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Conifer Plantation by Ed Piestrak

e have a parcel of land that encompasses 16 acres that was planted as a plantation

50 plus years ago. The species was predominantly red pine and white pine with a sprinkling of scotch pine as well as a number of hardwoods.

Several years ago we had a forester mark the trees to be removed to favor the better ones plus allow more growing space for the remaining trees. Several loggers looked at them and one logger related he wanted the red pines since he builds log homes. He looked over the trees and related he would take a couple tri-axels out now and come back for the remaining conifers next year. He said he would pay \$4 per ton and we agreed to that.

The logger did remove the tri-axels of trees but did not pay one cent for them and he never came back to harvest the remaining trees. Only goes to show one that there are some unscrupulous people and the need for a written contract with upfront funds.

Thereafter we continued to explore ways to have the trees harvested. We had the trees remarked to take out two rows and leave two rows to allow for easy access and removal. Then again people looked at it and were not interested.

What to do? We discussed the situation with our present forester and hero, Bruce Robinson. And it was decided to do an over story removal and leave the hardwoods as a seed source. That process is ongoing and we can discuss it in the next issue.

The Finger Lakes Museum

by Mike Seager

A t WFL's general meeting on 06 March, Mr. John Adamski gave us a presentation about the Finger Lakes Museum. Inspired by the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake and the Wild Center in Tupper Lake, the Finger Lakes Museum is slated to open in 2014 and is intended to showcase the cultural and natural history of the Finger Lakes region.

Mr. Adamski shared a sweeping vision of the Finger Lakes Museum as a state-of-the-art institution that will illustrate the history of the 9000

square mile Finger Lakes region, contribute to research and education about the Finger Lakes, and inspire stewardship and preservation of the area's historic, cultural, scenic and ecological treasures. The museum expects to draw at least 130,000 visitors each year and will contribute an estimated \$10 million annually to the economy of the area.



The museum will be located on a 620 acre campus that is part of Keuka Lake State Park near Branchport. A major exhibit in the museum will be the largest freshwater aquarium in the eastern United States. Fifty feet deep and shaped like the cross section of one of the lakes, it will allow visitors to see the aquatic life that goes on under the surface of the lakes. Other indoor exhibits will interpret the history of land use in the Finger Lakes from Native Americans to pioneer farmers to the industrial era to today. Outdoor exhibits on the surrounding grounds will include a wildlife trail, a working Mennonite farm and a pre-industrial winery – demonstrating how to make wine from grape to bottle without benefit of electricity.

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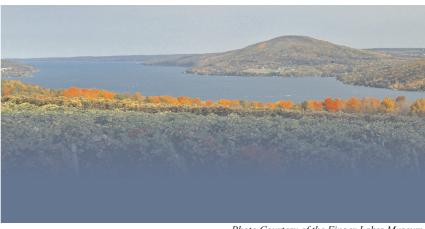


Photo Courtesy of the Finger Lakes Museum

Looking NE across the southern end of Canandaigua Lake toward Bear Hill.

The Finger Lakes Museum (continued from page 1)

Down the road in the village of Branchport is the Finger Lakes Research and Education Center, with offices, classrooms and laboratories for collaborating colleges and universities to conduct projects in water quality, invasive species and other aspects of sustainable land use. Several institutions such as RIT, Cornell University, Keuka College, Wells College and Finger Lakes Community College are already participating in projects at the Center. The classrooms may be used both for college classes and for public outreach programs.

The project sounds tremendously ambitious but Mr. Adamski said that it has generated a great deal of enthusiasm from state and local governments as well as the public. Dozens of volunteers are working on all aspects of making the project come together. Mr. Adamski paints a picture of a world-class facility that should be on everybody's list of places to visit. For more information, visit the museum's web site at www.FingerLakesMuseum.org.

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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 boys and girls 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 \$30 for individuals and \$35 for families and includes: subscriptions to this newsletter; to the bimonthly NYFOA state-wide publication, *The New York Forest Owner*; attendance at chapter meetings; and at two statewide meetings. Membership at the Contributing level \$50-\$100 and Supporting level \$101 & up) are also offered. For more information visit www.nyfoa.org.

Readers are encouraged to submit articles for publication in this newsletter. Articles should be mailed or e-mailed to: Richard Starr at the address to the left. Electronic submissions are preferred. Any letters should be sent to the Chair for consideration.

For event reminders and late-breaking news, subscribe to our email list by sending a blank email to nyfoa-wfl-news-subscribe@npogroups.org

Note: The deadline for our next, Summer, issue is June 1st.

WESTERN FINGER LAKES CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD

by Dale Schaefer

ean Faklis was chosen as the WFL Chapter Service
Award recipient for 2011. After having an M.F.O. visit in
July 2009, Dean jumped in with both feet becoming a NYFOA
member and took the MFO course in the fall of 2009. Dean has
since made several MFO visits with novice forestry owners. He
also became a Board of Directors member of WFL as Meetings
Coordinator. Most recently Dean spoke on "Woodland Trails &
Structures; Creating Your Legacy" at the January 2012 WFL
Chapter meeting providing us with great possibilities for our
current or future woodlots.

Dean also started the Springwater Wood Bank which provides free firewood on an emergency basis to people (mainly senior citizens) that have physical or financial difficulties.

A longtime passion of Dean's is being an amateur/ham radio operator. He first met his wife (and high school sweetheart) Julie over the radio. Their woodlots consist of approximately 130 acres with saw timber, wildlife and recreation as their property objectives.

We congratulate Dean and thank him for everything he has contributed to our chapter.

How Tall?by Dick Starr

wo years ago our son in law told me the 18" diameter silver maple in their front yard had to come down.

Naturally I invited myself to join in the fun. I was confident my training in Game of Logging level 1 and the towing hooks on my 4 x 4 SUV could coax the tree away from the house and into the yard. What was in doubt was whether the tree would reach the street and if so, how far into it. No reason to save the house and crush a car. So, how tall is that tree?

I enjoyed trigonometry in high school, especially right triangles. In a 45, 45, 90 right triangle the legs opposite the 45 degree angles are equal in length. Since a tree growing straight up on level ground forms a 90 degree angle, all we had to do was move away from the tree until the angle between tree top and base equaled 45 degrees. This position would be as far from the tree as the tree is tall. (See diagram)

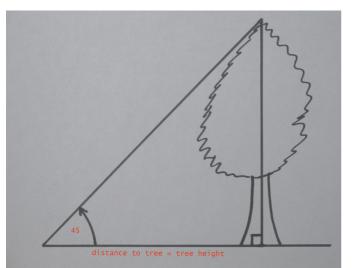


Illustration courtesy of the author

Using a Right Triangle to Measure Tree Height

To make this measurement some alterations were made to a protractor. (See illustration, below) A drinking straw was attached to the flat edge and acted as a sighting tube. A string was inserted through the vertex hole and a small washer attached

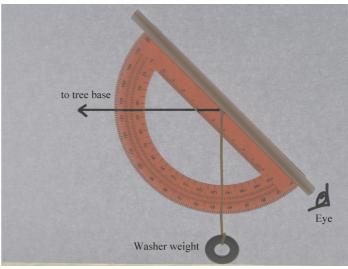


Illustration courtesy of the author

Modified Protractor to Measure Angle

to the free end to act as a weight. The weight assures that the string hangs straight down regardless of the sighting tube angle.

We then began moving away from the tree towards the street while looking at the tree top through the sighting tube. When the string touched the 45 degree line our position was at the end of the driveway, a distance from the tree equal to the tree's height.

I stated that the street and any cars in it were safe. Son in law was still skeptical stating, "It looks taller than that." I pointed out the reliability of the right triangle but he stood guard in the street anyway. When the tree landed the top was at the end of the driveway. Three cheers for the right triangle!

Dick Starr is President of the WFL chapter of NYFOA and a regular contributor to this newsletter. He is a retired Science teacher having spent 32 years in the Penfield School District.

Stumpage Price Report

	Western/Central Doyle Rule			New York State
Species	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)	Stumpage Price Report Winter 2012/#80
Most Common Species				
Ash, White	50-325 (200)	150-500	200-600	
Charmy Block	150-800	(300) 300-900	(400) 425-1200	
Cherry, Black	(400)	(600)	(800)	_
Maple, Red (Soft)	50-250 (130)	125-325 (200)	150-500 (300)	
Maple, Sugar (Hard)	100-500	300-700	425-850	
	(350) 100-400	(510) 250-500	(700) 350-700	-
Oak, Red	(250)	(375)	(500)	
Pine, White	10-80 (50)	50-150 (75)	80-200 (100)	
Less Common Species	(30)	(13)	(100)	1
Aspen	NR	10-85*	NR	
Deserved	50-100*	(30) 50-175	75-250*	
Basswood	(80)	(125)	(175)	
Beech	20-50* (30)	25-120* (50)	30-80* (50)	Sawtimber Price
Birch, Yellow	50-150*	75-300*	50-350*	(Including Veneer
	(100)	(150) 60-100**	(275)	and Poles)
Birch, White	NR	(80)	NR	Dollars
Butternut	100-200** (200)	200-450* (300)	310-650** (400)	per Thousand Board Feet
Elm, American	NR	NR	NR	Board Feet
Hemlock	10-60*	30-125	50-175*	
Hieland (onn.)	(25) 50-100*	(50) 50-300	(100) 150-450*	
Hickory (spp.)	(100)	(150)	(200)	
Oak, Chestnut	50-150* (100)	100-250* (150)	50-350* (200)	
Oak, White	100-300* (150)	100-400 (250)	200-600 (350)	
Pine, Red	50-60**	80-150**	NR	
	(55) 70-130**	(80) 100-145**	125-165**	
Spruce (spp.)	(75)	(100)	(145)	
Tulip Poplar	50-100* (80)	75-200* (150)	120-250* (200)	
Walnut, Black	300-1000*	750-1200*	1000-2000*	
TVAITIAL, DIGOR	(600)	(950)	(1500)	
Aspen	NR	6-14** (10)	NR	
Birch, White	NR	NR	NR	
Hemlock	NR	6-15** (10)	NR	Cordwood Price
Mixed N. Hardwoods	5-10** (6)	5-25* (9)	5-20** (16)	Dollars
Pine	NR	5-14** (8)	NR	per Standard Cord
Spruce/Fir	NR	10-14** (12)	NR	
Firewood	5-10* (6)	5-20* (10)	5-20* (16)]

Low Price Range - reported range of the absolute lowest price paid by survey respondents over the last six months.

Average Price Range - reported range of the average price paid for "middle quality" timber by survey respondents over the last six months.

High Price Range - reported range of the absolute highest price paid by survey respondents over the last six months.

Median - One-half of reported prices are higher and one-half are lower than this price figure.

Doyle, International 1/4" and Scribner Rules - Provide an estimated volume in board feet of a given tree or stand of tres. In most cases, each rule will provide a different volume estimate when applied to identical trees. Each region of the state has a most commonly used rule, but the use of other rules in a region is possible.

NR - No Report.

- * All price figures in this cell were produced from less than 20 survey responses.
- ** All price figures in this cell were produced from less than 5 survey responses.

Recent WFL Event

Creating Your Legacy: Woodland Trails & Structures

January 24, 2012, Honeoye, NY *By Rose Wood*

Chuck, Chip and I want to thank Dean Faklis, the NYFOA Board, and everyone in attendance (more than 60 folks) for a great meeting! Unfortunately, we couldn't be there because Chuck and Chip had a traditional papermaking class (Chip would have been all in pieces if he missed it!). I heard that Dean did a wonderful job of expressing our interests and desires and I think he also helped others understand the process of successful legacy planning and implementation.

For those of you that were not able to attend the meeting, Dean started by outlining the process of analyzing information to help arrive at a set of personal goals for the family's woodland property. He stressed that there are no wrong answers and that goals are highly personal. Once you know how you want to enjoy your property, it then comes down to planning the improvements. Dean stressed that property improvements can be made to last for

centuries using traditional methods coupled with the latest technology. He gave several detailed examples.

For those like us that are just getting started and want better access to the land, Dean described sustainable design, construction and maintenance of woodland trails and structures. He gave references to computer tools that can be used to layout trails and design the overall homestead. He presented detailed information on stream crossings, cabins, barns, lean-tos, trail networks and using renewable materials. The information was timely for those getting ready to make solid long-term investments in their property and want to use proven methods and materials that stand the test of time.

Dean described several DIY structure projects in timber framing, slate roofing, masonry heaters, and simple bridges. He also touched on an interesting technique called cordwood construction, which I think we'll try here. Chuck loves to throw cordwood around!

Wow, with that big crowd, it must have been a great time and we're sorry we missed it. Thanks to all!

E-Mail Service

by Mike Seager

WFL has inaugurated a new email service. For the past year or so I have been sending email updates about once each month to those members for whom we have email addresses. I have sent these from my personal account, which has a number of drawbacks: the biggest one being that in sending out mass mailings, I risk getting my personal account labeled as a source of spam and so shut down or otherwise sanctioned by my email provider.

Last fall the WFL board of directors agreed that we should move to a more formal email list service, and in February we sent the first message to the group through this list. The new list makes sending messages much easier for me, and we hope it will make things easier for our members as well.

The big advantage for you is that you can subscribe or unsubscribe to the list yourself, without having to send a note to me asking me to change the list of recipients. You can subscribe to the list by sending an email to nyfoa-wflnews-subscribe@npogroups.org. The message can be empty; all that matters is that you send a message to that address from the email address where you want to receive

the updates. Similarly, you can unsubscribe from the list by sending a message to nyfoa-wfl-news-unsubscribe@npogroups.org. I have initialized the list with all of the email addresses I had been using, so if you have been getting our emails already you should continue to get them without having to take any action.

I will continue sending out messages once each month or so. Recognizing that some people have slow Internet connections, I limit the messages to text – no big graphics that require a lot of bandwidth to download. The messages are mostly reminders of upcoming events in our area, but email is also our easiest and cheapest way to get the word out if there is a last-minute change in any of our planned events.

If you have an email account, I hope you will sign up for our list. If you don't have email or don't want to get more email, rest assured that we will continue to produce the regular newsletter. If you have any questions or problems regarding the new list server, let me know at (585) 414 6511 or seager_michael@yahoo.com.

Mike Seager, a rgular contributor to this newsletter, is a Director of the WFL Chapter, past President of NYFOA and currently a member of NYFOA's Board of Directors. In his "day job" Mike is a Senior Technical Consultant at Servigistics

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 28, 2012. Sugarbush Hollow Woods Walk. This will be the 10th Annual Woods Walk at the Sugar House of Sugarbush Hollow in East Springwater N.Y – owned and operated by Chuck Winship. The event will start at 9:30 and end around 1:30 or 2:00.

Art Kirsch, NYSDEC Wildlife Biologist in Avon, will give a presentation about the new Statewide Deer Management Plan. Art will also discuss deer management permits for forestland owners. Art has a wealth of knowledge about deer in our region, so come prepared with that deer question you always wanted to ask.

We will also visit Chuck Winship's new cabin he has built in the woods just above the sugar house. The cabin is 1050 feet square with a 1400 square foot porch nestled in the woods. It is unique because all the interior walls and floors are covered with maple, cherry, ash and oak that he has retrieved from blow downs in his woodlot. It is further unique in that most of the wood is #2 common boards, which create an organic feel to the living space. Some of the wood came from Chuck's parents' house roadside maple trees that he used to tap as a kid, "a few years back". Also out of his parents' house are tables etc. made from wormy chestnut wood that his dad used as shelving in his garage. Some American chestnut from his parents' house wood work has also been incorporated. The kitchen cabinets are cherry, again from blow downs on Chuck's wood lot. The exterior is hemlock used to make the Adirondack siding. The design includes handicap accessibility, radiant floor heat and cellulose insulation and a 1900 foot driveway.

After returning to the sugar house, Chuck will provide information on sap production and how the 2012 syrup season panned out. Chuck will also arrange to serve pancakes with fresh maple syrup – always a tasty treat! A donation of \$5 is requested for the pancake lunch. We hope to see you again this year!

Directions to Sugarbush Hollow Sugar House:

* From the north or east take New York State Route #21 south through Naples, New York. Go one mile past North Cohocton, New York staying on Route 21. Turn Right on to County Route 38 also known as Rowe Road and Atlanta Garling House Road. Go 0.6 miles turn Left on to Pardy Hollow Road also known as Pardee Hollow Road. We are located at 8447 Pardee Hollow Road on the right about 3 miles up.

* From the west, south or south east take New York

State Route 21 north from Interstate 86 (Route 17) through Wayland, New York. About 6 miles past Wayland turn left onto County Road 38 also known as Rowe Road and Atlanta Garling House Road. Go 0.6 miles turn Left on to Pardy Hollow Road also known as Pardee Hollow Road. We are located at 8447 Pardee Hollow Road on the right about 3 miles up.

For more information contact Chuck Winship at 585 943 3475 or cew9@cornell.edu

<u>Tuesday, May 1, 2012</u>. WFL General Meeting, 7:30 pm, United Church of Christ, 8758 Main St, Honeove.

Feral Swine In New York; presented by Wildlife Disease Biologist Justin Ganowski



Many people are aware of the feral swine problem in southern states like Texas and Florida, but these animals are also a growing problem in New York. Also called feral pigs, feral hogs, wild boar, wild hogs, razorbacks, Eurasian wild boar, and Russian wild boar, feral swine are a harmful and destructive invasive species.

USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services believes that in the absence of aggressive professional management these populations will likely continue their expansion and become entrenched in New York State with potentially devastating consequences to natural resources, agriculture, and human health and safety. Current feral swine populations in New York are low, offering the possibility of eradication with timely management efforts. In addition to eradication of the existing feral swine populations, preventing future releases or escapes of these swine in New York is of high importance.

Justin Gansowski has worked for USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services for 14 years. He is currently the wildlife disease biologist for New York State and has worked on feral swine issues since 2008 when feral swine were first found in NY.

Upcoming Events (continued)

<u>Saturday, June 2nd, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm.</u> *How to Have a Successful Timber Harvest*

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wayne County, 1581 State Route 88 N. Newark NY

Registration fee: \$10.00

Presenters: Mark Gooding, NYS DEC Forester and Master Forest Owner Volunteers Jim Miller and Don MacDougall

During this workshop basic steps for a successful timber harvest including pre-harvest planning, timber sale contracts, various timber sale methods (with the main focus on the 'lump sum' method) and post-harvest activities will be covered. Also discussed will be potential pitfalls to avoid when harvesting.

After the indoor portion of the workshop participants are invited to join the presenters at a woodlot in Palmyra (approx. 6 miles away) to look at a recent timber harvest on a 100 plus acre woodlot. The group will walk about 1 ½ to 2 miles along the main haul road to view the residual forest stands and discuss best management practices for roads and landings that were installed post-harvest. Please wear appropriate footwear and dress for the weather. Bring some water and a snack if you wish. No facilities at woodlot in Palmyra.

To register send \$10.00 to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wayne County, 1581 Rte 88 N., Newark, NY 14513 by May 25th. Please write Woodlot Management in the memo section of your check. For additional information call Laurie VanNostrand at 315-331-8415.

Sponsored by: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wayne County Master Gardener/Master Forest Owner Program and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Classifieds

Tree Tubes for Sale - Member/Non-Member price: 4' (\$4.35/\$4.85); 4' w/ stake (\$4.90/\$5.40); 5' (\$4.85/\$5.35); 5' w/ stake (\$5.50/\$6.00). Proceeds benefit WFL chapter. (585) 367-2847.

1947 Ford Tractor 2N (9N-8N) - Two speed Sherman Transmission, 3 point hitch, belt driven buzz saw. \$2,300 or best offer. Dale Schaefer (585) 367-2849.

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Saturday, June 30, 2012, 9am, Piestrak Forest Woods Walk, 9757 Watson Creek Road, Lindley, NY 14858

A woods walk will be held at the Piestrak Forestlands, LLC in Steuben County. The property encompasses approximately 900 acres and is guided by a tree farmer and 480A management plan.

This will be our 4th woods walk and we will be observing the following:

- Two additional log landings.
- Crop tree release in a 12 year old clear cut.
- Several miles of newly constructed roads.
- 31 acres of TSI and invasive plant treatment.
- 12 acres of TSI.
- Food plot projects with deer exclosure treatment.
- American chestnut project.
- Rabbit and small animal housing.
- Recently enlarged pond.
- Plus other projects in the managed forest.

Forester Bruce Robinson will conduct the woods walk and as we all know, he does an excellent presentation. Also, Mark Banker for the American Chestnut Foundation will have a few words to say while going about the property.

We will meet at 9 am for coffee and donuts. At noon we will break for a free meal by cook "Jeffrey". Water and snacks will be provided.

We will provide transportation about the property by means of a wagon, etc. Please bring a chair for rest during lunch.

This woods walk is an outreach program of the Western Finger Lakes Chapter of NYFOA. Note: this would also be a worthwhile experience for MFO's.

Coming from east or west take Route 17 to Corning, Painted Post where you would pick up Route 15 south towards Williamsport, PA. In Lindley, at the second blinker light turn right onto Watson Creek Road. From Painted Post to Watson Creek Road is approximately 8 miles. We are located abut 300 yards up Watson creek Road on the right. Watch for signs.

For questions call Ed Piekstrak at (570) 735-7647 or at his cell (607) 205-0350.

A Gift

Consider giving that special family member or friend a gift membership to NYFOA. Less than 1% of New York's forest owners are members and may not realize what they're missing. Send \$30/membership to NYFOA, PO Box 541, Lima, NY 14485



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A trailcam photo of some turkeys taken the day before Thanksgiving last fall on Jim Minor's property in Schuyler County. We'd love to see/publish <u>your</u> trailcam photos. Send to Jim at the address on the inside front cover.

Mark your Calendar!

- 28 Apr Sugarbush Hollow woodswalk, Springwater *
- 01 May WFL general meeting, Honeoye *
- 02 Jun Timber harvest seminar, Wayne County Cooperative Extension *
- 30 Jun Piestrak woodswalk, Lindley *
- 7-9 Aug Empire Farm Days, Seneca Falls
- 15 Sep Springwater Fiddlers Fair
- 22 Sep Seager woodswalk, Swain
- 30 Oct WFL annual dinner and meeting

* See inside for details