

NACNews

Northern Adirondak Chapter

Summer 2023

NAC Events Calendar

SUNY-ESF Ranger School

Saturday September 23rd
10am-2:30pm

Bring bag lunch, water provided
Wanakena, NY

NYFOA

Adirondak Conference 2023

Saturday September 30th
10am-2:30pm

Catered lunch provided

Tupper Lake High School
Tupper Lake, NY

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Notes from the Editor!

We have two exciting events coming at the end of September. Both are in the central portion of our Northern Adirondack Chapter. It has been a while since we had an event at the Ranger school. It is always an informative and enjoyable event. This NYFOA Regional Conference in Tupper Lake will be one of a handful of conference across the state this fall. Any further details and updates will be by email. Make sure we have your email. You can also check the NYFOA website in the next few days to learn more.

2024 Programs in the Works!

Dave Evans Woods Walk in Potsdam, St Lawrence County, featuring wildlife friendly environment planted with multiple varieties of tree species, extensive TSI work, and removal of interfering plants as well as navigate seasonal lowland flooding. Details to come early 2024.

Welcome New NAC Members

Ralph Hoch – Croghan, NY **Daniel Tanski** – Saranac, NY
Richard Auer-Weisbach – Schwadorf, Austria

Do you have Email?

If so and you have NOT received this newsletter or other notices by email please provide your email address to the state office. (800-836-3566) or email info@nyfoa.org to have your email address added to the NAC chapter email list. Your email is only used for notifications about NYFOA or forestry related events and notices. Email is the best system we have for providing updates and timely new event notifications to our members.



SUNY-ESF Ranger School - Wanakena Woods Walk

The NY Forest Owners Association will be conducting a free educational workshop on Saturday, September 23, hosted by the College of Environmental Science at the Ranger School, Wanakena, NY. Bring a bag lunch, water will be provided. Door prizes will be awarded. Register by Sept. 19. Contact Gary Goff, 518-837-5171 garygoff357@gmail.com Bring bug spray, raincoat, or sunscreen as appropriate!

Directions: Wanakena is between Star Lake and Cranberry Lake, just off State Rt. 3. Take Co. Rt. 61 to Ranger School Rd. Bear left at fork as you approach campus. Take the next left, Nursery Rd. to student parking lot by athletic fields. Field tours will be via college vans, unless personal vehicle is necessary.

10:00 A.M. - Meet at Alumni Picnic Pavilion (park at student parking lot): Overview of Ranger School and Career Opportunities for Graduates – Jamie Savage, Professor

10:20 A.M. - Van Tour: Tour of James F. Dubuar Forest including 1915 red pine stand and 1995 Microburst areas – Jamie Savage, Professor

12:00 P.M. - Lunch at Cathedral Rock Picnic Pavilion and Fire Tower (bring bag lunch; water provided)

12:30 P.M. - Lunchtime discussion: Marking and maintaining property boundaries – Jeremy Thompson, Instructor and Licensed Land Surveyor

1:00 P.M. – Van Tour: Silviculture for aspen stands – Jeff Dubis, Professor; Bears, bats, wildlife cameras and more! – Dr. Vanessa Rojas, Professor

2:30 P.M. - Return to Campus/Adjourn



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Photo by Hillary White 2017

NYFOA Adirondak Regional Conference 2023

This event is in the final stages of planning. Below is the projected program at this time.

Presentations

Moose of New York
Estate Planning for the Forest Owner
Timber Market Update
Planting for Pollinators
Forest Carbon Market Opportunities for the Small Private Landowner
Dept. Env. Conservation – NY Forestry Update

Woods Walk and Forest Resiliency Score Card Field Demonstration

Catered Lunch is Provided

Planning and organizing is moving forward for the Sept. regional meeting in Tupper Lake. Below is a preliminary announcement sent out by Craig Volmer. Final registration details will be at the below link by Sept. 4.

At this time, we are still in need of volunteers to accomplish the following tasks. Several members have stepped forward to handle some key items early on. Thank you very much!

1. Procure raffle items. These can come from donating businesses or from the corner of your garage! Show this below announcement to potential sponsors.
2. Identify good venues and media outlets for advertising. We will be sending out e-flyers soon. You can send the promotion directly to the outlets or send me the contact info. Also, please get the word out to your friends, relatives and neighbors and organizations to which you belong.
3. We will need several volunteers the day of the event to help with the registration table, morning snack service, raffle, lunch service and moderating the breakout presentations.

Please contact me directly to let me know how you wish to help out.

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We could use your assistance!



Ellenberg Woods Walk

NYFOA member and Master Forest Owner Volunteer, Bruce Bennett, hosted our spring woods walk on Saturday, May 13. It was a beautiful spring day (pre-black fly) as 21 interested forest owners, and foresters and educators toured Bruce's property. Bruce's primary ownership goal is the creation and maintenance of wildlife habitat, with an emphasis on early-successional game species such as ruffed grouse and woodcock. He has wisely sought out both technical and financial assistance from private and government organizations. Tricia LaValley, acting Conservationist for the NRCS covering Franklin, Clinton, and Essex Counties joined us to explain some of the programs available to private landowners. Todd Waldron (Forest Conservation Northeast Director with the Ruffed Grouse Society) was present to tell us how Bruce used some of the advice provided by that organization. Kristin Ballou, District Forester with Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District also joined us and explained the benefits of enrollment in the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Bruce is also enrolled in the NYS Forest Tax Law program, 480-a, administered by NYS Dept. of Env. Conservation.

After introductions in Bruce's barn/tool garage, we headed out to walk some access roads and see and discuss some of the results of his habitat management work. It was all very impressive! Song birds were singing and ruffed grouse were drumming. There were lots of questions from the attending forest owners regarding the timing of harvests, planting efforts and role of the various programs Bruce is enrolled in. Bruce fortunately is not plagued with exotic invasive plants and deer overpopulation as many forest owners remarked. Biologists and foresters along with the group commented on the importance of tree and shrub species diversity. For example, there was a very large and healthy high-bush cranberry shrub.

We all came back to the garage and greatly enjoyed a grilled lunch served up by Bruce and his wife Debra. There was ample opportunity to chat amongst the attendees and pick up the many good handouts provided by Cooperative Extension and NYFOA. Steve Sherwood, DEC Forester from Region 6, explained the many programs and services offered by NYSDEC.

After lunch we went down the road to a new piece of property Bruce acquired that he will be managing for maple syrup production. It appeared to be the perfect hard maple stand that just needs some thinning and time to mature. Bruce definitely has an eye for wise investments and management goals! Thank you, Bruce, for hosting the woods walk and showing us how to get it done right, very impressive!

NAC's next woods walk will be this fall at the SUNY ESF Wanakena Ranger School. Watch for further announcements. The NAC woods walk committee of Scott Bonno, Bob Coupal, Bill Lynch and Steve Sherwood are due a pat on the back for the great work of planning and delivering the series of woods walks we have had over the past few years!!! And thank you NAC members and guests for your attendance and sharing at these events! – submitted by Gary Goff



Photos by Scott Bonno

Message from NYFOA

Greetings to all NYFOA members,

As we say farewell to Liana Gooding, our Office Administrator for the last 18 years, and wish her well as she enters retirement, we are excited to welcome and introduce Claire Kenney as NYFOA's new Office Administrator. Claire brings several skills, a great personality, and a motivated spirit to this position and we are pleased to have her on board to help us fulfill our mission and support you.

Claire has begun the transition with Liana and will officially take over on September 1st. Please note that with this change, NYFOA's phone number and address will also change. We are in the process of updating various documents and the website with the new information, and those updates will be completed soon. The address for our new base of operations is PO Box 644, Naples, NY 14512 and our new phone number is 607-365-2214.

In the meantime, we asked Claire to introduce herself to all of you in the message below. Please join us in welcoming her into our NYFOA family.

"Every day I step outside the door of my Ontario County home and into the forest south of Honeoye. This is my home in the Bristol Hills; the forest here extends into Hi Tor and Urbana and far beyond and is my place of refuge and recreation, the source of firewood and shelter from the summer heat and driving snow, the place my children grew up and found their love of the outdoors, and where we walk our dogs and ride our horses.

Recently I had the privilege of sweeping the first ten miles of the inaugural Great Hill Ultra trail run, a 100-kilometer race through the forests and hills around Naples NY. It's a slow pace, running up and down these hills, about three hours and 1,500' elevation gain for ten miles following the last runner in the pack, ensuring the course is clear after that first section of the race. But what an opportunity to spend time on the trail surrounded by trees and all their glory, winding in and out, up and down; and having time to really reflect on how truly essential our forests are - and in this time of land being gobbled up for so many uses, the health of our forests is not an accident, but a result of careful planning and care. I want you to know that I am joining this organization, the New York Forest Owner's Association as an administrator, but also as a fellow lover of our forest spaces; I crave the wave-like sound of wind in the trees on winter evenings, the music of frogs and birds that mark the breaking of spring, the wave of cool shade in the summer, and the distinctive crunch and smell of leaves on the forest floor as fall leads into winter.

Before I had kids and taught English at Finger Lakes Community College, Penn Yan Middle School, and Naples High School so I could be on my kids' schedule, I spent ten years working as an administrator at the Greater Rochester Metro Chamber of Commerce and a small but mighty IT firm called The Rochester Group, Inc. I was blessed with many opportunities in those roles and had experiences as an HR assistant, billing administrator, the program director for the Chamber's corporate training program, manager for a DOD program assisting small businesses gain government contracts, writing grant applications, and organizing logistics for Chamber member events.

I am thrilled to have been selected for this position and am looking forward to supporting you, our members, and staff, as you care for, and develop each of your parts of our great forests here in New York. I'm looking forward to meeting you soon."

Regards,

Stacey Kazacos, NYFOA President Craig Vollmer, NYFOA Executive Director

Northern Adirondak Chapter of NYFOA Needs Our Members Help

1) NacNews Editor – If you can create a family Christmas card on the computer you can kick out a newsletter a few times a year!

Contact Bob Coupal / Training Available

2) Woods Walk Host(s) always needed!

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