



# Allegheny Foothills Chapter Newsletter

## Chairman's Corner

Greetings to AFC members! There are two thoughts I want to share with everyone. The first is to make everyone aware of AFC events. The second is an update on AFC membership.

Thanks to everyone who attended and assisted with our annual holiday party held on December 15<sup>th</sup> in Jamestown. The food and entertainment were excellent and everyone enjoyed the conversation and the gift exchange. I know December is a busy time of the year but this is an event that is really worth setting time aside to attend.

Thanks to AFC Officers, Steering Committee and others who took time to attend the January meetings to plan this year's events and to attend to other important AFC business. Special thanks to our Planning Coordinator, Brian Bullard for the 2008 events that should be of interest to all members.

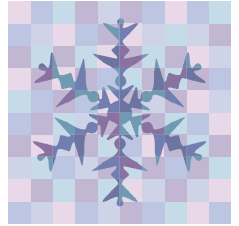
Watch for further details in the

newsletter and please try to attend – you are sure to learn something that will be beneficial!

The AFC had a net gain of six members in November and thirteen in December – this is excellent. Our membership at December 31<sup>st</sup> stood at 261 members, just eighteen members shy of meeting Goal A of the NYFOA Chapter Membership Incentive Program. Reaching Goal A will provide additional funds to our Chapter, so please continue to recruit new members and encourage them to be active. Remember that prizes will be awarded to our star recruiters.

Thanks for listening and making time to attend our upcoming events. I look forward to hearing from you on how the AFC and NYFOA can better serve your needs as a forest land owner or as someone interested in our forests. I hope to see you at our next event.

~Steve Teuscher



## Upcoming Events

Members of the planning committee met in Randolph in January to plan out the chapter events for the year. Below are the general ideas and dates for AFC events this year. Please save these dates and check inside each newsletter for specific details and locations.

- March 15:** New York Logger Training including chainsaw safety, Little Valley
- May 2:** Sawmill Tour at Bradford Forest Products
- May 31:** New York Logger Training, outdoor training session
- July 19:** AFC Picnic, Allegheny State Park
- August 23:** Whole tree chipping operation
- Fall:** Woods walk with Western Finger Lakes Chapter on Gas Wells
- October 25:** Food Plots and herbicide use
- December 13:** Holiday Party, Little Valley

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## New York Logger Training

Come join us on March 15 at the Cattaraugus County Fairgrounds in Little Valley from 9:00 am to Noon for an indoor session on **New York Logger Training (NYLT)**. Logger training is a cooperative effort that teaches environmentally sound logging practices, improves woods skills and creates a safer work environment. This training is not ONLY for loggers, but for anyone who uses a chainsaw to cut standing wood. **Mike Burns from the Empire State Forest Products Association (ESFPA)** will lead the session. He will discuss the history of logger certification, what it is, what it isn't, and why it is important to forest landowners. He will also discuss the relationship between Trained Logger Certification, Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), Tree Farm, and Group Certification programs.

This event is free and open to the public. Coffee and refreshments will be available for a donation. To aid planners of the event, please call Jeff Rupp at



(716) 257-5652 before March 12 so that an accurate head count can be obtained.

The meeting will be in the Corporate Building in the fairgrounds. Enter through the main gates off Erie Street and follow the road on the right side by the fence to the building entrance.

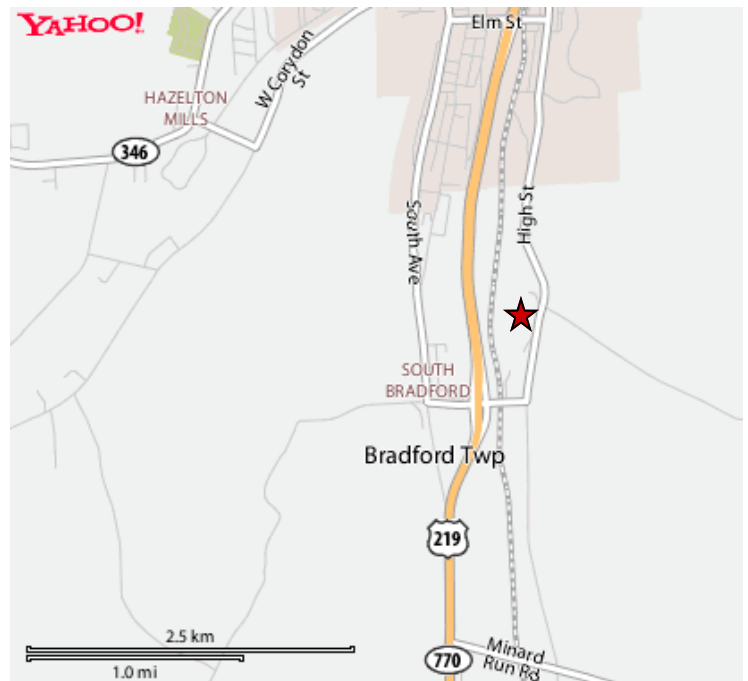
**Emerald Ash Borer Workshop:** On March 19 at the Ontario County Training and Safety Facility, 2914 County Road 48, Canandaigua, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm speakers from the USDA Forest Service will present the state of EAB infestation and provide management recommendations. Call Carol Kodweis at 585-428-7710 to register.

## Sawmill Tour

Come join us on May 2, 2008 for an informative tour of a state-of-the-art sawmill facility, Bradford Forest Products, in Bradford, Pennsylvania. Several foresters at Bradford have volunteered their time (on a Friday night!) to take us through all facets of the mill from sawlogs and veneer logs in the mill yard, through the entire production process. The mill tour takes about 1 hour, but give 1.5-2 hour maximum time, including refreshments to be provided by Bradford Forest. We will tour in smaller groups to be determined by total number of attendees.

We will meet at Bradford Forest's sawmill at 6 p.m. The second shift will be in full swing, so don't miss this opportunity!

Directions: Take I-86 East or West (depending on your location) to Exit 23, the Allegheny-Limestone Exit which is NYS RT 219. Take RT 219 South to the end of the expressway. Make a left on Owens Way. Go 0.3 miles to the stop sign at High Street. Make left on High Street, sawmill is 0.1 miles on left.



Did you Know?

In an eight-ounce glass of water there are approximately 8, 000,000,000,000,000,000,000 water molecules (8 septillion)

## NYLT Indoor Session

On May 31, there will be a follow-up outdoor training to the New York Logger Training session held earlier in the year. No pre-requisite is necessary so if you didn't make the indoor meeting, you're welcome to attend the outdoor session. If you did attend the indoor session, come again to see what you learned indoors applied in "real life" conditions.

At the March meeting we will have discussed what logger training is and why it is important to the landowner. This session is the next phase: putting NYLT in practice. This field session will showcase the landowner/logger/forester interaction and how communication is improved between all parties resulting in accomplishment of the landowners goals with im-



proved attention paid to BMP's. The importance of logger certification in relation to the sale of Certified wood products will also be discussed.

**Mike Burns from the Empire State Forest Products Association (ESFPA)** will again be providing the training. Mike will be working with a NYLT certified professional logger who will demonstrate NYLT concepts.

The location for the training has not yet been finalized, however this event will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 12 p.m. and will be outdoors, rain or shine. Check out the next issue of the newsletter for location and time.

Please call Brian Bullard, Program Planning Chair, at 716-664-5602 ext 303 for more information.

**Welcome New Members: John Anderson, Davies, FL; Henry Bauer, Wellsville; Mary Jane and Mike Gerring, DeWittville; Bruce and Jean Gustafson, Silver Creek; Carlton and Diane Hamann, Westfield; Chris Hanson, Swarthmore, PA; Robert Herring, Panama; Linda and Gene Jones, Brocton; Jamie Lewis, Whitesville; Donald Mansfield, Fredonia; Vinnie Marold, Kane, PA; Christian Porter, Oakdale, PA; Sean and Tracey Porter, Hickory PA; Tom Schwarz, Charles Town, WV; Joseph Wawrzynek, Lockport; Michael White, Lakewood.**

## No Fee Increase

Thanks to the NYFOA Board for their decision at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting to reverse the increase in membership dues that was scheduled to take place on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Board has the responsibility to assure that NYFOA is financially stable, so this was not an easy decision. The Board will revisit the issue of a dues increase at a future meeting.

As Chapter leaders we can do our part to try to keep the dues at their current levels by making increasing membership a priority. I think the math is simple – more members at the current dues amounts will offset fewer members at a higher dues amount.

Remember, it is as important to retain existing members as it is to gain new members.

You can help to keep membership fees low by asking a friend, neighbor or relative who is interested in woodland topics to become a member.

## DEC Camp Applications

The Chapter's Steering Committee has announced that this year the Chapter will be sponsoring three students to go to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation summer camp in Rushford, NY.

The three students, all sons or daughters of NYFOA members, are; Paul Fridman, Scott Weber and Jessica Kurtis. Each student was asked to send a short essay to describe why they would like to go to DEC camp. Here is what they wrote:

Hi, my name is Paul Fridman. I love the outdoors because I love to fish, hunt, camp-out and catch crayfish. I go hunting with my dad on our land near Rushford Lake. I hope to get my small game license so that I can hunt turkey in the spring. I love to hike because as well as getting exercise you see the great outdoors. My brother,

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## Agroforestry Sampler

On Saturday, April 12, at 135 Emerson Hall on the Cornell University campus in Ithaca, NY learn how to:- Combine trees and shrubs with crops and/or livestock to diversify products, markets, and farm income; Improve soil and water quality while reducing erosion and non-point source pollution and enhancing wildlife habitats; Benefit from using multi-cropping, multi-story practices, including silvopasture, forest farming, riparian buffers, alley cropping, windbreaks, and other agroforestry practices.

This workshop will provide an overview of agroforestry practices and also the Root Production Method as applied to agroforestry with specific case studies highlighting the environmental and economic benefits of agroforestry to the landowner or farmer.

Agroforestry research from the Center of Agroforestry and others will provide updates on current findings and future research initiatives. Presentations and a tour of the Cornell Mac Daniels Nut Grove will show case the opportunities for forest farming in New York and the Northeast.

Dr. Harold Gene Garrett, Director, University

of Missouri Center for Agroforestry (UMCA), and Wayne Lovelace, Developer of the Root Production Method (RPM), and Partner of RPM Ecosystems LLC, will offer their hands-on experiences and the latest research on a wide array of agroforestry practices.



Sponsored by RPM Ecosystems LLC, Cornell Agroforestry Resource Center, Cornell Agroforestry and Private Woodland Management Program Work Team, and the Cornell Ecoagriculture Working Group, University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry, Chemung Canal Trust Company

Registration is \$95; Student rate \$75 and the fee includes morning refreshment, lunch, conference packet and resource materials. For more information, contact: RPM Ecosystems at (607)844-9590 or [info@rpmecosystems.com](mailto:info@rpmecosystems.com)

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sister and I like to goof around on fallen trees. We also make animal shelters out of sticks and leaves. I love to fish at Rushford Lake. We catch perch, tiger fish, smallmouth bass walleye and sunfish. Camping out is great because we go to Allegany State Park each year in August. I love to catch crayfish there. Each year I get better and better and they get bigger and bigger. It would be fun to do these kinds of things and more at Camp Rushford. So pick me and you won't be let down.

Hello, my name is Scott Weber. My dad has been a member of NYFOA for a lohg time. I have even been on a few woods walks with my dad. I enjoy outdoor activities like hunting, fishing and riding my four-wheeler. I have gone hunting with dad and uncle for the last seven years. I also have my life-time hunting license. I would like to go to DEC camp because I think it would be fun to meet some new friends and learn more about the great outdoors.

I would like to go to Camp Rushford because I have heard so

many good things about it. I have two older sisters and they both went to camp when they were fourteen. That was a couple of years ago and I still remember them telling me all about it. How they got up early in the morning and jumped into the 40 degree pond, and how they learned skills that they still use today. The friendships they made and the people they meet were always a huge part. I'm fourteen now and I would like a chance at what they experienced. I want to do whatever they did plus more, maybe not more more of the polar bear swim then they did, but I still want the chance. To me, going to camp just to have fun would be fine, but I love learning, school doesn't count, and this would be a great opportunity to learn. I'd love for you to sponsor me; otherwise I wouldn't have the chance to go. I've been looking forward to going to Camp Rushford since my oldest sister went, and just as a side note, it's really great of AFC to sponsor young people to go to camp. Even if I don't get chosen, I'll know that what you're doing will be to the benefit to someone, even if it's not me.





## Seedlings Available

New York State DEC's annual sale of tree and shrub seedlings is underway and will continue through May. The Saratoga Nursery produces over 50 species of trees and shrubs, many native to New York, for planting on public and private land. The minimum order for conifers and wildlife shrubs is 100, for hardwoods 25, and for container stock 50. Mixed packets of 30-100 wildlife shrubs are also available for homeowners to attract wildlife. Landowners can get planting advice from their nearest DEC forestry office or private forestry consultant. The bulletin "Trees and Shrubs" is available at DEC offices or by calling (518) 581-1439. It contains a list of available species and prices and helpful information on tree planting. Many Soil and Water Districts also sell seedlings in smaller amounts.

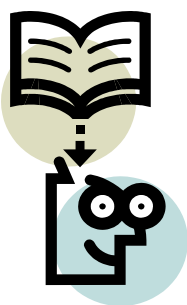
## Tidbits of Information

The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources recently published a wood pellet heating guidebook for commercial and industrial users. The 26-page booklet offers answers for commonly asked pellet-related questions, both basic and complex, and a list of resources. The chapters touch on a variety of issues, such as Components of a Wood Pellet Heating System, Environmental Considerations and Economic Analysis.

According to its authors, the booklet argues that

heating with biomass helps to mitigate environmental issues, is available at a lower cost than fossil fuels, offers convenience in storage, and packs a high energy content.

The booklet can be downloaded by visiting the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Website at [www.mass.gov/doer](http://www.mass.gov/doer)



## Stumpage Price Report

The next column contains a portion of the most recent stumpage price report as compiled by NYS DEC. The report is printed twice per year and the full report is available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/> or at your local DEC office.

Species	Western/Central <i>Doyle Rule</i>		
	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)
<b>Most Common Species</b>			
Ash, White	55-310 (185)	150-370 (225)	175-700 (300)
<b>Cherry, Black</b>	<b>500-1240</b> (900)	<b>700-2000</b> (1200)	<b>1000-2500</b> (1400)
Maple, Red (Soft)	50-310 (150)	100-515 (250)	100-515 (350)
<b>Maple, Sugar (Hard)</b>	<b>200-800</b> (550)	<b>400-1200</b> (700)	<b>500-2000</b> (900)
Oak, Red	100-495 (300)	275-800 (390)	300-900 (500)
<b>Pine, White</b>	<b>20-100*</b> (60)	<b>40-150*</b> (100)	<b>100-200*</b> (110)
<b>Less Common Species</b>			
Aspen	10-50* (30)	20-100* (50)	50-100* (60)
<b>Basswood</b>	<b>50-185</b> (100)	<b>50-310</b> (150)	<b>100-400</b> (250)
Beech	20-100* (40)	30-135* (50)	50-150* (60)
<b>Birch, Yellow</b>	<b>25-200*</b> (100)	<b>40-310*</b> (200)	<b>100-900*</b> (250)
Birch, White	NR	NR	NR
<b>Butternut</b>	<b>50-150*</b> (100)	<b>100-250*</b> (200)	<b>100-400*</b> (300)
Elm, American	NR	NR	NR
<b>Hemlock</b>	<b>25-100*</b> (50)	<b>35-100</b> (60)	<b>50-150*</b> (95)
Hickory (spp.)	25-200 (100)	40-360 (150)	75-360 (220)
<b>Oak, Chestnut</b>	<b>75-200*</b> (100)	<b>150-500*</b> (250)	<b>150-500*</b> (300)
Oak, White	50-300 (110)	100-500 (250)	100-500 (335)
<b>Pine, Red</b>	<b>30-290*</b> (55)	<b>25-410*</b> (75)	<b>50-515*</b> (100)
Spruce (spp.)	50-120* (90)	100-135* (120)	100-200* (155)
<b>Tulip Poplar</b>	<b>30-200*</b> (100)	<b>75-250*</b> (170)	<b>100-350*</b> (200)
Walnut, Black	100-800* (500)	400-1200* (850)	500-1500* (1100)
Aspen	NR	NR	NR
<b>Birch, White</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>
Hemlock	NR	NR	NR
<b>Mixed N. Hardwoods</b>	<b>5-15*</b> (10)	<b>2-20*</b> (12)	<b>5-20*</b> (15)
Pine	NR	NR	NR
<b>Spruce/Fir</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>
Firewood	5-10** (8)	2-15* (12)	5-20* (16)

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**Deadline for article submission for  
the next issue is May 15, 2008**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

MARCH 15, NEW YORK LOGGER  
TRAINING (NYLT), CATT. CO  
FAIRGROUNDS

MARCH 19, EAB WORKSHOP,  
CANANDAIGUA

MAY 6, SAW MILL TOUR,  
BRADFORD PA

MAY 31, NYLT OUTDOOR  
TRAINING SESSION

## Genesee Valley Greenway Trail

In our region  
we're fortunate

to have a terrific opportunity to access history, improve our health and enjoy a pleasant stroll through beautiful country. All this on a 90-mile long trail system that runs from Hinsdale in Cattaraugus County to Letchworth State Park in Livingston County and ends at Genesee Valley Park in Rochester. The trail, known as the Genesee Valley Greenway trail, follows alongside the remains of the historic Genesee Valley Canal and the old Pennsylvania Railroad. In Hinsdale, near the VFW Post on NYS Route 16, the remains of lock 104 are adjacent to the 1 mile section of trail that is open. Trail users can also see a series of seven locks within Letchworth State Park.

The trail corridor is owned by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and is managed through a partnership between the two agencies and the non-profit group "Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway" (FOGVG). DEC Senior Forester and AFC Member, Ron Abraham, has been instrumental in seeing more of the trail open for use in the southern tier.

If you are interested in hiking the Genesee Valley Greenway Trail, maps and a brochure are available by calling (585) 658-2569 or by visiting the FOGVG website at [www.fogvg.org](http://www.fogvg.org).

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*"There aren't any rules around here, we're trying to accomplish something!" ~Thomas Edison*

## Editor's Notes:

Despite the snow on the ground and the fact that the woodchuck saw his shadow, you can tell that spring is around the corner because the Soil and Water Conservation Districts and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation have their tree seedlings for sale.

Another sure sign of spring is the start of Chapter events and woods walks. The schedule for the year has something for everyone. It starts off with the Rural Land Owners Workshop and continues all the way to the Holiday party.

Speaking of the Land Owners Workshop, if you will be attending, bring extra money along to buy tickets to win a beautiful hand crafted and hand painted walking stick, donated by Tony Pingitore and Dan Anderson, with the proceeds going to the camp fund for students to go to DEC next year.

Remember, think Spring!~ JoAnn

The *Allegany Foothill Chapter Newsletter* is published for members of the Allegany Foothills Chapter of the New York Forest Owners Association (NYFOA) and is published 4 times per year. NYFOA was founded in 1963 and is organized to encourage the wise management of private woodland resources in New York State by promoting, protecting, representing and serving the interest of woodland owners. The Allegany Foothills Chapter was founded in 1989 and encompasses Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties.

Membership is open to anyone interested in understanding how to manage a woodlot. For information on becoming a NYFOA member, contact Liana Gooding at (800) 836-3566. Annual membership is \$25 for individuals and \$30 for families and includes: subscription to this wonderful newsletter; the bi-monthly NYFOA statewide publication, *The New York Forest Owner*; attendance at Chapter meetings; and at two statewide meetings. For more information visit [www.nyfoa.org](http://www.nyfoa.org)



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