

Treelines



Fall 2017

Upcoming Events

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2017**

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Woods Walk at Texas Schoolhouse State Forest

Saturday, September 30, 9:00 am - 11:30 am, NYFOA's Southern Tier Chapter (SOT) will host a woods walk at the 1,250 acre Texas Schoolhouse State Forest. The forest is located in a spectacularly beautiful part of Otsego County, between Oneonta and Cooperstown. The forest features a large beaver pond, great blue heron nests, streams, rolling hills, old stone walls, and much more. The DEC is in the process of organizing a timber sale at the forest and senior DEC forester Nathan Funk will lead the woods walk. Nathan will discuss the steps the DEC follows before a

harvest to insure forest regeneration -- a key NYFOA goal. This includes controlling invasives, selective thinning, and the role of hunting to control deer browse. Nathan will also discuss how the DEC partnered with the local town to create recreational trails within the state forest that can be used free of charge in all seasons. SOT members Jeannine and Stacey Kazacos are organizing this woods walk. Please be sure to bring water, insect repellent, and rain gear, just in case. Bring a brown bag lunch or you can consider having lunch in charming Cooperstown.

Meet at the trail head at the Texas School House State Forest, located on Jones Rd, Mt Vision, NY about .4 mile west of the intersection of Texas and Jones Roads. We will post signs in the area on the day of the event to help woods walkers find us! There is no street address for the trailhead however you can use the following coordinates: 42.656343, -75.112324. Questions? Contact Jeannine or Stacey at: stacey@sent.com or call 607-293-8195.

Unalam Tour

Tuesday October 17 @ 10AM.
100 West Road, Sidney, NY

Glulam products are manufactured in a variety of shapes and sizes to suit various building needs. Come learn about the glulam process and custom laminated beams used in construction. To pre-register for tour contact Gary Sergio at cjgs@frontiernet.net, or call 607-563-7713.

SOT Chapter Program

Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 pm
Cornell Cooperative Extension
840 Upper Front Street
Binghamton, NY

DEC Foresters located throughout the state are available to help landowners to get started managing their land by creating a basic stewardship plan and providing technical assistance at no cost.

Forests depend on adequate regeneration of tree species to be healthy and sustainable. Limited regeneration is an economic concern in many areas of the State.

Tim Day is now the service forester for the NYS DEC working out of the Kirkwood office. Tim will be talking about the services offered by the DEC to private land owners that are designed to encourage sound forest management and the importance of regenerating our forests. Bring your questions. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the meeting will begin at 7PM.

SOT Chapter Program Pot Luck Dinner

Wed., Jan. 24, 2018, 6:00 pm
Cornell Cooperative Extension
840 Upper Front Street
Binghamton, NY

A membership favorite. Please bring a dish to pass, and your own plate and tableware. This event has brought out some great recipes made by members with products from their land. Program to be announced.

**Steve Speaks
A Letter From our Chapter
Chair**

To replace the invasive plants removed over the last two years I planted 200 dogwood trees from the New York State Tree Nursery near Saratoga Springs, NY. While planting the trees it occurred to me that maybe not everyone is familiar with what you need to do to get them into the ground and have them survive.

The trees that you get from a nursery must never dry out. If you order from the State nursery I recommend that you pay the fee to have the trees shipped to your house rather than having them shipped to Cooperative Extension. Once you get the trees you have the responsibility of getting them into the ground as soon as possible. If you can't plant them right away you should heel them in by doing a temporary planting. I store my trees in a raised bed that I use for my garden. I dig a trench in the garden about a foot deep and as wide as the tree roots are long. I then lay the trees into the trench at an angle and cover the roots with dirt. I soak the soil. That's all you need to do. If your soil is good they should last to the fall or even to the next spring.

Five gallon plastic buckets are a good way to transport trees from you temporary planting site to the field. Fill the bottom of the buckets with water. It's not a bad idea to bring along a five gallon container of water just in case the buckets get dumped. Secure the buckets in your vehicle using tie down straps or a rope. Use the buckets to transport the trees to the field. If you have lots of trees to plant you may want to get planting bags which are available from online suppliers. These are

bags that hold the trees on your body using a belt or a shoulder strap. You should have some water in them and you will probably get wet. If you have lots of trees to plant this is the way to go. When I was younger I used to use horse feeding bags to carry the trees.

There is a greater chance that the trees will survive if you plant them when it's raining or after a rain. You will find it easier to dig a hole and to tighten the soil around the trees when you plant them. The tool that I use for putting a hole in the ground is a KBC bar. They are sold by outfits like Forestry Suppliers. You will only buy one for the rest of your life. They feature a pointed tip with a bar that is used for your shoe. This is not a job for sneakers. Wear good sturdy work boots. In this case extra body weight is an advantage. An OST dibble bar is a similar tool that has a flat edge rather than the point. The OST bar is best in soil without rocks. If your soil is anything like mine, you have rocks.

They also sell a container dibble bar. If you ordered trees grown in containers then you would want one of these. To my knowledge container grown trees are limited to conifers.

Use your hand to guide the roots into the hole when you plant the tree. Make sure that the roots are not sticking out of the ground. If you're not planting container grown trees you must make another hole next to the tree and push the soil toward the hole that contains the tree. This will tighten the soil around the newly planted tree. You don't want an air pocket in the root area.

Steve



**Kutney Woods Walk
May 20, 2017**



Peter Smallidge, PhD. NYS Extension Forester, discussed the application of a deer enclosure

fence. Peter explained the use of batten boards attached to trees at corners of 50' x 50' enclosure. Galvanized nails are used to attach boards with washers to allow boards to move with tree growth while causing minimum damage to tree. Methods using plastic fence material were shown, as well as separate strands of wire were discussed as it relates to cost and labor efforts.

As part of the AVID (Assessing Vegetation Impacts from Deer) program criteria being developed by Cornell, landowners establish 6' circle areas for study of deer browsing on various tree and wildflower species. Specimens are labeled, and growth is monitored and recorded for data development by quadrant. A new phone app will soon be available for uploading of data to Cornell website. Those wishing to take part in this project may obtain further information, and materials by contacting their local CCE office.





Another part of the woods walk had Dave Williams and Peter Smallidge provide information on the timber growing contest rules. The use

of a range finder for set up of 1/4 acre areas for the contest, as well as measurement of basal area using diameter tapes, were also discussed.

Afterwards the group enjoyed a hot lunch of burgers, hot dogs and chicken.



This provided an opportunity of comradery and the chance to continue our discussions.

Windsor Chair Camp 2017

This year's edition of Windsor Chair Camp with Dave Abeel took place on July 27-28 at the home of Dave and Kathy Williams. Project options were: tall stool, side chair, arm chair, rocking chair, settee, boot bench with or without back. Eight participants worked with traditional chair-making tools to carve their seats; they drilled holes, bent wood chair combs, cut tenons and returned home with an assembled chair ready for final sanding and finish.



Participants ranged in age from 9 years to... and represented the SFL, SOT and CNY Chapters. Here are some unsolicited comments from the new chair builders:

... I very much enjoy the class and working together with everyone. Ed

Thanks again for such a nice outing. Stacie loves the boot bench. John

If you might be interested in Chair Camp 2018 or would simply like more information, please contact Dave Williams at kdwillmill@gmail.com.

Greene Lumber Tour

On August 8th, Southern Tier Chapter joined the Catskill Forest Association and the Delaware County Electric Cooperative on a tour of the Greene Lumber Company Mill in Davenport. Greene Lumber Company is owned by Baille Lumber, and is managed by the Wagner Group. It is one of the largest sawmills in New York State. Prior to the mill tour, Tom Gerow, Director of log procurement for the Wagner Group, led the group to the log yard and presented an outstanding explanation of saw log grading.



The tour was followed by a spirited discussion of current issues facing the forest products industry, including an increasing trend toward shipping unprocessed saw logs directly to China. This practice not only impacts American business and job opportunities, but may eventually depress saw log prices to the detriment

of forest owners. We may explore this issue further in a future "NY Forest Owner" issue, and will share some of the log grading information we received at a future Chapter meeting.

iMapInvasives

iMapInvasive is a GIS based online mapping tool for invasive species management, which went live in 2010. A geographic information system (GIS) is a computer system for capturing, storing, checking, and displaying data related to positions on Earth's surface. GIS can show many different kinds of data on one map. This enables people to more easily see, analyze, and understand patterns and relationship. The goal is to get people to record data and the program is aimed at outdoors people, hunters, anglers, hikers, birdwatchers and woodland owners.

There is a mobile app available for entering data in the field, or you can use printed forms in the field and enter the data later. Whichever method you use, be sure to get accurate coordinates and good photos.

www.NYiMapInvasives.org for resources pertinent to NY state
www.iMapInvasives.org for resources which include FAQ's and a user manual.

Welcome new members!

- Rose & Donald E. Dillenbach
- Christopher Dionne Family
- Daniel Ferrone
- Harry M. Knight
- Bill Leonard
- Bong Yoon

About Us

Treelines, Southern Tier Chapter News, is published for its chapter members of NYFOA, three times a year in early spring, fall, and winter. News concerning managing woodlots in the Southern Tier is always welcomed! Send articles for inclusion to Ken & Sharon Semanovich, aaait@stny.rr.com, with subject line: Treelines Article. Attach photos in jpeg format to the email. News stories with a word count of 500 words or less work best. NYFOA was founded in 1963 and is organized to encourage the wise management of private woodland resources in New York State by promoting, representing and serving the interests of woodland owners.

The Southern Tier Chapter was founded in 1985 and encompasses Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware and Otsego counties. 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 \$45 and includes: subscriptions to Treelines: to the bimonthly NYFOA state wide publication, The New York Forest Owner, attendance at chapter meetings and statewide meetings.

Be sure to check out the NYFOA website at <https://www.nyfoa.org/> for up to date information.

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