



# Chairman’s Corner

Submitted by Bob Wood

It has been an interesting year. We sponsored 4 major events, with two of them, each a woods walk, having a very good turnout. The “under” attended events included the AFC Picnic and a presentation on global warming and its impact on wood lands. It each of the latter two events, we had some PR glitches, which we believe we have addressed. No, our chapter is not the only ones struggling a bit here. The good news at the “State” NYFOA level, is that a consultant has been hired to assist the organization and its Chapters to utilize a wider and varied number of communication channels. At our AFC level, we have made this a major agenda item and most recently appointed. Dr. Michael Jabot, a member of the Steering Committee and our newsletter editor to be our PR, (public relations), coordinator.

We have also asked our members what they would like to see more of. The response has been to increase the number of woods walks we have. This does not surprise me, as most of us get a good deal of information and education by having field visits/walking tours of various woodlands. This is where we need your help. We have around 180 members, and I would assume most of you have dedicated woodlands. (That is not a membership requirement.) What we need is some of you to step forward and volunteer to have a woods walk on your property. This is really not as daunting as it may sound. We have a program coordinator, (Dan Anderson), as well as other members of the Steering Committee who would gladly assist you in having a woods walk/tour of your property. In January 2019 the Steering Committee, will have its first meeting of the year which is just about totally focused on coming up with an events calendar for the year. This is where we need your assistance. We are open to other event suggestions as well.

Many thanks,  
Bob Wood, AFC Chairman

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## Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming NYFOA AFC Events

**Dec 15 Christmas Party (10:00 am)** Randolph Community Center

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## Summer Picnic

Submitted by Dan Anderson

On July 21 the AFC met for the annual summer picnic, this year held at the Audubon Center near Jamestown. 23 people attended this event, with several newer members, some prospective members, and even a young family. We were thrilled at this.

Mike Zagata, the NYFOA organizational development person, graciously provided us with an update on the future outreach plans for our group. Audubon is a great picnic site as ponds, displays, and walking trails are available, and were enjoyed by many.. Thanks to those who attended, and made this a memorable summer picnic!!

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## Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County Fairs – 2018

Submitted by Tony Pingitore and Jeff Rupp

The fairs went well, somewhat slow but steady. We managed to keep all shifts manned with at least two people per shift. We thank all those that helped in any way, those that worked the display and those that donated raffle prizes. We had the largest numbers of raffle prizes since we have been involved. The total take on the raffle was \$326. We had four people sign up for MFO visits.

It was evident that if one worker could get the kids to play a game it was likely the other worker could engage and talk to the adults. The Skittles Game was again very popular. We could use more ideas on an action game for the kids. A kid's version of the old carnival game "High Striker" could be a possibility. Tony is willing to work with someone who would like to volunteer to build something like that.

We thank those that donated raffle items, Jim Barber-cord of fire wood, Glenn McLaren-walleye coat rack, Jeff Rupp-cutting board, Dan Anderson-walking stick and Dick Patton-cherry bowl.

The winners of the raffle were: Erica Valentine, bowl; Jill Northrup, coat hanger; Wally of Fredonia, walking stick; Herman Weber, cutting board; Ellen Foley, rolling pin; Stan Bishop, bootjack; Tony Debicki, cord of wood.

We need someone to take Tony's place as Chautauqua County Fair Coordinator. It is a fun position and very rewarding. After eleven years we need someone with fresh ideas and a passion for the job. Please consider trying it!



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## Jim & Sue Barber's Woods Walk

Submitted by Tony Pingitore

On Saturday, September 22, a woods walk was held on the property of Jim and Sue Barber on Pickard Street, Sinclairville. Just over forty members and guests attended. The weather was perfect for a walk, cool and overcast. Everyone marveled at the panoramic view from their yard and you can only imagine what it would look like in fall colors! Their whole yard is equally impressive.

After coffee and donuts, and visiting everyone boarded two hay wagons to be transported to the woods. Once there forester Bob Jordan and Jim Barber touched on various features and topics as we took the long downhill trek through the woods.

Various methods of controlling beech were demonstrated and discussed, cut stump treatment, hack and squirt, and foliar spray, which was the least effective. Erosion control was discussed at a stream crossing. We saw newly planted Saw Tooth Oak which were planted because of their ability to bear acorns at a young age. Member Greg Michalak said he had a 15 year old Saw Tooth Oak that was loaded with acorns and a bear tried to climb the tree and ripped off all the branches. Mr. Jordan mentioned that the timber market now was good but should get better soon when a new trade deal is made with China. Bob and Jim also discussed incursions by ferns and blackberries. The possibility of a deer exclusion fence in several areas was mentioned.

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## Christmas Party December 15th

Submitted by Dan Anderson

Our annual AFC Christmas Party will be held at the Randolph Community Center on Saturday, December 15, at 10:00. We will hold a short business meeting before eating at noon. Otis/Jim Barber will provide the ham; Dan Anderson to provide dinnerware and other attendees asked to bring a dish to pass

Please bring a dish to pass, and a gift for the gift exchange if you want to participate (homemade items are always the most coveted, but aren't necessary). AFC will supply everything else.

We hope to see you there as this is always a lot of fun and a great way to start the Holiday Season!!

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## Welcome New Members!!!

Robert & Elizabeth Booth	Fredonia, NY
Al Engel	Dunnellon, FL
Nancy Smolinski	Hamburg, NY



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## Stumpage Price Report

[https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands\\_forests\\_pdf/sprsummer18.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/sprsummer18.pdf)

*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.*

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

**December 15, 2018**

**Christmas Party 10:00 Randolph Community Center**

**January 21, 2019**

**Steering Committee 12:00 R & M Restaurant Randolph**



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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.**