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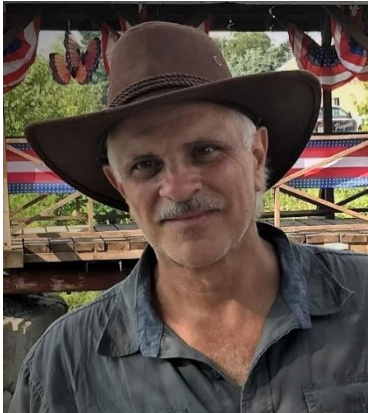
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A Message from the Chairman...

Jason Post



We are told that the US economy is doing well. Our industry begs to differ. Volumes of kiln dried lumber are difficult to move. More so, due to over production, than to a stalling economy. The over production stems from the massive demand from the Chinese, over the past ten years or so. The same problem is plaguing the log export business. We geared up to supply the gluttonous demand from China, for our American logs. Now that their demand has dropped considerably, partly due to a slowing economy, and partly to a tariff incited trade war, the volume of log exports have dropped. This causes an over-supply domestically, and in Canada. According to Joe, no one wants Red Oak, no one wants Cherry; Hickory will stop moving in May, and Maple has already slowed down for the summer. Ash prices have declined, and the threat of the tariffs are being blamed. Instead of getting closer to a trade agreement, we are fighting a losing game. The only two bright spots are Tulip Poplar, being driven by the Rotary Veneer market, and White Oak Prime logs, driven by the whiskey barrel stave market. Between the ongoing rain and the “never ending trade deal”, it’s going to be a nerve wracking summer. I might just need my *own* barrel of whisky!



A Note From the Secretary...

Laura Pisarri

Soon we will all be setting up booths at various events and fairs. Please don’t forget to send me a photo of your display with the new tablecloth in use. ...Maybe even a “before” photo, from a previous year’s event. I’d like to feature them in our Newsletter, as well as submit them for possible publication in The New York Forest Owner Magazine. I can’t wait to see how awesome each of your displays look!

Every Newsletter is posted on NYFOA’s website, which is now a beautiful **color version**, and can be printed, if desired. If you wish to “opt out” of the “snail-mail” version, please send me an e-mail letting me know. Otherwise, you will continue to receive a black and white version, until further notice. **Please Remember:** Jason and I have consolidated our e-mails by creating a new e-mail address, which is accessible to the both of us. Our old e-mail addresses are no longer valid, so be sure to replace them with this one in your contact list... jason.laura.nyfoa@gmail.com

Saratoga Woodworkers Show

We had a great turnout at the Saratoga Woodworkers Show this year, on March 31st. Great location for our booth, and lots of interesting vendors. We sold some raffle tickets for the DryShod boots, got a few signups for our email blast events list, answered a lot of questions about invasive pests, and met some nice landowners.

Our display looked awesome!



Left: Chairman Jason Post explains the negative effects the Emerald Ash Borer has made on our Ash trees.



Left: Fred Bockis looks on, while Jason explains the benefits of becoming a NYFOA Member

A big thank you to our volunteers: Phil Walton, Fred Bockis, Jason Post and Laura Pisarri.

EVENTS:

Due to inclement weather, our **Winter Gathering** was cancelled not only once, but twice! Sadly, we will not be rescheduling this event. We look forward to your attendance at our next Winter Gathering in 2020.

Any Silent Auction items previously collected for the Winter Gathering, will be used at our Annual Picnic in July. If you have not donated an item yet, please email Laura, to let her know what item/items you will be donating. We hope to make this one as fun and successful as last year!



The New Baltimore AgFest, an Antique Machinery & Agricultural Festival, will be held on **June 1st and 2nd from 9-5**, at the VanEtten Farm, 1314 Sawmill Road, Ravena, NY. This is a FREE event for the whole family. Call Rob VanEtten @ 518-756-3517 for more information. Stop by our NYFOA booth on Saturday, and say hello to Phil Walton. Jason and Laura will be there on Sunday, with a few of their handmade crafts available for sale. We will also be selling raffle tickets, to win a FREE pair of Dry Shod boots. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. You may be the lucky WINNER!



The Hudson-Mohawk Chapter of the Pioneer Gas Engine Association, Inc. Presents The 52nd Annual Gas UP 2019 on June 8, 9 & 15, 16 from 10am-5pm, at 106 Murphy Road in Schoharie, NY. This is a FREE event for the whole family. The Hudson Mohawk Chapter of the Pioneer Gas Engine Association, Inc. is a non-profit corporation founded in 1967 for the purpose of the preservation, restoration and demonstration of the tools and machinery from the past. Check out their website at www.thegasup.org or find them on Facebook.com/gasup. Contact Luke Wilms 518-527-2791 for details.

NYFOA CDC will be setting up our tent again this year. Stop by and say hello to Jason, Laura and Carl on Saturday June 15th.



CDC's Annual Picnic will be held at Paint Mine Picnic Shelter, at John Boyd's Thatcher State Park, in Voorheesville, NY on **Saturday July 20th**, at **noon**. This site is just up the road from our old picnic spot at Glen Doone. It is on the opposite side of the park road, but still has a beautiful view of the escarpment, and the Indian Ladder Trail is directly across the street. It has its own private little waterfall, and hiking trail. In addition, it has brand new restroom facilities and water fountain, and plenty of new picnic tables. Laura is hoping to fill a few, with our Silent Auction items. Please email her at jason.laura.nyfoa@gmail.com, with your RSVP, to let her know what type of dish you plan to share, (main dish, side, or desert), as well as what you are planning to donate to the Silent Auction.

By having our picnic on Saturday this year, we are hoping to attract more people to our event.

BONUS... I was able to save our Chapter \$150 in reservation fees, by choosing the Paint Mine Shelter this year! Because of this great savings, our Chapter will be covering the cost of parking, as well as the chicken dinner.



Just bring a dish to share, an item for the Silent Auction, and your appetite!

WoodsWalk - at the Schenectady Woodlawn Preserve - Friday June 21st from 10am- 12pm.

In coordination with DEC Beaver Management Specialist, Joe Nelson, the Friends of the Woodlawn Preserve, and NYFOA CDC, the Schenectady Woodlawn Preserve will hold a WoodsWalk at 1 Gifford Road, Schenectady, NY. This WoodsWalk will observe beaver activity and its relationship to vegetation and its impacts on waterways, and its historical role as an ecosystem engineer. The SWP is exploring beaver management options to protect trails, recreation, and the various flood control structures, located in the 100+ acre remnant Pine Bush ecosystem. Joe, Beaver Management Specialist for DEC Region #4, in Rotterdam, NY, will lead the discussion on recent beaver activity and management options, for the city of Schenectady's Van De Loo Pond, which is also a several acre flood control/retention pond, to relieve homes in Woodlawn from high water table.

Jeff Kehoe, is a neighbor and a steward of the Woodlawn Preserve. He will discuss the site's management history, and management options for the future of the site. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff at 518-596-9040.

Springer's WoodsWalk - Saturday August 31st from 10am - 1pm. Bob and Darlene Springer own 180 acres, and are enrolled in the 480a program. Come see their recently harvested woodlot in Ravena, NY. Details will follow in our next Newsletter.

Mark Your Calendars! Watch for our next Newsletter with details on the 1st ANNUAL NYFOA FALL MEETING, being held on **Saturday September 28th**. You WON'T want to miss THIS one!

NOTICE....This is an Appeal to the LHC Members!

LHC Chairman Chris Prentis is in need of Committee Members to help run the Chapter. He is looking for a few people to fill the offices of Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, etc. Chris will need people who will volunteer some time to help organize Chapter Events, such as Woods-walks, Maple Syrup Tours, etc.

If any of you would be interested in helping to make a difference, or know of any non-members that may be interested, please contact him at chris@lowerhudsonforestry.com, or email Laura at jason.laura.nyfoa@gmail.com

Note: Due to a personal family matter, we apologize for the delay in sending out this Newsletter on time. As a result, some previous event information may have been missed.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Laura

ATTENTION... CDC will now be allowing Members to place FREE classified ads in our CDC Newsletters. (Space permitting) Please email Laura at jason.laura.nyfoa@gmail.com with a brief description and/or photo. (Editing done at Editor's discretion) Business cards can also be submitted for a small fee of \$20 per month.

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NYFOA CDC regrets to say that we have lost one of our dear members, Hans K. Kappel, 87 of Altamont, NY, on April 18, 2019. He was not only a NYFOA member, but was also a Master Forest Owner, a member of the Northeastern Woodworkers Association, and The Friends of John Boyd's Thacher State Park. Hans first started setting up the big display we use at indoor events, like the Woodworkers Showcase, and was instrumental in getting us into Altamont and other fairs, which we still continue today. He also started the tradition of BBQ chicken at our Annual Picnic, at John Boyd's Thacher State Park. Hans and his wife, Joan, have hosted many Woodswalks on their 300 acre property near Rensselaerville, NY. He will be sorely missed.

His family suggests that those who wish to make a donation in his honor, do so, to the Friends of John Boyd Thacher State Park, 87 Nature Center Way, Voorheesville, NY, 12186-2601. Or go to www.friendsofthacherpark.org

The Steering Committee is an informal group of chapter members, who gather every three months, to further NYFOA's mission of encouraging sound forest management practices. The Steering Committee plans woods walks, workshops, and exhibits, at local events, such as county fairs. If you would like to participate, please join us. All are welcome.

Join us at our next Committee Meeting on July 9th at 5pm for a BBQ at Tracy Lamanec's Shinglekill Falls, in Purling, NY. Tracy invites you to come early for a swim under the falls, a hike on the trails, or kayaking before the BBQ. Meeting will commence at 6:30.

Contact Tracy for directions at tlamanec@msn.com or 518-727-7194

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LHC

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP Helps Support Sustainable Forestry

Forests cover more than 60% of the state providing important benefits including watershed protection, wildlife habitat, wood products, recreational opportunities, clean air, and beauty. The New York Forest Owners Association is a not-for-profit organization established to encourage sustainable forestry practices and sound management of privately owned woodlands. Members include woodland owners and all others who care about the future of New York's trees and forests.

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