



Capital District Chapter Newsletter

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Chair's Message



Well, here we are, at the start of the export shipping season for logs, and everything looks good! Demands for U. S. logs are extremely strong, and all species are flying off the shelves. After our wet spring, and early summer, the woods finally dried out enough to go to work full time. Log productions returned to normal about mid-July. Just in time for the summer slowdown.

Then, in August, came the Boonville Woodsman Field Days. According to Joe, all logging in N.Y. State practically comes to a standstill during this week. Laura and I attended the show on a blistering hot Friday. The attendance, along with the heat, was record high this year. If you've never been to this event, I would recommend a trip next year. It really is impressive to walk around and view the new advances in technology in everything, from chainsaws and firewood processors to the largest forwarders, skidders and feller bunchers. Now, Laura wants a feller buncher for Christmas! I'm betting sales on new equipment was pretty good this year.

Once this show is over, whether you bought new equipment or not, it's time to go back to work. As I mentioned earlier, logs are in demand, prices are up, landowners are selling, and weather is finally cooperating.

Sooooo, LET'S MOVE LOGS!!!

Jason



Welcome New Members

The chapter welcomes the following new members:

Wylie Spring
Nathan Piche

Schoharie, NY
Hoosick Falls, NY

The Summer Picnic

Our annual chapter picnic was held at the Glen Doone picnic area in Thacher Park with total cooperation from the weather. It was a great opportunity to enjoy some good food and pleasant company.



Gerry McDonald led a “show and tell” about growing mushrooms on logs. There are more alternatives to a woodpile than the wood stove! If you missed the picnic, there is always next year



CDC Service Award

The chapter service award was formally presented to Tracy Lamanec, at our July 11th Steering Committee Meeting, which he hosted at his Shinglekill Falls House in Purling, NY.

Chairman Jason Post and Secretary Laura Pisarri, presenting Tracy his award.



In celebration, and because Tracy and his daughter-in-law Jill are such gracious hosts, we all enjoyed a barbeque picnic, before settling down to business.



Our chef, Gerry McDonald



Please Join Us

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.

The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 pm. We'll be meeting at the home of Fred Bockis, 1A Cedar Drive in Colonie. His number: 518-869-8214

Columbia County Old-Time Days

Submitted by Laura Pisarri

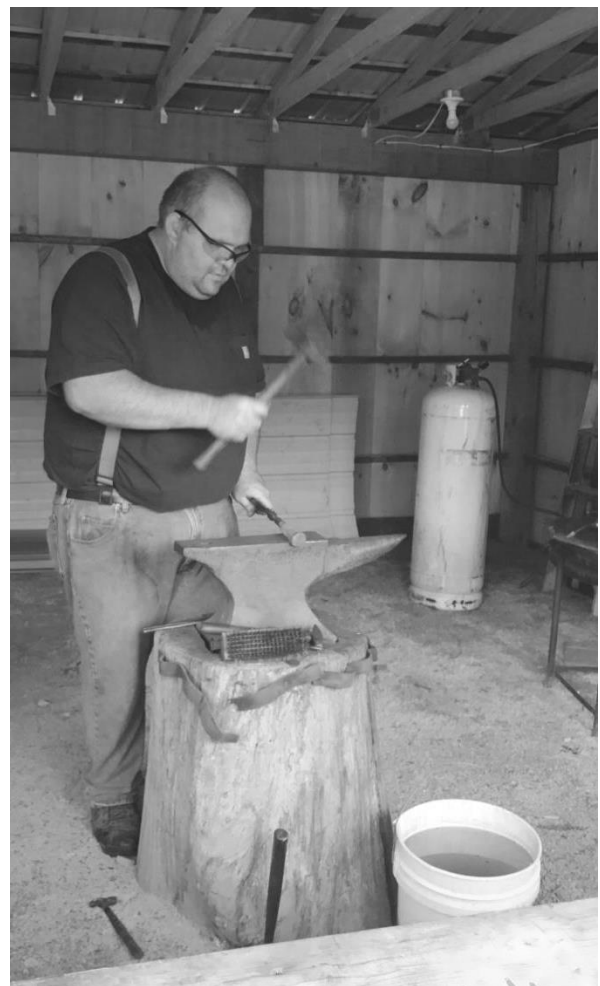
Chairman Jason Post and I were able to use NYFOA CDC's new E-Z-up tent, at the Old-Time Days in Columbia County August 19th, where we set up our NYFOA booth display. It was the 42nd season of this fun-filled tradition, consisting of everything from Antique Tractors to an Old-Fashioned Blacksmith Shop, a 19th Century Printing Press, and Kiddie, as well as adult, Tractor Pulls.



Though only a few passed by our tent, our Chairman took every opportunity to educate and inform each visitor, while I handed out pamphlets and NYFOA novelties. Apparently, his wisdom did not fall on deaf ears, as we did manage to gain one new membership sign-up as a result of the event.

Yay, Chairman! ...I guess I helped... a little.

With temperatures and humidity reaching the 90's, the tent proved to be an invaluable asset to our set-up. Thank you, NYFOA, for providing the funds for this blessing!



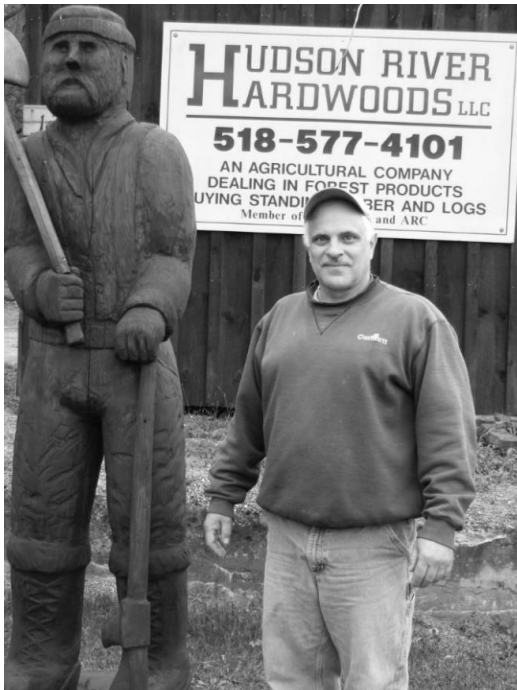
Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

Hudson River Hardwoods Log Yard Tour

Date: Saturday, October 21st
Time: 9 am until noon
Cost: Free
Location: 1339 CR 23B Leeds NY 12451

Jason Post, owner of Hudson River Hardwoods, has been grading logs for a looong time! He knows his business well. The tour will focus on log scale, the way logs are measured for the lumber they contain. Grading goes along with scaling, because the location of log defects alters the yield of the quality lumber we all look for. Jason demonstrates with clear examples, and freely shares his knowledge. Take this opportunity to look into a part of the industry most are not privileged to see.

Refreshments and hot drinks will be provided.

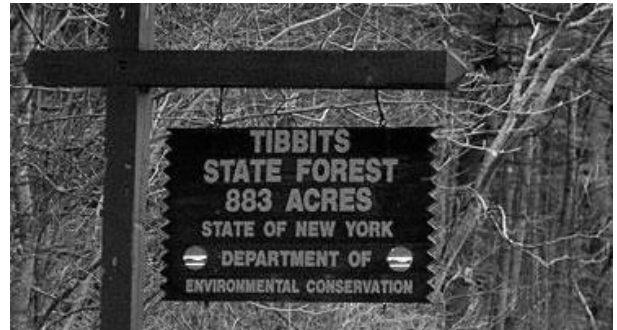


Jason Post – Hudson River Hardwoods

Selling and Harvesting Trees Woods-walk

Date: Saturday, October 28th
Time: 10 am - noon
Cost: Free
Location: Tibbits State Forest
Route 7, Hoosick, NY

The woods-walk starts from the main parking lot (just west of the Route 22 intersection) on State Route 7 at 10 a.m. Mike Mulligan, DEC Forester, will be the leader.



Currently there are two timber sales on the forest. One was recently completed and another has been marked but not cut yet. We'll visit both harvest areas to see "before" and "after". The primary focus will be "dos and don'ts" of harvesting timber. Mike will answer questions, talk about the science behind forest management and the role of timber harvesting in keeping forests healthy, diverse, and productive.

This public land is open for hiking, hunting, and fishing. Mature trees are also sold by competitive bid are harvested by the successful bidder. Timber harvesting is a way to generate income for all landowners as well as to improve the health and diversity of remaining trees. Most of the timber harvested in New York State comes from privately owned woodlots – not from state or industry land. The wise management of privately owned woodland is important to keep forest land as forest land.

Americas First Forest Documentary Film

Date: Thursday, November 16
Time: 2:00 pm
Cost: Free
Register online
https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/CShenk_210 or call 518-622-9820 x0
Location: Agroforestry Resource Center, Acra, NY

The Agroforestry Center in Cairo is screening of America's First Forest. See the first full-length, in-depth documentary film ever made about legendary forester and educator Carl Schenck and his conservation legacy – the Biltmore Forest School.



Biltmore Forestry Students

America's First Forest explores how, at a critical time, an extraordinary group of men converged at the magnificent Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, By introducing scientific forest management to America and establishing the Biltmore Forest School, the nation's first forestry school, German forester Carl Schenck helped launch the forest conservation movement. This amazing story is told through America's First Forest, a new documentary film.

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Game of Logging

Together with RPA, NYFOA CDC will be hosting a GOL Level 1 class in December. Please check our website for details soon.

From the Archives

The Tibbits State Forest woods-walk and the documentary film on Carl Schenck at the Agroforestry Center are reminders of forest conservation history. New York State led the nation with the establishment of a state forest preserve (1885) and the employment of “foresters” to administer state forest lands.

The following passage is from the New York Forest Commission report to the state legislature. It describes how forestry relates to the harvest of timber. At that time forestry was a new and sometimes controversial concept. Some argued; why bother to practice forestry when timber is inexhaustible?

1890 Annual Report of the Forest Commission

A misunderstanding has prevailed to some extent with regard to the attitude of forestry toward the lumber interests of private owners. It is, however, generally understood, now, that the true interests of the lumber men are not incompatible with forest preservation, and it has been declared to be one of the objects of the forestry movement in this country “to harmonize the interests of the lumber man and the forester, and to devise for the lumbering interest such protection as is not given at the cost of the forests.”



Forestry is not opposed to having trees cut down in the proper way. They must be cut to supply the world with timber. They furnish the material for shelter to mankind, and contribute to render the houses of men comfortable and beautiful by providing fuel and decorations. It is needless to point out here the manifold purposes for which wood is needed, and how largely it enters into our industries and arts, contributes to our convenience and pleasure, and becomes a necessity of our daily lives. Civilization could hardly exist without it.

It is from trees, and from trees only, that our needs for wood are supplied through the timber dealer and the lumber man. It is not the exercise of their vocation, but their frequent abuse of it, that calls for criticism – a distinction that has not always been made by the critics. It is the unwise, improvident, stupid method, or want of method, by which the cutting has heretofore too often been done, that is deplored.



It is the purpose of forestry to point out to the lumber man the true methods of exercising his own profession, which will provide him material for the future as well as the present, by maintaining permanent forests through a succession of crops. The lands acquired for the park (Adirondack Park) can be, doubtless, brought under a system of good forestry management, and permanent forests maintained thereon.



Under the old practice the forests have rapidly disappeared, and, if it continues, in a few years none will be left. The lumber man will have ruined his own business, as there will be no forests to furnish him with his stock in trade.

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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