

Treelines

Fall 2022



Upcoming Chapter Events

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Walton, NY

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Upper Front Street
Binghamton, NY

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840 Upper Front Street
Binghamton, NY 13901

Science Day at the Farm

Frogs and Toads and Birds! Oh my! The first annual Family Science Day at the Farm was held on June 4. Almost 50 individuals joined members of the Hua Lab from

Binghamton University and Audubon at Woods Ravine Farm to learn more about amphibians, bird habitat, and forest preservation over the course of a four hour program. WSKG Public Broadcasting, NYFOA, and NBT Bank were sponsors.

Students from the Hua Lab dip netted various amphibians and insects from the “beaver” pond and discussed their life cycle and habitat requirements. Suzanne Treyger, from Audubon, led attendees on a wood’s walk where she played bird calls to assist in identifying birds on the property. Several species of birds were also seen as they hiked through meadow and wooded areas. Birds specific to those habitats were identified and discussed.



Photo credit Alyssa Micha. WSKG

Lunch was provided and educational materials and free tree seedlings were distributed to everyone. Special thanks to Jessica Hua and Kyra Ricci from Binghamton University, Suzanne Treyger from Audubon, and Nancy Coddington from WSKG for planning and participating. Toby Wollin and Darryl Wood, owners of Woods Ravine Farm, plan to offer this event next year. Please look for further information in the early spring.

Cornell Maple Camp September 19th through 23rd Arnot Teaching and Research Forest, Van Etten, NY

Cornell Maple Camp is back! Are you interested in getting started with maple syrup production or making maple confections? This fall, learn from Cornell experts at intensive back-to-back courses on September 19 through 23 at the Arnot Forest Maple Lab in Van Etten, NY. Participants in Maple Production Camp will take part in an exciting new curriculum featuring hands-on activities, demonstrations, classroom sessions, and supplemental readings. The 3-day course will walk through the whole process of collecting and processing sap in a simulated sugaring operation. Program participants will tap trees, gather sap, boil, and bottle maple syrup. Other topics covered include sugarbush management, tubing collection systems, syrup grading, and business management.

This will be followed by a separate 2-day course focused on the efficient production of high-quality value-added products. Led by maple food scientist Dr. Catherine Belisle, this course will cover the fundamentals of sugar science and crystallization. Participants will take part in guided exercises to produce their own maple sugar, cream, and candy, as well as novel maple products such as shelf-stable marshmallows, fruit leathers, and beverages.

All classes will take place in the newly constructed Arnot Maple Lab at the scenic 4,200-acre Arnot Teaching and Research Forest located just south of Ithaca, New York. Breakfast and lunch are included with registration. Participants are responsible for their own dinner and lodging arrangements, with many choices available in the beautiful finger lakes region which is well-known for its friendly small towns and world-famous wineries.

Visit www.cornellmaple.com for further details and registration information. Contact Aaron Wightman at arw6@cornell.edu with questions. Space is limited! Sign up today!

**Kazacos Timber Frame
Construction Tour and Woods
Walk**

Saturday, October 8, 2022
10 am - 1 pm
305 Jacobson Road
Mount Vision, NY 13810

This property is in Otsego County midway between Cooperstown and Oneonta.

What we will be doing: This SOT event will be a bit different from the classic woods walk format. Jeannine and Stacey are in the process of building a timber frame house addition. This method of construction features exposed timbers, expert wood joinery, and natural finishes – primarily using materials found in the forests of the northeast. The building contractors will be on hand to explain more about the construction methods as we tour the project.

In addition, participants will walk portions of the Kazacos woodlot guided by a consulting forester. We

will view timber stand improvement, invasive control, and anti-erosion plantings adjacent to a large pond. This walkabout will be three years after most of the work was done and we will see how the woodlot has changed. SOT hosted a woods walk at the same property in 2018 shortly after much of the TSI and invasive control measures were completed. Consider this as a before and after scenario.

As an added incentive, lunch will be provided! Help us to ensure we order the right amount of food/drinks by registering for this free event. Do this by calling Jeannine or Stacey at: 610-755-8616 or email: stacey@sent.com or jnine@sent.com. See you on October 8th.

**Mushroom Workshop and Woods
Walk**

Saturday, October 22, 2022
8:30 am - 4 pm
The Uplands Center
2641 Dunk Hill Road
Walton, NY 13856

Are you ready to get out, and enjoy a wonderful fun filled, and information packed day with people who share your interest, and goals in managing your forest for woodland products you can produce for profit, as well as entertainment for your family? Come join us for this joint collaboration presented by the Southern Tier chapter of NYFOA, along with our partners and host at “The Uplands”, and cooperation from the “Cornell Forest Connect” program and their cooperative extension components.



Your day will begin with a leisurely continental breakfast that will conclude with a presentation from Tracey Testo-Smith (Subject Educator) of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Columbia and Greene Counties, Climate Change and the Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources, who will be discussing some of the many interesting plant, and mushroom species that can be found in the forest of the Southern Tier, and Catskill regions of NY state. Following this presentation Tracey will lead a tour of “The Uplands” property along with Renee Hardenkamp (Environmental Director, Retreat Coordinator of the Uplands) to provide a closer on hand look at the many things that live within, and on our forest floors. Dress appropriately as this will be conducted under various weather, and environmental conditions.



The Shiitake log inoculation portion of the day will provide each participant a 40" full log where every participant will be able to learn, and execute the inoculation process for themselves. Everyone will have the opportunity to learn the process from prepping the logs, to the drilling, inoculation, and

sealing of the logs along with discussions concerning the proper logs to use, the reasons, and proper storage after completion. Your completed logs will pin/fruit usually within six months of inoculation depending on the type of log used, and weather conditions. Lunch will be provided between woods walks, and the inoculation process. The cost for the day including breakfast, lunch, presentations, woods walk, and inoculated log will be \$50 for NYFOA members, and \$75 for non-members. There will be a 10% early registration fee discount for members who sign up by Sept. 19th, and a \$20 discount will be given to non-members who choose to become members at the time of registration. Yearly membership fees for NYFOA is \$55, student membership is \$15 with current student ID. We look forward to seeing everyone. To register, or if you have questions, please contact Ken & Sharon Semanovich ait@stny.rr.com or call us at 607-204-0101

Intro to Maple Syruping

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Ag Center/TASTE NY
840 Upper Front Street
Binghamton, NY 13901

Join the Southern Tier chapter of the NY Forest Owners Association, in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County, for a presentation by Aaron Wightman, Co-Director for the NYS Maple Program, and Director of the Arnot Forest Maple Research Facility, on maple syrup production for beginners. We'll cover a variety of aspects of maple syrup production including: why make maple syrup, tapping, sap collection and handling, boiling, finishing and

grading syrup. We will also discuss other tree species which can be tapped to make syrup outside of hard maple trees. This workshop is aimed at the small or beginning maple producer and would be useful to the homeowner looking to tap a few trees in the backyard or someone wanting to start small-scale commercial maple production. This workshop will take place inside the Agricultural Development Center at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County. There is no cost to attend, but you must pre-register in order to ensure enough materials will be available. All attendees will receive a Maple Syrup for Beginners notebook (\$20 value) courtesy of the Cornell Maple Program. This workshop is being conducted concurrent to a NYFOA meeting so those interested in learning more about NYFOA are invited to join us starting at 6pm to meet the members and learn more about the organization. Register at: https://pub.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/events_landing.cfm?event=nyfoamaplesyrup_203

Please call Jerry Michael at (607) 648-2941 if you have questions, but make sure you register on the link provided.

Potluck Dinner

Wednesday January 18, 2023

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Our Chapter's popular almost-annual potluck dinner will be held on January 18th, 2023. It was cancelled last January due to a Covid outbreak, but the program and entertainment planned for the cancelled event will still be presented this time around. Master woodworker and guitar luthier Kevin LaDue will discuss how he integrates local hardwoods into his finely crafted musical instruments and, accompanied by one of his former apprentices, will entertain us with the fruits of their labors.

As always, the Pot Luck Dinner will be held at CCE Broome County in Binghamton. Watch for further details in a future newsletter. Mark your calendars for this chapter favorite. Everyone attending is asked to bring a dish to share. Outlets are available for crock pots or warming trays. Beverages are provided, although members are encouraged to bring any non alcoholic favorites they wish. Bring your own plate, utensils, drinking vessel and napkins.

Letter from the Chair

During the Covid shut down, I've been occupying my time doing deed research. My purpose in doing this research is to understand the deed history of my property and my neighbor's property before contracting a surveyor. I found out the more that I looked into the history of my property the more interesting it became. For example, I found out that a former owner of the land north of my property fought in the battle of Bull Run during the Civil War. I also found out that the families that owned my property and the properties around me were all related by marriage. For the most part, they are all buried in a nearby cemetery.

I can't comment on other counties but Broome County has done an excellent job of helping you with this research. The first place to look is the GIS Portal. GIS stands for Geographic Information System. It's a system that creates, manages, analyzes, and maps all types of data. GIS connects the data to a map. The Broome County GIS system can be found at:
<https://gis.broomecountyny.gov>.

Select the Parcel Mapper. The mapper shows all of Broome County. You want to focus on just your property. I find that Microsoft Edge is the most reliable browser when using this application. Hit the plus sign in the upper left to zoom in. The minus sign to zoom out. You then have to use the hand symbol to pan left or right on the map. I find that I have better luck by typing in my last name in the Search for Parcels box on the upper right of the application. I then select the image of a person to the right. A list of properties is displayed for landowners who have the same last name. I then select my property. The application will then focus on the property that you selected and show the property boundaries. You can search by full name but be aware that the system may require your middle initial. You can search by address but for the search to be successful, the application may require that you type "RD" rather than Road.

When you click on your property a box will be displayed which shows your tax id#, address, acres, and a choice of Parcel Details, Tax Map, and other less relevant selections. Select Parcel Details to get a summary of all sorts of information on your property. Be sure that you check your class code. Class codes are the basis for determining how

your property is assessed. It may be a 300 number for vacant land. Within the 300 number classification, many other codes can be used. 321 is abandoned agricultural land while 340 is vacant land located in an industrial area. Once you know your class code check,

<https://tax.ny.gov/research/property/assess/manuals/prclas.htm> to find if you agree with the code that the town used. This may help you understand why your taxes are so high.

Another item to click on is your deed. You want to make sure that your correct deed is displayed.

Check on the tax map. See if the correct number of acres is listed on the tax map. Compare the tax map to your tax bill and your survey.

You can find the above information on your neighbor's property as well. If you don't know your neighbor you can introduce yourself and explain to them the advantages of joining the New York Forest Owners Association.

Our steering committee meets using Zoom meetings. If you have an interest in being part of the steering committee or being a representative to the state board please send me an email or call me at 607-862-9152.

- Steve Kutney

For information on becoming a NYFOA member visit www.nyfoa.org, or contact Liana Gooding, NYFOA Secretary, NYFOA, PO Box 541, Lima, NY, 14485 or at 1-800-836-3566. Annual membership is \$55 and includes: subscriptions to Treelines: to the bimonthly NYFOA state wide publication, The New York Forest Owner, attendance at chapter meetings and statewide meetings.

Welcome New Members

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