



Chairman's Corner

Submitted by Bob Wood

It is finally time to put the snow shovels away and get out your hiking boots and take that much needed walk into your woods. I have noticed a number of ground cover flowers in bloom and the greenery on some of the shrubs and trees are showing, with Black Cherry being one of the first to get its leaves out. Wild life appears to be abundant, having checked my Trail Cameras a few times. A mild winter and one of the heaviest acorn "mast" crops I have ever seen has probably enhanced the wildlife survival. Had a flock of 16 turkeys in the woods, and other sightings of gray fox, coyotes, fisher, raccoons, a black bear and of course several deer.

This year's event calendar is varied and quite interesting. Something for everyone. We have about 3 woods walks scheduled and a very rare opportunity to get a tour of the grand/special trees at Chautauqua Institution with Betsy Burgeson, Supervisor of Gardens and Landscapes. You will find more details in the newsletter.

This year you are going to see some new and additional "PR" regarding the NY-FOA mission, logo and campaign to increase our membership. Please note the new "logo" on our newsletter. Membership is a great way to share in woodland experiences and education as well as meet new friends and network with many who have common interests. I will close by encouraging our AFC membership to participate in this year's schedule of events and bring a friend along.

Bob Wood, Chairman, AFC Chapter

Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming NYFOA AFC Events

- May 20th (9:30)** Wood's Walk—Barber Property—Rt. 380—Chautauqua Cty
- June 3rd (10:00)** Tour at Chautauqua Institution—Turner Community Center
- July 29th (11:00)** Annual Picnic—Don and Beth Huber's Land

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Annual Summer Picnic - July 29th

submitted by Don and Beth Huber

The NYFOA Summer Picnic will be hosted by Don and Beth Huber at their property in New Albion, New York. We ask that each family group bring their own table service, beverages and chairs. We will provide gas and charcoal grills, and the chapter will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and rolls. We ask that those planning to attend, call us at (402) 750-5484 or email don@thelandofhuber.com by July 24th to help us get a number for burgers and dogs. If you forget to call in your RSVP, or decide you can come at the last minute, come anyway, there is always enough food.

We will have a woods walk to orient attendees to the property, a short chapter meeting and lunch. We welcome members to come as early as 9 am and stay as long as you like. The woods walk will start about 10 am. Our amenities include a picnic pavilion, vault toilet, and campfire ring.

Things to see and do include: A five swale fruit, berry and herb food forest, bee hives, an 18 hole disc golf course, vault toilet, ponds and walking paths. Beth and I will be happy to answer any questions, listen to comments and suggestions and have you enjoy our place.

I don't post often, but if you are interested in doing some pre-visit study, go to thelandofhuber.com for some basic info about the disc golf course, the food forest and "The Land" in general.

DIRECTIONS

At "The Land" – 10807 Scott Peddler Road, Cattaraugus, New York 14719

A black mail box with "Huber, 10807" marks the end of the drive. Go straight past the barn (about 1000 ft.) to the picnic area. It is a hard road with ample parking at the end.

We hope you can make it.

May 20th Wood's Walk—Barber Property

Submitted by Otis Barber

Otis and Patty Barber Property
6399 rte 380
Sinclairville, NY 14782

We will be taking approximately the same tour as we did 3 seasons ago. The proposed pond has now been completed. The cabin site now has an enclosed cabin. A timber sale is anticipated soon if the conditions are right and a forester will tentatively be there to discuss and answer questions about that.

- ⇒ Coffee at 9:30 at Barber's residence
- ⇒ Leave for walk at 10:00
- ⇒ Return to Barber home for lunch and chat at Noon

If you can attend please give Barber's a call so we can plan enough food for lunch. [716-962-8175](tel:716-962-8175)
If you forget to call and can come just show up. There will be plenty.

As with many of our members, I was content to read the magazine and newsletters and that was it. One year I was invited to the NYFOA-AFC Christmas party. That got me hooked. Ever since I have enjoyed all NYFOA has to offer.

I hope we can convince more members to get involved. I am sure that with the varied backgrounds of our members there are many with talents that would benefit the organization.

Some of the areas we could use help are:

1. **Publicity:** getting the word out to the media.
2. **Membership:** engaging friends, acquaintances, and people you meet; asking if they have woods...you will be surprised to find how many do.
3. **Hand crafts:** making items as give-a-ways or to be raffled at our events.
4. **Writing:** composing articles for the newsletter, or even the NYFOA magazine.
5. **Photography:** taking photos at our events for use in our newsletter and for the papers.
6. **Participate:** hosting and/or attending woods walks or other events.
7. **Volunteering:** joining our many members who man our display at the County Fairs and other venues.
8. **Suggest:** letting your officers know what type of events you would like to have. We have a great organization; please help it grow and prosper. We do need active participation from more members and we need to grow our membership. A stronger chapter will benefit all of us. The greater our membership the louder will be our voice in Albany.

We have already put in place some super events for 2017 with more coming. The details are always in our newsletter and on our Facebook Page. Try them; you will like them! Need more details, call me!

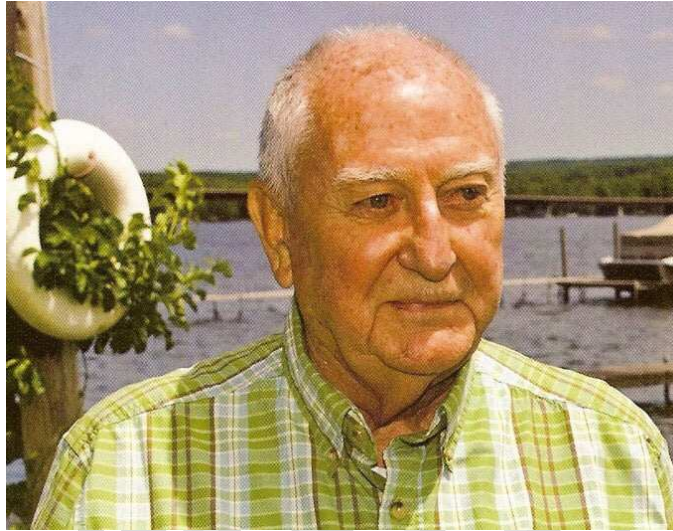
Welcome New Members!!!

Wallace Johnson
Ken Kuczka
Greg Muscato
Matthew Pavlick
Tadd Rider
Erin Schuster

Goodbye To Two Friends

Al Brown (1921– 2017)

Submitted by Dan Anderson



On a very sad note, Dr. Albert Brown passed away on Monday, April 17th, at the age of 95. He retired as the President of Brockport College in 1981 to enjoy time at his home on Chautauqua Lake, which he shared he loved to share with his wife Marge, family, and friends. . He also loved spending time on his 186 acre farm/ woodlot in Gerry, N.Y., which he co-owned with Dr. Ralph Gennarino.

Al had a real passion for the land and for forestry. He was one of the earliest members of the AFC Chapter of NYFOA. He was very active at both the local and state level of NYFOA. He was a member of the very first MFO Class in 1991 with Gary Goff. He loved to do woods-walks on other people's land as an MFO and brought a wealth of knowledge to share with them. Al was selected as Forest Landowner of the Year for Region 9 and won the prestigious Heiberg Award from NYFOA [<https://nyfoa.org/resources/archives-new-york-forest-owner/2002/volume-40-number-3-mayjune-2002>]

Two years ago at the AFC Christmas Party, he shared stories about growing up on a dirt-poor farm in LaFargeville, which is near Watertown, N.Y. His wonderful sense of humor was on full display at this event, and many people have made fond comments about his presentation.

Rest in peace, Dr. Al, your many friends will greatly miss you.

Sara Vail 1941– 2017)

Submitted by Tony Pingitore

We mourn the untimely death of Sara Vail, wife of member Richard Vail. Who passed away March 8, 2017. She was a well-known and highly regarded Real Estate Broker for Century 211 Turner. She was known to Grandchildren as “Grandma Cookie” for the variety and quantity of delicious cookies she brought to them in Statesville, NC.

At NYFOA-AFC, she was known for the beautiful wreaths she brought as gifts at our Christmas Parties and the goodies for the dinner. She was a tireless worker at many charitable organizations. Sara is greatly missed.

Chautauqua County Fair 2017

Submitted by Tony Pingitore

This year our fair is June 24, 2017 through and including June 30. As always, we are looking for volunteers to man our display and items to raffle. It is good to have two or more people at our display all day each day.

Working the display is fun and a is good way to introduce new people to NYFOA-AFC. Talking with passersby is a rewarding experience for both our visitors and our members. If you haven't done this before please consider giving it a try. You will like it!

If you would like to help, call Dick Vail at 763-0021 or 640-5860 or Tony Pingitore at 962-4041 or email me at tonyfp231@gmail.com.

If you can, please donate woodlot or outdoor themed items for the raffle. Handcrafted articles are more than welcome.

This year, Fran Michalak will be working on the design of our display, if you have any suggestions or would like to help send them to me and I will forward them on. Thanks!



Cattaraugus County Fair 2017

Submitted by Jeff Rupp

Monday, July 31st marks the opening day of the annual Cattaraugus County Fair in Little Valley. NYFOA – AFC (Allegany Foothills Chapter) plans again to promote sustainable and responsible forest stewardship with a display, information about our organization, useful educational information and materials, a wood-related quiz or two, a raffle of a few items (handmade, homemade and other), and a friendly visit with real forest owners.

Look for NYFOA in the Norton Conservation Building, just inside the Main Gate on Rte. 353 in the village.

Volunteers to man/woman our display and greet visitors are encouraged to sign up early. Call Jeff Rupp at 716-257-5652 to get your choice of the best time slots.

The Fair runs through August 6th.



June 3rd - Revitalizing the City in the Woods

Submitted by Betsy Burgeson

Join us at 10:00 on Saturday June 3rd at the Turner Conference Center at the Chautauqua Institution as Betsy Burgeson, Supervisor of Gardens and Landscapes will lead us on a tour -- Revitalizing the City in the Woods: Chautauqua Institution's Urban Forestry Management Plan. Betsy will lead us on a tour of some of the keystone trees at the Institution as well as sharing a demo of how they are injecting their Ash Trees with the Arborjet system. This fantastic tour will be followed by a pizza lunch.

BOCES Looking for Help

Submitted by Jeff Rupp

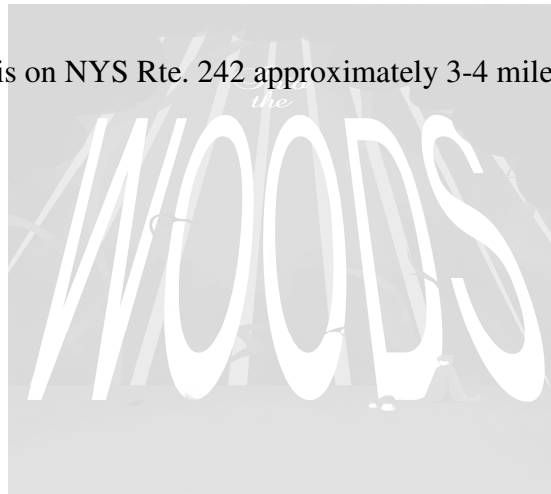
Mr. David Swaciak, Natural Resources Curriculum instructor at the BOCES Training Center in Cattaraugus County, is looking for volunteers to proctor/monitor testing his students in the Forestry Program.

Each Spring, Mr. Swaciak's senior students participate in NOCTI exams at the end of their two-year training and Mr. Swaciak tries to get help from people related to the forest products industry. He finds MFO's and NY-FOA members are often suitable for testing in these areas:

1. Tree Identification (classroom)
2. Chain Saw Safety (classroom)
3. Measuring a pre-staked area of ground (using compass and pace), plotting it on graph paper, and converting it to acreage.
4. Plotting 1/5 acre of forest, with cruise & tally of merchantable saw timber (tree pre-marked by Mr. Swaciak), and converting species tallies to BF volumes per care.

If anyone would like to help out, or would like more information, please call Mr. Swaciak at 716-560-6239 or Jeff Rupp at 716-257-5652.

The BOCES Training Center is on NYS Rte. 242 approximately 3-4 miles east of Ellicottville.



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.

Species	Western/Central Coyle Rule			Adirondack International 1/4" Rule			Hudson/Mohawk International 1/4" Rule			Delaware/Catakill Snyder Rule			New York State Shamrage Price Report Winter 2017/18
	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)	
Most Common Species													
Ash, White	150-330 (200)	150-400 (300)	275-1000 (600)	25-260 (150)	120-260 (220)	200-450 (250)	175-200** (190)	200-450** (275)	220-450** (325)	200-250** (200)	200-300** (250)	300-450** (375)	
Cherry, Black	180-600 (470)	300-900 (600)	800-1125 (900)	100-300 (150)	200-300 (250)	300-400 (350)	200-400** (300)	300-400** (350)	300-400** (350)	200-300** (250)	200-400** (300)	400-600** (475)	
Hickory, Red (Soft)	100-250 (200)	150-200 (175)	150-200 (175)	75-210 (100)	100-200 (150)	150-210 (200)	100-200** (175)	100-200** (175)	100-200** (175)	125-200** (160)	125-200** (160)	210-300** (250)	
Maple, Sugar (Hard)	30-70 (50)	300-620 (450)	440-1010 (600)	100-400 (250)	200-420 (300)	300-420 (350)	100-400** (250)	200-420** (300)	400-700** (550)	300-400** (350)	400-500** (450)	600-700** (675)	
Oak, Red	100-100 (50)	210-620 (300)	400-900 (600)	100-300 (200)	200-300 (250)	300-400 (350)	100-300** (200)	200-300** (250)	300-400** (350)	100-100** (50)	100-100** (50)	100-100** (50)	
Pine, White	20-120 (50)	30-120 (60)	80-120 (100)	20-120 (50)	30-120 (60)	40-120 (80)	20-120** (50)	30-120** (60)	40-120** (80)	20-120** (50)	30-120** (60)	40-120** (80)	
Less Common Species													
Aspen	20-20** (10)	20-100** (50)	30-100** (50)	20-20** (10)	30-100** (50)	40-200** (100)	20-20** (10)	30-100** (50)	40-200** (100)	20-20** (10)	30-100** (50)	40-200** (100)	
Basswood	25-100** (50)	30-100** (50)	40-100** (60)	25-100** (50)	30-100** (50)	40-100** (60)	25-100** (50)	30-100** (50)	40-100** (60)	25-100** (50)	30-100** (50)	40-100** (60)	
Beech	10-40** (20)	30-100** (50)	40-100** (60)	10-40** (20)	20-100** (40)	40-100** (60)	10-40** (20)	20-100** (40)	40-100** (60)	10-40** (20)	20-100** (40)	40-100** (60)	
Birch, Yellow	100-200** (150)	150-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	100-200** (150)	150-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	100-200** (150)	150-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	100-200** (150)	150-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	
Birch, White	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	
Budumut	120-240** (150)	160-720** (300)	160-720** (300)	120-240** (150)	160-720** (300)	160-720** (300)	120-240** (150)	160-720** (300)	160-720** (300)	120-240** (150)	160-720** (300)	160-720** (300)	
Elm, American	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	
Hemlock	30-40** (30)	30-100** (50)	40-100** (60)	30-40** (30)	30-100** (50)	40-100** (60)	30-40** (30)	30-100** (50)	40-100** (60)	30-40** (30)	30-100** (50)	40-100** (60)	
Hickory (esp.)	60-200** (100)	100-300** (150)	100-300** (150)	60-200** (100)	100-300** (150)	100-300** (150)	60-200** (100)	100-300** (150)	100-300** (150)	60-200** (100)	100-300** (150)	100-300** (150)	
Larch	50-100** (70)	100-100** (50)	100-100** (50)	50-100** (70)	100-100** (50)	100-100** (50)	50-100** (70)	100-100** (50)	100-100** (50)	50-100** (70)	100-100** (50)	100-100** (50)	
Oak, Chestnut	50-200** (100)	100-400** (200)	200-300** (150)	50-200** (100)	100-400** (200)	200-300** (150)	50-200** (100)	100-400** (200)	200-300** (150)	50-200** (100)	100-400** (200)	200-300** (150)	
Oak, White	100-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	300-1000** (400)	100-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	300-1000** (400)	100-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	300-1000** (400)	100-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	300-1000** (400)	
Pine, Red	10-100** (50)	40-140** (70)	50-200** (100)	10-100** (50)	40-140** (70)	50-200** (100)	10-100** (50)	40-140** (70)	50-200** (100)	10-100** (50)	40-140** (70)	50-200** (100)	
Spruce (esp.)	50-100** (70)	100-100** (50)	100-100** (50)	50-100** (70)	100-100** (50)	100-100** (50)	50-100** (70)	100-100** (50)	100-100** (50)	50-100** (70)	100-100** (50)	100-100** (50)	
Tulip Poplar	100-200** (150)	150-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	100-200** (150)	150-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	100-200** (150)	150-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	100-200** (150)	150-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	
Walnut, Black	100-200** (150)	150-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	100-200** (150)	150-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	100-200** (150)	150-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	100-200** (150)	150-400** (250)	200-600** (300)	
Aspen	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	
Birch, White	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	
Hemlock	30-40** (30)	30-100** (50)	40-100** (60)	30-40** (30)	30-100** (50)	40-100** (60)	30-40** (30)	30-100** (50)	40-100** (60)	30-40** (30)	30-100** (50)	40-100** (60)	
Mixed N. Hardwoods	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	
Pine	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	
Spruce/Pv	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	
Penwood	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	10-10** (5)	

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and Poles)
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Please email your comments to:
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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.