



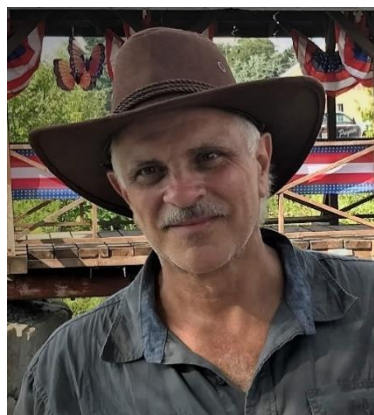
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A Message from the Chairman...

Jason Post



RAIN, RAIN, RAIN, ICE! Pretty much sums up the weather conditions since my October Newsletter Article. The logging industry here in the Northeast, experienced five months of mud season. It seriously hurt all Loggers and Sawmills. One Logger told me he went from producing two loads of logs per day, to two loads per month, from August through all of December. Another told me he would build an Ark, if only he could get enough logs out of the woods to make the lumber!

The wet weather persisted into early January. Then, one night, someone pushed the freeze button! As soon as the temperature dropped into the 20's, the frost went in quick and deep. The water-logged ground turned hard, and Loggers went joyfully back to work. Many on the brink of financial ruin, even braved the negative temperatures, just to get logs **out** and cash flow **in**. The low log production for five months, hurt Loggers and sawmills, but helped stabilize prices. According to "Joe", prices are down from last winter's high, but overall, they are not bad. Demand is strong, and all species and grades are selling. Let's hope the cold spell hangs around for a good while longer.



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 will no longer be valid, so be sure to replace them with this one... jason.laura.nyfoa@gmail.com

Hudson River Hardwood Exports' Log Yard Tour

Submitted by Laura Pisarri

Normally, in October, our log yard is bustling, as it gears up for the new shipping season. However, this year was different. As mentioned in the April Newsletter, Export shipments to China were halted, due to tariffs and enforcement of Chinese regulations on the fumigation and debarking of logs.

Our inventory of logs was intentionally reduced throughout the summer, into early fall, in order to see how the trade deal would be worked out between China and the U.S.



Although inventory was low, our Log Yard Tour went ahead as planned. This year, we went one step further in educating the attendees on the production process of logs to lumber, by having on hand some samples of finished wood products, such as flooring, ax handles, cabinet doors, and baseball bats. In doing so, we were able to show which logs produced which products and why.



As always, our attendees were satisfied with the education and information they received, by our expert Jason Post.

Laura and Jason were overjoyed, to be able to use our new NYFOA tablecloths and tent, at their event.



It was a real eye-catcher, especially for cars driving by their Log Yard, who slowed down to take a closer look!

Spotted Lanternfly Monthly Update to Stakeholders

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND STAFF

Background: The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets (DAM), the US Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) have coordinated a multi-agency effort to prevent, detect, and respond to the threat of spotted lanternfly (SLF). First discovered in [Pennsylvania](#) in 2014, SLF established populations have since been confirmed in Virginia, New Jersey, and Delaware. To date, no SLF established populations have been confirmed in New York, although a few individual insects have been found in the state. For a description of the issues surrounding this high priority invasive species please visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/113303.html>. A Unified Incident Command System (ICS) was established in January 2018 to leverage the joint effort and organize resources and responsibilities. Since then, plans and activities have been implemented, largely focused on early detection and prevention. Raising general awareness is particularly important, with an understanding that public reporting is powerful and effective with such a unique looking pest.

Updates:

- In September, both Albany and Yates counties had confirmed reports of a single live adult SLF. Dead insects have also been found in Delaware, Broome, and Monroe counties. Follow-up surveys did not detect established populations associated with these finds.
- **As of January 2018, an established population of SLF has not been detected.** To date, over 1901 km² grids have been surveyed for SLF in high priority areas.
- SLF established populations have been confirmed in the following states: Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, and New Jersey.
- In New York State, DAM issued an exterior quarantine that restricts the movement of certain goods brought into New York from New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and counties with confirmed infestations in Delaware, and Virginia. For more information, please visit <https://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AD/release.asp?ReleaseID=3821>.
- In Pennsylvania, the following counties are under quarantine: Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia and Schuylkill. For more information, please visit [Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture website](#).
- In New Jersey, the following counties are under quarantine: Warren, Hunterdon and Mercer. For more information, please visit the [State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture website](#).
- On Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019, members of the NYS ICS met and conducted a “hot wash” in Albany, NY. At the meeting, ICS members reviewed the successes and challenges of 2018 in hopes of improving the system in 2019.

We request that you share this information with your membership and help us spread the word about SLF. Please report any sightings to spottedlanternfly@dec.ny.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Winter Gathering

Our Guest Speaker this year will be Scott McDonnell, from DEC and his Drone Pilot, Gary McPherson. They will be giving an outdoor Drone Demonstration on “The Benefits of Drones in your Woodlot”. Our Gathering will take place at 1pm, on January 19, 2019, at a lovely Chalet in Lexington, with breathtaking mount views through picture windows. All are welcomed to attend, and bring a dish to share. Laura will be holding another Silent Auction, so please be generous, and bring an item to donate. Please email her for directions, at jason.laura.nyfoa@gmail.com. Remember to let her know what items you will be donating, and whether you will be bringing a main dish or a desert. As always, Jason and Laura have been busy making unique handcrafted centerpieces for some lucky members to win.

Saratoga Woodworkers Show

We have the opportunity to spread the word about the good things NYFOA stands for at the Woodworkers Showcase on Sunday March 31, 10 am to 5 pm. These are people who already appreciate wood and its beauty - a ready audience! Convincing some of the show attendees to support the growth of good trees, should be a concept not too difficult to sell. Please contact Phil Walton, to let him know what shift you would be willing to volunteer for. Jason and Laura have already taken the 2:30 - 5:30 shift.

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's tent, and say hello! Jason and Laura will be there on Sunday with a few of their handmade crafts available for sale, as well as raffle tickets, to win a FREE pair of Dry Shod boots.

Note: Due to a personal family matter, we apologize for the delay in sending out this Newsletter on time. As a result, some of the Event information may not be up to date.

April's Newsletter is now being processed, and will ready soon. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Laura

WIN A PAIR OF DRYSHOD BOOTS!

Jim Donahue, the former founder and owner of Muck Boot Company, has teamed up with some of the most experienced and proven professionals to create the world's most wearable, hard-working, durable, super comfortable, 100% waterproof rubber footwear. Check out their website at **DryshodUSA.com** for their complete line of men's, women's and children's genuine rubber boots. Dryshod Waterproof Footwear has recently become a sponsor of NYFOA, and has issued each of our Chapters, a gift certificate for a FREE pair of Dryshod boots. Each Chapter will be selling raffle tickets, with the proceeds benefitting each Chapters' needs. The winner will receive a Dryshod Gift Certificate redeemable for their choice of style and size boot. Tickets are only \$5 each or 3 for \$10!

For tickets, contact (Secretary) Laura @ jason.laura.nyfoa@gmail.com, or (Treasurer) Phil Walton @ pwalton518@gmail.com



You never know... You may just be the lucky winner!

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.

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 meeting on April 9th at 6pm at Sleepy Hollow Lake in Athens. Bring a non-alcoholic beverage, we are having PIZZA!

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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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