

Treelines

Winter 2022-2023



Upcoming Chapter Events

Potluck Dinner

Wednesday January 18, 2023

6 pm - 9 pm

Kevin LaDue

Master Woodworking and
Luthier

Cornell Cooperative Extension

840 Upper Front Street

Binghamton, NY 13901

Horse Logging Demo

Saturday, March 18, 2023

1 PM - 4 PM

Northland Sheep Dairy

3501 Hoxie Gorge - Freetown

Rd.

Marathon, NY 13803

Knapp Knoll Woods Walk

Saturday, May 13, 2023

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

168 Knapp Knoll Lane

Oxford NY

Kazacos Woods Walk Report

On October 8, 2022 Jeannine and Stacey Kazacos hosted a tour of their timber frame house construction project and a woods walk around their property. Thirty five people attended. The Kazacos house addition features a high percentage of locally sourced wood products, in particular hemlock and cherry posts and beams, white pine tongue and groove walls and

ceilings, and white pine exterior log siding. This part of the tour was led by general contractor and new NYFOA member Don Hunt and timber frame expert Ken Bundy and his son Wesley. The timber frame methods Ken and Wes use involve intricate wood joinery, large exposed posts and beams. The roof system is made with structural insulated panels which have an R-value of 60. The walls are insulated with a spray foam product which provides a good measure of sound deadening properties along with a high R-value. As the house will be so "tight," the contractors installed an air exchange system to avoid condensation and potentially mold. The air exchange system brings in a steady amount of fresh air from outdoors as the air which was in the house travels out. The basement is made from precast concrete walls which are custom designed before fabrication. The wall sections are insulated and waterproofed at the factory, numbered, trucked to the worksite, and put into place by a crane. Quite a process.



The woods walk part of the event was led by consulting forester Kellen Murphy (AKA Murph). Murph highlighted several forest management practices the landowners undertook about three years ago under a contract through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). This included timber stand improvement, invasive control, and anti-erosion plantings adjacent to a large pond. The Kazacos property is subject to intense deer browsing which has hampered efforts for regeneration. Murph discussed longer term plans for a slash wall deer enclosure project at the Kazacos property.

Intro to Maple Syruping

On Wednesday, November 9, 2022 members gathered to learn about maple syruping. Aaron Wightman, Co-Director for the NYS Maple Program, and Director of the Arnot Forest Maple Research Facility presented a broad range of information on maple syrup production, small scale to commercial. Aaron reminded us there are many resources available through Cornell.

<https://blogs.cornell.edu/cornellmaple/>

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Join us for our popular, almost-annual Pot Luck Dinner, cancelled last year due to Covid. Our program will feature master woodworker and guitar luthier Kevin LaDue, from the Town of Triangle in Broome County. Kevin is a retired shop teacher who has played and taught the guitar since 1965 and has been building them for the last 30 years in a shop that would make any fine woodcraftsman green with envy. Kevin utilizes Northeastern hardwoods from his own or local properties for structural and decorative components of his guitars, and usually Alaskan Sitka spruce for the critical acoustic portions. He has produced more than 160 fine instruments to date and a YouTube video on his operation can be viewed at this link (hit the "Skip Ads" button):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tk8pIHqca8>

Kevin 's program will conclude with he and a former apprentice, Jesse Lapadula, entertaining us with guitars they have created.

The Pot Luck Dinner will be held in the auditorium at Cornell

Cooperative Extension, 840 Upper Front Street, Binghamton. Doors will open at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00 and the program will begin at about by 7:00. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service (plate, utensils, drinking vessel and napkins). Electric service will be available for crock pots, etc. Coffee, cider and soda will be provided or you can bring your own beverage if you prefer.

Please call Jerry Michael at (607) 648-2941 if you plan to attend so we will know how many to set up for and can call you if we need to cancel due to a blizzard. Hope to see you there; this is going to be a lot of fun !

Horse Logging Demo

Saturday, March 18, 2023

1 PM - 4 PM

Visit to Tripletree Horse logging in
Marathon, NY

On the farm you will see Suffolk Punch horses. This rare breed is really purpose built for logging. See a custom designed, shop built log arch in action. See a six year old Amish style barn that was built with local larch and ash from this farm. This barn was built from the floor up in one day with a "barn raising" with over 90 people. The extent of the mud or depth of the snow will determine how far into the woods we will go, but we will have a demonstration in any case. For the intrepid we can do a woods walk after the demonstration to see the results of winter ash harvesting even if the conditions are not great for taking the horses in the woods. Park on the left side of the driveway.

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Here is a link to a video of horse logging performed at Jerry Michael's wood.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ls4ctO5QkM>

Knapp Knoll Woods Walk

Saturday, May 13, 2023

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Members John & Stacie Knapp will host a Woods Walk on their property in Oxford on Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Use Google maps to find the residence: 168 Knapp Knoll Ln, Oxford NY. Knapp Knoll Ln is directly west of State Hwy 12, about 8 miles north of Greene. The house is approximately 1/3 mile up the Lane, so there will be ample parking. Light refreshments will be available starting at 8:30 AM, for the early birds.

The homestead of 268 acres is mostly wooded. The property has been in the 480-A program since 1999. The walk will take place rain or shine, with muddy roads to traverse, so dress accordingly. A commercial harvest was conducted from late 2020 to early 2022. It will be one year since the last trees were cut, and we will be able to see the general results. Mike Blasko, Consulting Forester, who over-saw the harvest will give some context, and be able to answer questions.

We will also inspect an experimental 1-acre Slash Wall enclosure that John has hand built. Early successional plants are continuing to grow, along with the first signs of tree regeneration. There are numerous red oak seedlings, along with pioneering pin cherry and poplar. Sprouts are also evident on cherry and maple stumps. John is an avid birder, and has found numerous species using the wall for

nesting and habitat. In addition to the slash wall project, the Knapps have started various native understory plantings to help the bird population. They are also attempting to (eventually) increase the diversity of the upper canopy by bringing in variety of tree species that have not been present since they bought the property 40 years ago, including Tamarack, Black Walnut and Tulip Poplar.

Please register by calling John Knapp at 607-372-1242, or emailing jknapp56@yahoo.com

Comments on Carbon Sequestration from a Member

I'm concerned with keeping members and the public AND legislators informed about the benefits of managed timber production. I think way too many have the impression that the best thing for mitigating climate change is to stop harvesting wood products and let carbon be stored forever in the trees. They fail to realize that wood products have a much smaller carbon footprint than steel, concrete or plastic. We know by harvesting timber we can grow (sequester) more carbon in rapidly growing young trees, while timber products store carbon for many years (or by heating with wood we avoid the use of fossil fuels.)

We need to work to keep getting the message out on the benefits of sustainable timber management; not just for carbon, but for wildlife diversity and other eco-system benefits. We as forest owners need to learn how we can make adjustments to enhance carbon sequestering and storage as we manage our resource. Not all the answers are known, but we need to take the steps we know will help.

I get scared that laws will be passed by those that don't understand how to manage our resource.

-Frank Winkler

Please give us your thoughts on the topic.

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.

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Thank you for your thoughts going forward, and your considerations in our efforts to increase the awareness in matters that concern the NYS forest owner.

The Steering Committee (SOT)

**Merry Christmas
Happy Holidays
Happy New Year**