

Treelines

Fall 2021



Upcoming Chapter Events

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Bassett Healthcare Network
New York Center for Agricultural
Medicine and Health

Do you work outdoors? The Southern Tier Chapter of the New York Forest Owners Association and CCE of Broome County are announcing an October 20 program on occupational health and safety for woodlot owners and farmers.

Senior Educator Jim Carrabba from the NY Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) will discuss numerous exposures we all face, including chain saw usage, tractor rollovers (ROPS), pesticide usage, lyme and other tick-borne diseases, etc. Jim will also be available to take related questions from attendees.

After the (NYCAMH) presentation, NYFOA member and Consulting Forester Mike Blasko will discuss current hardwood markets and take your questions on other forestry matters.

This program will take place in the auditorium at Broome County Cornell Cooperative Extension, 840 Upper Front Street, Binghamton, NY. Doors will open at 6:00 and the program will begin at 6:30. Under current COVID safety protocols, social distancing and mask-wearing will be required, even for vaccinated attendees.

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Hold The Date !

After missing a year due to Covid, the popular annual Potluck Dinner will return on January 19th. The program will feature Master Luthier Kevin



LaDue whose custom-made acoustic guitars are in great demand. Kevin utilizes a wide variety of locally-grown hardwoods as well as Sitka spruce and cedar from Alaska in his guitars, which are works of art as well as fine musical instruments. He will bring some finished instruments and explain the process of converting a log into a potential Stradivarius. Kevin and a former apprentice luthier Jesse Lapadula will then entertain us with a few songs from their creations.

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 to share. Please bring your own plate, eating utensils and drinking cup or mug.

Picnic in the Park



Our picnic in the park on June 12th was well attended. After enjoying a lunch of hot dogs, cheeseburgers, chicken cordon bleu sandwiches and salads, the group listened to fellow SOT-NYFOA member Mike Blasko talk about his experiences growing ginseng. Then Suzanne Treyger, of Audubon, spoke about the Harvests for Habitat partnership between Audubon New York, Watershed Agricultural Council, New York Tree Farm Program, and New York Forest Owners Association. This collaboration enables bird habitat improvements through active forest management and financial incentives.

Harvests For Habitat Wood Walk



On Saturday, August 14, 2021, a group gathered for a woods walk in the DEC wildlife management area at Bear Spring Park, south of Walton, NY. Suzanne Treyger, of Audubon, led the walk, on which she pointed out various features of the woods and the needs of woodland birds.

Poison Hemlock

Yes, the one that killed Socrates, is here in New York state. Worse than wild parsnip or giant hogweed, as ingesting any part of this plant can be deadly. The stems are hollow,

possibly making them a curiosity for children. This is another plant that looks similar to Queen Anne's lace. For more information, go to:

<https://blogs.cornell.edu/weedid/poison-hemlock/>



Poison hemlock stems.



Poison hemlock has purple blotches on its stems.

DEC Fall 2021

Purchase of Tree Seeds

The Department of Environmental Conservation will be purchasing tree seed this fall. If you are interested in selling seed to the Department, it will be necessary for you to call Janine Greene at the Allegany office at (716) 379-6369 to have your name entered

on the collectors' list. You will also be asked the number of bushels you will be supplying. A confirmation letter will be sent to you verifying your participation in the program. This is a first-come, first-served situation so call as soon as possible. We cannot accept more seed than you estimate and are allotted, unless we do not meet our quota. For more information, go to:

https://www.nyfoa.org/application/files/4416/2932/2191/Regional_Seed_and_Cone_Letter_2021.pdf

Slash Wall Woods Walk

**Saturday, September 11, 10 AM
Borden Road, Earlville, NY**

Eve Ann Shwartz and Harmon Hoff who are members of the Central New York Chapter of the New York Forest Owners Association will be hosting a woods walk on their 20-acre property. A slash wall similar to what exists at the Cornell Arnot Forest will be the focus of the woods walk. All of the trees in the entire 20-acre property have been harvested. A slash wall has been built around the entire 20 acres. A slash wall is a low-cost method of fencing the deer out of the 20 acres. This gives the forest a chance to regenerate hardwoods.

The woods walk will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at 10 AM rain or shine. To register for this woods walk contact Ralph Meyer at (315) 264-1087 or by email at RalphMeyer330@gmail.com. Morning coffee, snack, and a light lunch will be provided. If you have particular dietary needs kindly provide your own food. A Porta Potty will be available.

Location: From either north or south, take Route 12B to Earlville, NY. At the one traffic light in Earlville, turn east onto East Main Street. Go about one mile east until

you reach a T in the road. The road name will change several times. At the T turn left onto Borden Rd. At this point, it is 200 yards to the woods walk. Google map 42° 44' 35.8N, 75° 31' 20.6W.

PROGRAM

- A. Introduction by Harmon Hoff
- B. The woods walk be lead by professional forester Kellen Murphy.
- C. Forester Brett Chedzoy will talk about the slash wall at Cornell's Arnot Forest.
- D. NYS DEC Service Forester Paul Romanenko will explain the Regenerate NY Forest Program, E.Q.I.P., 480A, and other programs that we are eligible for and may be of assistance to you for your forest land.
- E. Participation organizations will answer your questions.
The NYS Tree Farm program - Dan Neuman
Cornell Cooperative Extension - Kristina Ferrare
Central NY NYFOA chair Daniel Zimmerman
Audubon Society
Society of Arborists
NY Forest Logging Association
Society of American Foresters
- F. Education credits for participating organizations may be available

Letter from the Chair

With the availability of covid vaccines, life is starting to return to a new normal. For those vaccinated, masks are gone, and plans for family gatherings, summer picnics and just hanging out with friends can continue. NYFOA and the SOT chapter will be planning events like woods walks and meetings with speakers who can provide information that will help you enjoy your property. If a covid variant becomes widespread and the CDC makes recommendations that will

impact any of our events we will act following those recommendations.

Zoom is one of the technologies that has become commonplace as the result of the covid pandemic. We have had two Zoom meetings this winter and may have more in the future. Our membership tends to be an older demographic. Many of you don't want anything to do with online meetings. It is also true that many of our members live far away from our typical meeting place at the Cornell Cooperative Extension on Front Street in Binghamton. Many of our members are not fond of driving a great distance to a meeting in the winter. Zoom is an attractive option for members who have some property in Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, or Otsego counties but live in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, or close to New York City.

If we don't have your email address you are missing out on an online publication called "The Woodlot" which is sent out by Blair Boone. One of my main forms of communication is through an email server called npogroups. Please add info@nyfoa.org and nyfoa-sot-news@ncogroups.org to your list of contacts to ensure that Blair's email and mine are not put into your spam folder.

We have seen a decline in membership statewide and the SOT chapter. Getting new members is always a challenge. When we have a meeting I send an email with a description of a planned meeting to local newspapers and free shopping publications. Since I don't subscribe to these publications, I'm not aware if they publish our meeting notice. Sometimes they do, and I'm delighted when someone tells me that they saw the announcement of a meeting in the newspaper. Our society is shifting

away from getting news from newspapers in favor of online sources or cable news. This makes newspapers a less effective way of getting our message out. If you use Facebook, please select the Like button on the NYFOA page for forestry-related news.

On the NYFOA.org website select the Events button on the home page to see a map and a list of NYFOA events held throughout New York State. As an NYFOA member, you're welcome to attend any of these events.

If you have a friend or family who you think may be interested in NYFOA please let them know who we are. If you have an email address for that individual, send it to me at Stephen_Kutney@yahoo.com, That's an underscore between the n and the k in my email address. I will gladly add their name to the SOT email distribution list.

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 \$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.

Welcome New Members

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Tara and Josh Johnson
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Linda Koch
Alex and Walter Krueger
Mark Rebich
David Schickle
Alfred Sive

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