

CNY Chapter NYFOA

FEBRUARY 2014

COVERING COUNTIES
CAYUGA, HERKIMER,
MADISON, ONEIDA,
ONONDAGA, AND
OSWEGO

2014 Program

*Come join us for all or some of these events and
let us renew our chapter focus on our woods.*

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FEBRUARY 20-22	NY Farm Show - NYFOA presentations Arts & Crafts Bldg, State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, <u>see page 3</u>
MARCH 22	NYFOA Presentations & Annual Meeting, 8:15 am- 3:30 pm Marshall Hall, SUNY ESF Syracuse - <u>see page 3</u>
MARCH 25	CNY-NYFOA covered dish dinner and meeting, 7 pm College Agriculture Building., Morrisville --- <u>Bring a dish to pass</u>
MAY 17	Woods walk at Cann's tree farm & energy independent home, 9:30 am @ 6155 Quarry Rd, Canastota (315-687-3812)
<i>Details for the following events will be in the next newsletter</i>	
AUGUST 24	NYFOA-CNY Picnic at Great Swamp Conservancy
OCTOBER 18	Woods walk, north of Oneida Lake @ 10 am - address TBA
DECEMBER 5	Christmas Party at Babcocks 6:30 pm in Cazenovia

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Good-Bye to an old Friend 2013



Loss of elegant
American Elm on
Nelson Street to Dutch
Elm Disease



Photos: Bill Carr

NYFOA member Carl Stearns' elm succumbs to Dutch elm disease - lumber salvaged and put to multiple uses

Photo credits to Village of Cazenovia Tree Commission



At our January meeting we elected officers and heard presentations by Paul Romanenko, Senior Forester for Madison County private land services, and by Emily Armstrong with the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Hamilton (NRCS).

Paul presented information on the Forest Stewardship program which is aimed at non-industrial, private forests and implemented in cooperation with USDA Forest Services. Paul can help with free professional planning and technical assistance to keep your land productive and healthy through a Forest Stewardship management plan. Plans must meet federal program standards and are good for 10 years but wait time to have one may be up to a year. Having a plan may also enable landowners to apply for state and federal forestry assistance programs.

Emily discussed the 30 or more NRCS programs that may be available for your forest including timber stand improvement, erosion control, invasive species control and even wildlife habitat programs.

If you are in Oswego, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida or Herkimer County call Paul and Emily and they can tell you who to contact in your county.

Senior Forester Paul Romanenko, .607- 674 - 4017 ext. 606)

Emily Armstrong at NRCS (315- 824- 9076 ext 107)

Lesson Learned : killing large buckthorn year-round (although autumn is probably best) by girdling the base with a hatchet, and immediately spraying with concentrated glyphosate has worked for me . RS



NY Farm Show Seminars - February 20 -22

NY State Fairgrounds, Arts and Home Center

THURSDAY February 20:

- 11:00 Sources of Help and Assistance for Forest Owners
- 1:00 Forest Management and Bird Habitat
- 2:00 Coping With Insects That Destroy your Valuable Trees
- 3:00 Changing Markets for Forest Products: Impacts on Woodlot Owners

FRIDAY February 21

- 10:00 Love your land? Make a Plan: Beyond Estate Planning
- 11:00 Feral Pigs in New York and Your Woodlot
- 1:00 Low Impact Timber Harvesting
- 2:00 Managing a Woodlot Affordably: Lessons Learned
- 3:00 Production of Timber and Livestock on the Same Land

SATURDAY February 22

- 10:00 Preventing Timber Theft
- 11:00 Soils Information in Woodlot Management: Using the Internet
- 1:00 Portable Sawmills for the Woodlot Owner
- 2:00 Working with a Consulting Forester
- 3:00 Woodlot Management and Income Taxes

NYFOA 52nd Annual Spring Program - March 22

**Marshall Hall, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY**

- 8:15 a.m. Registration and refreshments
- 9:00- 9:15 a.m. Welcome: Jim Minor, President NYFOA and David Newman, Chair, Faculty of Forestry, SUNY ESF
- 9:15-10 a.m. Silviculture and Regeneration, Perspectives for Landowners. Dr. Ralph Nyland, Distinguished Service Professor, SUNY-ESF
- 10-11 a.m. The Return of the American Chestnut, Dr. Chuck Maynard, SUNY-ESF
- 11:15-12 p.m. Wildlife Species of Conservation Need and Woodland Owners, Gary Goff, Cornell University, Rich Taber, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Jonathon Cohen, SUNY-ESF
- 12-1:30 p.m. Luncheon and NYFOA Annual Awards Banquet Keynote Speakers: Jerry Michael Co-Chair, NYFOA Restore New York Woodlands Initiative
- 1:30-2:20 p.m. Tours of the new ESF Gateway Building and other campus highlights TBA
- 2:30-3:15 p.m. NYFOA Annual Membership
- 3:30-5 p.m. NYFOA Board of Directors Meeting

Spring Program Fee of \$20 - To register print and mail-in registration form available at
www.nyfoa.org/docs/FarmShowPressRelease2014.pdf

The CNY- NYFOA annual meeting will be held Thursday *March 25th* at 7 pm. the Agricultural building at Morris. ille College. Bring a dish to pass for dinner.

For the latest stumpage report
Stumpage Report : <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5259.htm>

BREAKING NEWS

CNY-NYFOA has funding for 30 participants in *Game of Logging* workshops - stay *tuned for more information

Each NYFOA chapter is invited to demonstrate the value of deer exclosures for tree regeneration by installing one in a public area supported by a grant of \$250 from NYFOA's "Restore New York". We will need volunteers to help with this... Please let Ralph Meyer (meyerralf@yahoo.com) if interested.

The 6th" Native Landscape Symposium" in Ithaca is March 7-8 see www.ithacanativelandscape.com

Many counties have trees for sale through their Soil and Water Conservation District and you can request additional seedlings from the NY state Nursery Seedlings to be delivered at your County sale www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/seedlingbrochure.pdf

NY DEC has released a report on "The economic importance of New York's forests"
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/33310.html>

EDITORS 2-cents

Most of us love our woods, but may lack the words to express it well. Two recent books by David Haskell an by ESF professor Robin Kimmerer have beautiful language as well as uncommon insights that will enlighten and inspire.

- Perfect reading on cold winter nights -

The forest unseen by David George Haskell (2012)
Braiding sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer (2013)

Since this is my first issue as editor of our newsletter, I would like to ensure that it is a valuable resource. Besides basic elements that will appear regularly (descriptions of recent and future NYFOA events and contact information) I would appreciate your opinions of what else you might want included in future editions.

Please highlight or circle features on the next page that would be of value to you and mail the marked page to me (or scan and email)

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REGULAR FEATURES to appear in Newsletter

- ❖ Forestry or land management items for sale or wanted
- ❖ Requests or offers of assistance in sharing (or renting) equipment or labor
- ❖ Compilation of lists of local loggers, foresters, sawmills, equipment sources
- ❖ Reviews or experience good or bad with local loggers, foresters, sawmills, equipment etc.
- ❖ Notices of events held by other groups interested in natural resources, habitat restoration, invasives, native plants, etc.
- ❖ Reviews or recommendations of books or other information sources (e.g. web links) on forestry or natural history topics
- ❖ Narratives of members' experiences (successes, complications, failures, etc.) with various forestry practices, i.e. "Lessons Learned"
- ❖ Stumpage values

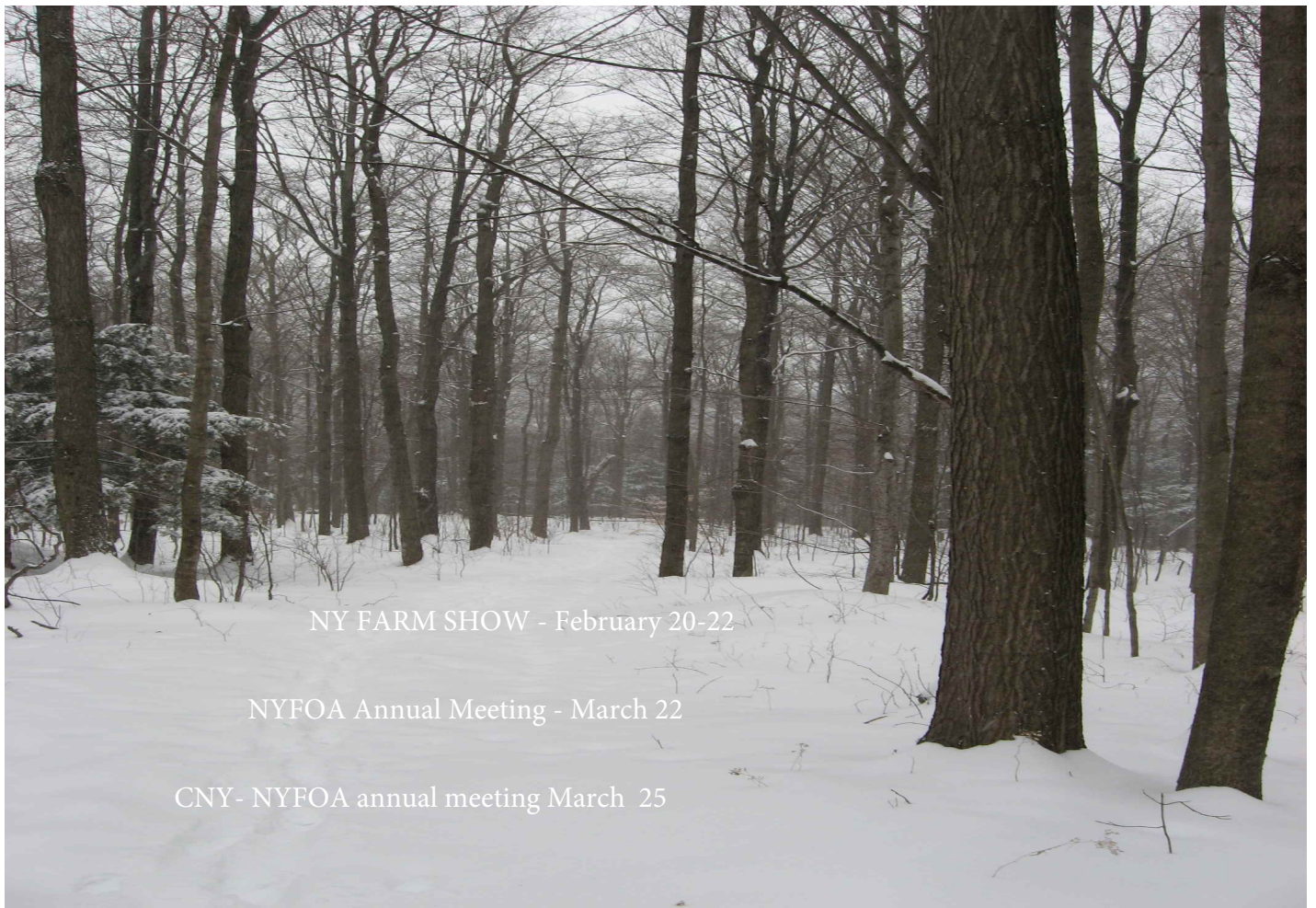
SPECIAL in-depth Articles on forestry topics from expert sources

- ❖ *Forest Management Plans*, USDA Conservation Plans, Natural Resources Conservation Programs, *Sustainable Forestry practices*
- ❖ Finding the right forester for your needs
- ❖ Conservation easements, estate and/or tax planning
- ❖ *Timber Harvest (contracting, equipment, techniques, clean-up, etc.)*
- ❖ *Timber Stand Improvement (felling, girdling, using chemicals)*
- ❖ *Other organic harvests from your property besides timber including on-site sawmill products, nursery trees, willows, witch hazel, honey, wild flowers, ferns, shrubs, moss, nuts, pine or spruce seeds, Christmas trees, ramps, wild onions, mushrooms, snails, pond-raised fish, horseradish, maple/birch syrups, forest gardening*
- ❖ *Inorganic harvests (spring water, sand, gravel, shale, blue stone, muck, peat, molding clay, topsoil, etc.)*
- ❖ *Energy harvests for personal use or sale: Firewood, pellets, charcoal, wood chips, hydropower, wind power, solar power, methane, biomass*
- ❖ Silviculture i.e. forest grazing
- ❖ Interactions between active or old agricultural fields and your forest
- ❖ Threats to your forest : timber theft, climate change, pests (disease, feral pigs, insects, invasive plants)
- ❖ Recreational or other uses of your property (trapping, hunting, , fishing, bird watching, nature study, hiking, skiing, snowmobiling, etc.)
- ❖ **Would you prefer email or paper delivery of NYFOA- CNY newsletter?**
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NY FARM SHOW - February 20-22

NYFOA Annual Meeting - March 22

CNY- NYFOA annual meeting March 25