



Chairman’s Corner

Submitted by Dick Brennan

Greetings, I’m looking forward to a productive summer of chapter activities. Two woods walks and our Annual Meeting are scheduled for July and August. Our state NYFOA no longer requires an “Assumption of Risk” form to be signed by participants which makes registration more relaxed. Woods walks are free and are open to anyone interested not just members. Feel free to invite an interested friend or neighbor as well as children or grandchildren.

We will again have display tables in the conservation building at the Cattaraugus County fair in Little Valley which runs August 1 to August 7. We have many informative brochures (free), wood samples to assist with identification, games for kids, and a raffle. Stop by and say hello.

Gayle Rembold will be contacting members (including past volunteers) to provide coverage for our booth at the fair. There is an AM and PM block of time that needs to be filled each day. If you have a date in mind now, please email that information to me and I will forward it to Gayle. Thanks in advance.

For woodlot owners desiring more information on forest management, you can learn about the Master Forest Owner (MFO) volunteer program at our booth. The MFO program arranges a visit to your woodlot from an experienced fellow woodlot owner at no cost.

Keep in mind that AFC will also be hosting the “Woods, Wildlife, and Warblers” program in the Fall. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, this is a joint effort between NYFOA, NY Audubon, and NY Tree Farm. More information will be forthcoming as details are finalized.

In Memoriam Mark Rivard, a member of our Steering Committee, passed away suddenly in April. His contributions to our chapter are much appreciated. He will be missed.

Regards, Dick Brennan, AFC Chairperson (dpatrickbrennan@hotmail.com)

Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming NYFOA AFC Events

July 17	Annual Meeting (Rembold’s)	9:15
July 17	Rembold Woods Walk	9:45
Aug. 1-7	Cattaraugus County Fair (Volunteers are needed to staff our booth)	
Aug. 14	Woods Walk, McCarty Hill State Forest (Little Valley)	

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Woods Walk—Ted First / Foundation for Sustainable Forests Submitted by Dan Anderson

On Saturday, May 8, about 30 people were treated to a woodswalk on the 105 acre Ted and Deb First/ Foundation for Sustainable Forest property. This property was graciously donated to the Foundation by the Firsts'. The presenter, Troy Firth, founded the Trust. He was introduced by Annie Maloney, the Executive Director of the Foundation.

This was an especially enjoyable event as so much information was presented! We also got to spend time with the NYFOA Executive Director, Craig Vollmer! What a pleasure!

It was just so much fun to reconnect with friends after this past pandemic year. Better days lie ahead!!



NYFOA Needs You!

Submitted by Dick Brennan

As an all voluntary organization, members' involvement is critical to our success. I'd ask that consideration be given to involvement in one of the several levels of need.

1. AFC Steering Committee membership - This involves participation in 4 meetings/yr and assistance with organizing our various activities. The committee is the decision - making body for our local chapter. There are currently 3 openings. Interested folks are welcome to attend a meeting to see what it's like without making a commitment.
2. Member Profiles – *The NY Forest Owner* magazine features an overview of what members are doing with their properties. It's a way of sharing peer to peer information. A questionnaire will be sent by the editor to assist in organizing the article for anyone interested.
3. State Board – The board of directors of the state organization has several vacancies for at-large positions. The board meets 2 -4 times/yr to include some in person meetings held in the Syracuse area.

Interested individuals can contact Dick Brennan (dpatrickbrennan@hotmail.com) or any members listed on this newsletter.



Woods Walk—John & Gayle Rembold’s Property—July 17 (9:45)

The July 17th Woods Walk will be at John & Gayle Rembold’s property 6666 Sweeney Hill Road, Cattaraugus, NY . We will provide bottled water and there will be a port- a-potty available.

We will review forest activities on our property and view the results of these activities.

- These include early plantation development, road building, timber harvest and EQUIP sponsored invasive control and TSI.
- We will also observe the effects of deer browsing and discuss open field management.
- We are hoping to have a forester on hand and our walk will be on “fairly flat” ground.

We are limited on shade so prepare for the weather.

Bring your own beverage and lunch if you so desire.

Annual Meeting

This year the meeting will be held **before the July 17 Rembold Woods Walk**. The purpose is to hold the annual election of officers for the Allegheny Foothills Chapter of NYFOA. The four elected positions are: Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The intent is to give all members the opportunity to vote. A slate of recommended officers will be presented.

The meeting will be brief - 9:15 to 9:45 am

Woods Walk—McCarty Hill State Forest, Town of Little Valley, NY —August 14th

Dan Shaffer will be hosting a Woods Walk August 14th at the McCarty Hill State Forest in Little Valley. Dan will be sharing the State Forest management planning including timber sales and recreation; reviewing past sales in the area of Mutton Hollow road and CCC Cross Public Forest Access road; and comparing harvested stands and treatments with unharvested stands. All of these are in close proximity with each other. We will look at regeneration in each stand and discuss limiting factors and management decisions of each site.

The area is relatively flat ground and the walk between stands amounts to crossing old logging roads. More details will follow as we get closer to the woods walk

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Welcome New Members!!!

Debra Borer
Peter Radka

Friendship, NY
Panama, NY

Stumpage Price Report

https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/stumpagewinter21.pdf

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.

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.