when to work in your woods was debated along with TSI (timber stand improvement) practices. It was fascinating to see first hand the differences between a timber stand that had been cut/thinned twice and one that had not been cut at all. We also discussed vernal pools and their benefits when fixing a

grove that was not planted and yet has hundreds of walnut trees. Pretty cool!

Our last stop was at a hillside spot where Ed placed a special statue (as seen in our group picture) so all of the travelers on the highway could view her. Between the statue and the super large Tree Farm sign, Ed can hear car horns honking their approval as they drive by.

The link to the Piestrak Forest Lands YouTube channel is listed below. You can also search for "Piestrak Forest Lands" on YouTube. A special thanks to Crystal Piestrak-Paluck for filming the segments that are so full of great information. To see many of the video highlights of this woodswalk go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCraZg7prN74WcDgT23Ymr7A>

or

<https://tinyurl.com/Piestrak>

The Pando

by Colette Morabito

When my husband and I first began managing our woodlot, it was suggested by Mark Gooding, our NYS DEC Forester, that we join NYFOA. That was the very best advice we could have received as clueless forest owners trying to do the right thing moving forward as woodlot owners. We joined in 1997. We were able to find countless supports through our NYFOA membership and make many personal connections with other forest owners. Back in those days the conversation was about Beech. Too much Beech, removing Beech, controlling Beech, Beech suckers, Beech Bark Disease, deer do not seem to browse enough Beech, etc. Invasive species was the next big topic, and with so many different species of both plant and insect attackers, it continues to be an ongoing crisis. But the deer issue, that never ends. There are simply too many deer. They continue to eat their way through much of New York's regeneration at an alarming rate.

The New York State DEC estimated that 253,990 deer were harvested from the entire state during the 2020-21 hunting season. Yet we can all confer that we cannot seem to get any relief from the constant attack deer have on our forest regeneration, vegetable patches, flower beds, bird feeders, saplings, fruit trees, and all manner of vegetation that is not fencing them out (deer "exclosures")! There is a significant number of dead deer on the roadside that also takes an expensive and frightening toll on drivers. This summer we have seen and heard from neighbors and friends of the large number of twin fawns in and around our homes and wood lots. Oh dear, so many deer!

While complaining to my sister one day about the delicious buffet my yard seems to offer so many pesky deer, she asked me if I was familiar with Pando. Thus, my mentioning it here. For those unfamiliar with Pando, it is located in Fish Lake National Forest, Utah. Covering an area of approximately 108 acres, it is a Quaking Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) clonal colony. It is a single living organism weighing over 13 million pounds. There are over 40,000 individual trees that originated from one seed. A dioecious

plant, meaning as with all Aspen clones, it is either male or female. Pando is wholly made up of male trees. All the individual trunks are connected by a single yet vast root system. It is stated to be "a one tree forest". The forest spreads by sending up new shoots through the root system. Thus, its name: Pando-Latin for "I spread". It is estimated to have its beginnings at the end of the last ice age. Needless to say, Pando is quite renowned for its fall splendor but also known as the largest living organism on the Earth!

However, this national treasure is also suffering at a slow yet alarming rate of decline. There is a lack of regeneration due to over browsing by mule deer, elk, as well as cattle. This sad tale has been ongoing for many, many years. Insects and disease are also threatening the clone. Utah State Road 25 cuts straight through Pando. Numerous visitors carve and deface the Aspen trunks with all manner of thoughtlessness.

As you know, problems related to Upstate New York management goals are not at all unique to the many issues that forests across our beautiful nation are suffering. Whether it is: too many herbivores and their eating the much-needed regeneration, not enough hunters, lack of natural predators, disease, insects, invasive plants, encroaching human communities and/or our recreational cravings. All this and more can create the demise of simple forest health-regardless of the size, age, or scale that that forest may exhibit.

Pando is a unified colony of Aspen trees. A prime example of the ability to endure. But how much longer can it survive in its purest form? We are all linked together as members of NYFOA with many of the same intrinsic goals for our properties. We all continually garner information and experiences from one another as well as the many, countless available resources to assist us in making the very best decisions for our land(s). However, every decision we make in our management plan has consequences well beyond our property lines and our mutual life together. It is ultimately a delicate balance of reciprocal relationships which unite us all.

Thump-thump! Thump-thump!

by David Deuel

This is the sound I awoke to one morning in early November, thump-thump, over and over. After sunrise an examination revealed a roadside dead ash had fallen, the top branches in the road being run over by traffic, thump-thump. Another close call, fortunately no damage, no accident, no injuries. It seems like only a matter of time before a serious injury is caused by a fallen roadside ash. Another call to NYS DOT, another "We are looking into the issue", another excuse with no action taken by NYS DOT.

In the past, the DOT has removed trees not in the highway right-of-way whenever they determined the tree was a hazard. Most times, I was not notified. I have no problem with the removal of roadside trees that are a public safety issue. By these past experiences, I assumed the DOT has the responsibility to remove any dead ash that possibly

could fall into the highway. If so, they are certainly taking their sweet time to remove this public safety hazard.

I called my attorney for his opinion on my liability as a landowner. Not his area of expertise. The only advice he could give me was the issue is "murky". I called my insurance agent to ask if our liability coverage would pay a claim for damages. She stated, very clearly, that if the tree is dead, and I know the tree is dead, I am "negligent" for not removing it. So, after two phone calls and one hour's time, I am now possibly liable and most definitely negligent.

It is recognized that EAB arrived in shipping crates/pallets of auto parts from China via Michigan ports. The US Customs Border and Protection Agency along with several of its Partnering Government Agencies has as their job, mission, goal, to prevent such an event from happening. So how is it that we, the landowners, who had nothing to do with the arrival of EAB to our shores, are the ones being held liable and deemed negligent? We as landowners have lost thousands of dollars in value of our ash trees from this pest. Now we are being asked/required to pay for the cleanup. This does not seem equitable from my point of view.

As landowners, what is our best path forward? Is there a reasonable, timely solution to this issue? What part, if any, and at what level, should NYFOA and WFL play in all this? DEC regional Forester Gary Koplan, NYFOA State and WFL Director Greg Lessord and I met one evening to discuss and brainstorm the issue. We have opinions and ideas, also several questions. We would greatly appreciate your consideration of this issue. Please contact us with your ideas, thoughts, and opinions.

As always, thank you for the privilege of your time. Stay safe in the woods and enjoy!



photo Credit: Garrett Koplan

A fallen dead ash reaching out to a nearby public highway.

Legacy Building

by Colette Morabito

We often discuss how to take our beloved properties to the next level of ownership. A real challenge with complicated tax consequences, interested and/or uninterested children, carbon credits, 480A considerations, conservation easements, and fears of dividing up (fragmenting) the property into smaller lots due to any multitude of personal financial issues.

We have an obligation to teach our children and grandchildren everything we know regardless of how simple or complicated it might seem. Although the financial aspect of land ownership remains first and foremost, how about sharing information with our tender loved ones that bind us to the land, for example: bird calls, tree identification, looking under rocks together, cleaning out birdhouses and see all that is in there, the night sky, seeds, insects, raking leaves, weather, woodworking skills, etc.

So how do we translate this to our youngest family members, whom we often take for granted? It is time to teach them now. Let us be the first teachers, not only by words but by our example, in how to embrace all that we see. Let's translate that hard work into a simple education for the next generation. I have collected a small list of children's books that would provide wonderful quiet time with youngsters either in a tent, by the fireside, or simply before bed. These books will create a lot of conversation about true-to-life experiences in nature.

The Nest That Wren Built by Randi Sonenshine, Illustrations by Anne Hunter A realistic story about the life cycle of wrens. Nest building through fledglings leaving the nest, this book has great vocabulary and wonderful illustrations.

Amara and the Bats by Emma Reynolds A love of bats and a dream create friendships, action, and a gift to bats.

If I were a Tree by Andrea Zimmerman A book about our five senses which centers on trees. A simple camping trip provides an opportunity to appreciate all that trees encompass.

Some useful tinyurl's:

- For the latest information on NYS stump-age prices, go to <https://tinyurl.com/DEC-Stumpage>
- For NYFOA's Facebook page, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/NYFOA-FB>
- For our Western Finger Lakes chapter's page on the NYFOA website, go to <https://tinyurl.com/NYFOA-WFL>

Garlic Braiding Tutorial

by: Colette Morabito

We had eight ladies signed up to learn the art of garlic braiding at Harmony Acres Garlic Farm in August. Michelle Scutt, who co-owns the farm with her husband, was our expert instructor. She was very patient, hilarious, and full of knowledge on all "things" garlic.

From its history, growing techniques, recipes, and so many other anecdotes, Michelle made our experience in her air-conditioned dining room a big success. We were immediately drawn in to her clear and precise instructions. Each of us started out with 12 individual garlic bulbs attached to their long and gangly stems. It takes more strength than you would imagine getting the garlic stems to cooperate. In the end, with much laughter and just a few braiding issues, we all had our own handmade, fresh garlic braid to take home. All the braids were unique and beautiful. They smelled good, too.

At the conclusion of the tutorial, there was considerable debris piled on the table and floor from our hard work. Although we would have gladly done the braiding outdoors to alleviate Michelle from the cleanup, the outdoor temperature that fine day was hovering at 95 degrees with 80% humidity, she insisted we remain indoors for the braiding! It is fair to say that we did not argue that point!

We then headed out to Michelle's barn to purchase some of her high-quality garlic products, pre-made garlic braids, and fresh bulk garlic. The barn was full of all manner of garlic: hanging, drying on racks, and the future garlic "seed" bulbs set aside. Quite a beautiful sight to see and smell. All grown on their property, harvested by family and friends, and the pride they feel from their garlic accomplishments was "intense". It was a delightful experience for all of us. We all decided to repeat this event for August 2022; Michelle is on board to repeat the session. Stay tuned garlic fans!



Michelle Scutt , center, getting a garlic braider's braid-back on track!



Eileen Schaefer shows off her garlic braid trophy! Delicious success.

Potential Forest Management Goals for Private Landowners

by Colette Morabito

When was the last time you evaluated your forest management goals? As we all know, things evolve and change over time. Goals are a rather fluid yet important part of our forestry work. These goals are based on your personal beliefs, values, interests, and finances. The size of your property will have an impact as well. Consider the history of your property and the soil composition. Is this forested property your residence or is it a hobby, and/or simply for recreational purposes? Time and strength are needed to do any forest work. Trees are a rather slow growing commodity; be thoughtful. Perhaps it is time to re-think your goals. Here is a recent list that we compiled for the Women for the Land Learning Circle. What are your top 5 forest goals?

- _____Retain My Land as a Forest
- _____ Improve Forest Health Through Stewardship and Management
- _____Restore, Improve, and Preserve Native Habitats and Natural Areas for Wildlife
- _____Improve Fish Habitat including Stream-side Forest, Protect Water Quality
- _____Develop Ponds or Other Water Sources, Wetland Conservation
- _____Viewing Wildlife
- _____Enjoyment in the Natural World, Scenic Beauty
- _____Protecting Threatened or Endangered Species
- _____Establish New Tree Planting
- _____Enhance Tree Growth and Quality
- _____Protect Against Wildfires
- _____Study of Nature
- _____Outdoor Recreation: Hunting, Fishing, Camping, Hiking, Skiing
- _____Maintain and Development of Trails
- _____Develop and Maintain Forest Access-Building Roads, Paths and Trails
- _____Pass Property on to Heirs
- _____Land Investment
- _____Generate Income from Timber Production and Harvest
- _____Generate Income from Non-Timber Products-Maple Syrup, Ginseng, Mushrooms, Spring Water
- _____Generate Income from Recreational Access and Use: Hunting, Forest Bathing, ATV Trails
- _____Potential Carbon Credits as Investment
- _____Control Invasive Species
- _____Maintain a Secluded Place to Live, Owning Green Space
- _____Provide Benefits of Forest to the Environment
- _____Passive Management – Do Nothing, Let Nature Take Its Course
- _____Firewood

∞ Upcoming Events ∞

Note: For possible updates to these meetings and to learn about events in neighboring chapters and across the state go to our NYFOA website's EVENTS section at

<https://www.nyfoa.org/events>

Save the Date

The New York Forest Owners Association has allocated the year of 2022 for the Western Finger Lakes Chapter to host the State Meeting. We have been planning, organizing, and reaching out across our many counties to make this a fabulous weekend of countless opportunities. This event is not only for our chapter but for all NYFOA members and friends.

Due to the complex nature of putting together a weekend of this magnitude, which would encompass education, woods walks, hands on activities, and the like, we will be changing up the WFL calendar for 2022 to accommodate this event. As you know, we typically have two General Meetings in both March and May of each year and the third meeting composing our Annual Meeting in October. Clearly due to the pandemic, that was impossible for many obvious reasons. In order to create a quality program for all NYFOA members, we will be cancelling the two spring General Meetings in 2022. This will allow us to expand our resources to incorporate one large event in the Western New York setting.

We have selected the weekend of April 23, 2022 for this awesome event. Please mark your calendars. More information will be forthcoming as we secure the many different details for what is sure to be a great weekend for all who attend.

Welcome New Members

Cheryl Kelley
Suzette Morabito
James Sanchez
Steve Schiano
Patricia Simpson
Dale Thompson

Honeoye Falls
East Rochester
Rochester
Swain
Nunda
White Post

Classifieds

Wanted: Woodlot and Related Activity Photos. We're building a small collection of photos for publicity and similar NYFOA purposes. If you have photos from woodswalks, woodlot activities, NYFOA activities, etc. and are willing to share, please e-mail them to Jim Minor, jcmi-nor@rochester.rr.com.

Tree Tubes for Sale - Member(/Non-Member) price: 4' w/o stake (\$5.50/\$6.00); 4' w/ stake (\$6.50/\$7.00); 5' is special order... please call (585) 880-1799 or (585) 367-2847 for price quote. Proceeds benefit WFL chapter.

For Sale: 73 surveyed acres on Holliday Road in Granger, Allegany Co. Moderately lying land with 2 or 3 beautiful streams and a small waterfall. The timber has not been cut in 20+ years. Good road frontage with utilities available, 6 miles east of Fillmore (Rt 19), 1 mile from village of Short Tract. Asking \$1500/acre with 10 year owner financing at 7%, or make offer to <TLTowner@aol.com>.

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**An increasingly common sight– A fallen ash
endangering traffic. What to do? Story on page 7**

Mark Your Calendar

- Weekend of April 23, 2022. WFL hosts the State Annual Meeting*

* See inside for details

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