

# Treelines

Spring 2022



## Upcoming Chapter Events

### NYFOA Statewide Meeting

April 23 & 24, 2022  
Canandaigua, NY

### Michael Tree Farm Woods Walk

3192 State Route 206  
Whitney Point, NY 13862  
Saturday, May 21, 2022  
9:30 am - 11:30 am

### Family Science Day at the Farm

Saturday, June 4, 2022  
Woods Ravine Farm  
Norwich, NY

### Shiitake Mushroom Workshop and Woods Walk

Saturday, October 22, 2022  
The Uplands Center  
Walton, NY

**NYFOA Statewide Meeting**  
**Join us in the Finger Lakes**  
**Canandaigua, NY**  
**Saturday, April 23, 2022**  
**woods walk**  
**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

On the weekend of April 23, 2022 NYFOA will hold a state wide meeting hosted by the Western Finger Lakes Chapter. The weekend activities will take place at Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua, Ontario County, a city rich in history.

Our meeting will open on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> with our keynote speaker Conrad Baker, a Naturalist at Letchworth State Park who will be speaking about the North American Beaver, the official mammal of New York State, and his experience with this fascinating animal. His presentation will be followed by a choice of two breakout sessions on birdsong identification and native plants. After a long lunch to enjoy catching up with old friends and a brief presentation about the liability associated with dead ash trees, a choice of two sessions on forest resiliency and building your own Biltmore stick will be offered in the afternoon. On Sunday morning the 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a woods walk. To get the registration form, agenda, and hotel information go to the NYFOA website at:

<https://www.nyfoa.org/events/state-wide-events/nyfoa-statewide-meeting> To request this information be mailed to you please contact the NYFOA office by email at [info@nyfoa.org](mailto:info@nyfoa.org) or call 1-800-836-3566. We hope to see you there. Many thanks to the Western Finger Lakes Chapter for their effort to plan and arrange this meeting.

### The Winter Hemlock Tribune

Click on the link below to read about the current state of HWA, some information on Laricobius season, and everything else the Cornell NYS Hemlock initiative has been up to!  
<https://sway.office.com/J7en1XLtSAflwfBn?ref=Link>

### Michael Tree Farm Woods Walk

3192 State Route 206  
Whitney Point, NY 13862  
Saturday, May 21, 2022  
9:30 am - 11:30 am

For the past twenty years, the primary management objective for the Michael Tree Farm has been hardwood forest regeneration. Adequate sunlight was provided though shelterwood and seed tree harvesting practices, and by mother nature, who leveled a ten-acre pine plantation during an ice storm. On the former pine plantation, natural regeneration was supplemented with planted seedlings of desirable hardwood species, protected from deer by either enclosure fencing or 800 five-foot plastic tree shelters. In the hardwood stand, natural regeneration has been protected by a series of smaller one to two-acre deer enclosures. Another recent practice is the coppicing of severely-browsed saplings and protection of their vigorous new sprouts with tree shelters. Much of this early succession forest stand now features oak, sugar maple and black cherry saplings up to 25 feet in height. Other features of interest include extra efforts to release and protect White oak for wildlife benefits, a small planting of disease-resistant, native American Chestnuts, and a small Christmas Tree operation.

Jerry Michael hosted a woods walk on this property in 2018 for the benefit of Master Forest Owners and NYFOA members. If you have

missed previous opportunities to see this property, you are encouraged to come and view regeneration practices that you may be able to implement in your own woodlot. Members of other environmental organizations with an interest in forest regeneration will also be participating. The woods walk will be held from 9:30 till 11:30 on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The address is 3192 State Route 206, Whitney Point, NY 13862. It is 1.3 miles east from Whitney Point, on the right side of Route 206 going east, at the top of the hill. Look for signs and park along the shoulder of the road. There is no shelter or bathroom facility on the property. The woods walk will be held rain or shine, so dress accordingly. Please call (607) 648-2941 to let us know if you are coming so that we can arrange for additional parking if necessary.

Note: The New York Forest Owner magazine has published three articles in the past regarding different aspects of the forest regeneration projects on the Michael Tree Farm:  
 March/April 2010 issue, "Planting and protecting hardwood seedlings; A comparison of tree shelters versus enclosure fencing"  
 September/October 2014 issue, "Protecting forest regeneration with deer enclosure fencing"  
 September/October 2016 issue, "Rehabilitating browsed hardwood seedlings"  
 Past issues of *The New York Forest Owner* magazine are archived on the New York Forest Owners Association website at [www.NYFOA.org](http://www.NYFOA.org).

**Family Science Day at the Farm**  
 Saturday, June 4, 2022  
 9 am thru lunch  
 Woods Ravine Farm  
 Norwich, NY

This is a free family event with programs suitable for children from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade into middle school, but all ages are welcome. Activities will include science comic book, free tree give-away, plant/animal identification, among other activities to be determined.

Bird capture and banding - Audubon  
 Aquatic insects and amphibians - Binghamton University Biology Dept.  
 Woods Walk emphasizing bird friendly habitat - Audubon  
 Farm History and Tour - Woods Ravine Farm

The American Chestnut Foundation will provide Chestnut seedlings and there will be a native NY plant sale. Sponsors include: Woods Ravine Farm, WSKG, Audubon, BU Biology, American Chestnut Foundation, and NYFOA. More information will be available in the spring newsletter.

**Shiitake Mushroom Workshop and Woods Walk**

We are currently organizing a shiitake mushroom workshop and woods walk to be held at The Uplands Center in Walton, NY on Saturday October 22, 2022. This all day event will start at 8:30 am with registration and light refreshments. Participants will be divided into groups so all are able to go through the steps of inoculating logs and enjoy the woods walk, which will focus on foraging and wild mushroom identification presented by Tracey Testo of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties Agroforestry. Lunch will be

included, or you may provide your own.

There will be a fee, which has yet to be determined, with a discount for NYFOA members. Final information will be available in our Fall newsletter.

For information on becoming a NYFOA member visit [www.nyfoa.org](http://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 \$45 and includes: subscriptions to Treelines, the bimonthly NYFOA state wide publication, The New York Forest Owner, attendance at chapter meetings and statewide meetings.

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