



NYFOA
New York Forest Owners Association

SUMMER/FALL 2018

**NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Beaver Meadow—10am, June 9th, 2018

Our first Summer event is planned for this coming Saturday!! To all NFC members, families and friends, join us for a presentation followed by a guided tour of Beaver Meadow Wildlife Refuge in North Java on Saturday, June 9th **starting promptly at 10am**. We will be able to use the multi-purpose room at the **Visitor Center** to meet and have our lunch after the tour, or we can use an outside picnic area. The Chapter will cover the cost of the \$5 per person charge for all members. Please bring your own bag lunch and plan to stay after for additional tours on our own.

Beaver Meadow is a 324-acre nature preserve in North Java, NY. The preserve features its namesake beaver meadow with its associated ponds, glacial kettle ponds, wetlands with a boardwalk trail, wooded uplands, meadows, a hawk watch, an arboretum, and eight miles of marked and groomed trails.

Our NYFOA mission is to encourage well informed management of privately owned woodlands in New York State as well as to promote, protect, represent, and serve the interests of woodland owners. We find that woods walks are a great "classroom" for us to see and learn how others are managing their forests as well as learn more about flora and fauna that is native to WNY. NFC member Wayne Forrest, thank you for setting up this event!

Directions to Beaver Meadow Audobon Center

From the North: From the Thruway, Exit 48A, Rt. 77 south to Welch Rd, Turn Left

From the south: From Arcade, Rt. 77 North to Welch Rd., Turn Right

From the West: From Rt. 78 in Java Village, Welch Rd.

From the East: From Rt. 98 in North Java, Perry Rd, turn Left on Welch Rd.

Cars may use the driveway located west of the flagpole to access the Center parking lots or in the flagpole parking lot by the road. **Meet inside Visitor Center.**

Promoting NYFOA

On Monday, May 7th, the Steering Committee of the Niagara Frontier Chapter met with Mike Zagata, Director of Organization Development NYFOA, to discuss various suggestions to further grow our membership. NYFOA needs to be recognized as the "Go To" organization for any timber needs whether it be timber harvest, re-forestation or woodland management. Several ideas were reviewed to best recruit new members. Our website is a great resource along with NYFOA brochures/application forms, presentations, You-

Tube, webinars, radio...the list can go on. If every current member can try to recruit 5 people we will have surpassed our goal. If every member can get one person to join each year we can easily then double our membership. NYFOA also is researching to find a market for low quality timber which can very much help many of the forest owners. More on these topics on our NYFOA website <https://www.nyfoa.org> and upcoming Newsletter issues!

Shamel Milling—July 14th , 2018

Our good friends at Shamel Milling will be reprising their not-to-be-missed "Introduction to Food Plots" presentation for the NYFOA NFC at their facilities at 9384 Genesee Road, East Concord, New York 14055 starting at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2018** – just in time to get your food plots in for the 2018 deer season. A map and more information about the store can be found at <http://www.shamelmilling.com/contact-shamels/3909.htm> Those of you who have seen Jason Engel's presentation before, know just how informative it is and how useful it can be in helping you down the deer of your dreams—or simply improve the wildlife habitat in and around your forest. The cost of admission is free, and it's backed by a double-your-money-back guarantee if not fully satisfied! If you want to bring an aerial photo

of your property, Jason will be using examples to illustrate his program and offer property-specific suggestions. Anyone wanting to bring a soil sample can also have it tested for pH and liming recommendations. (A discussion of the importance of pH testing and accompanying soil sampling instructions can be found at <https://www.qdma.com/food-plot-soil-test/> Make sure that your sample is dry/dried out.) Plan on about 2 hours for the presentation, after which Shamel Milling has offered to feed us (Jason assures us that it will be human food and not some of the other products found on their website!). **Seating is limited and Jason needs a head count for lunch, so if you plan on attending you need to let Mitch Banas know at mbanas@bsk.com**

Family Picnic—August 25th, 2018

For many of our members we dream about having that piece of nature that we can visit, enjoy, hunt, preserve and for some even live on.

Vic and Deb Bandinelli hosted our woodswalk in 2015 on their 37 acre family forest in Bliss, NY. Deb's parents had originally bought the property in 1968 and Deb and Vic have been owners since 2001. Mostly pine woods reforested from farmland in the mid 40's, they are now working on turning the property into hardwoods. For them their dream came true. This past year they built their retirement home on their property and have now moved in.

This year Deb and Vic will host our 3rd Annual Family Picnic at their home/property on Saturday August 25, 2018.

Eric Stawitzky, their consulting forester, will bring us up-to-date on their progress and lead a woodswalk right after our picnic lunch. We may also have a presenter on small windmills/solar power and possibly a piece of equipment from Larry Romance and Son. We will also have a visit from the neighbors llamas, who will show off some of their finished pieces made from their "fibre"!



As always, the Chapter will provide hot dogs, hamburgs, beverages, paper products and condiments. A dish to pass would be appreciated! We will plan for 10 am for presentations and of course our door prize raffles.

Another reminder will be sent before the picnic!



MFO—NFC Woodswalk—October 13th, 2018

NFC member, Ken Gaines, will be our host this year for our annual member woodswalk. However, this will be a special event as it will be co-sponsored by the Niagara Frontier Chapter *and* the Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Forest Owner program coordinated by Emily Staychock, Watershed/Environmental Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Yates County. The walk will be open to the public and NFC members at no cost, and the goal is to help folks understand the benefits of forest management and give them some ideas of projects that they might like to implement on their own properties. Forester, Eric Stawitzky will attend as well, to provide info about forest management and DEC assistance for private forest owners. Ken has had three different logging projects, and

these will be good to highlight on the walk. Ken will also highlight any other work he's done or plans to do. This is a good opportunity to market the role of the private consulting forester. Eric, Ken and the DEC forester will do a presentation before the walk and include the features that will be highlighted.

Emily will be heavily marketing this event so there should be a great turn out, both NFC Members and others interested. Beverages and snacks will be provided, bring a bagged lunch. Ken's property is located in Concord, NY and our walk is planned for 10am-2pm.

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 22—24, 2018	NY Farm Show ✓
March 3, 2018	Rural Landowners Conference ✓
March 16 or 17, 2018	Game of Logging, Lockport, NY ✓
March 17, 2018	Shamrock Winter Woodswalk at DeVeaux Woods, Niagara Falls, NY Chapter Event ✓
March 17/18 & 24/25, 2018	Maple Weekends ✓
April 20, 2018	Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District Tree Pick up ✓
April 21, 2018	NYFOA Annual Meeting/Silent Auction—Syracuse NY ✓
June 9, 2018	Beaver Meadow/Buffalo Audubon Tour Chapter Event
July 14, 2018	Shamel Milling—Introduction to Food Plots Chapter Event
August 25, 2018	NFC Family Picnic Chapter Event
October 13, 2018	NFC - MFO Woodswalk, Ken Gaines Property Chapter Event





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Is that a Cobra hanging in that tree???

Blair Boone has this tree with a very odd trunk "swooping", on his property in Humphrey, NY

Send your "Odditree" pictures to pfglidden@verizon.net for our next feature!



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