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In Our Woodlot-

Resetting The Clock

by Greg Lessord

When we purchased our North Country woodlands nine winters ago the grouse and snowshoe hares were everywhere. At that point in succession the forest conditions were prime or somewhat past prime for the animals. It was hard to navigate the dense thickets of aspen, beech and sugar / soft maple as were the stands of regenerating white pine, tamarack, scots pine and spruce.

Most of our land had been clear cut at some point in the not so distant past. Steep ravines and draws managed to evade the saws and there are still areas of more mature timber.

As each year passed, we could see the changes happen and each year those changes seem to accelerate until nine winters later the dense understory is all but lost. Saplings are now pole stock and one can walk almost anywhere unimpeded. Grouse and hare sightings are a fraction of what they were.

In an effort to reset the clock we have marked off two areas with ribbon several hundred yards apart on opposite sides of the ravine and have commenced clear cutting the first one. It is about an acre, cashew shaped and has slight dips and rises.

We began last winter and should be done with it this winter. We are leaving several



Photos by the author

Deer blind only half complete and deer already feel at home there



Note the berry bush cages and sawtooth oak tree tubes on either side of Kathy

most producing trees, red oak, the best beech, black cherry and sugar maple, well because they're sugar maple. We are making several very large brush piles including one to double as a deer blind.

The deer are obviously confused as to who goes in the blind as where Kathy stands in the picture is where the deer had been in between our cutting sessions. Something about "you build it, they will come". Hopefully it works for bear also. We are setting aside larger poles to create a den or two.

The ultimate goal is to create these areas every few years so as to keep the early successional habitat in perpetual motion.

Last summer we began planting raspberry, blackberry and blueberry plus two sawtooth oak seedlings along with several beds seeded with the same berries plus currant and gooseberry.

By far the most prolific tree is the aspen and hopefully in a couple years the grouse will again be scaring the heck out of us.

Chapter Service Award

Dear WFL Membership and Board Members:

I would like to thank you for the honor that was bestowed upon me at the annual dinner meeting last October 2019. Receiving the Chapter Service Award was most humbling. I can honestly say that being an integral part of the WFL board has been a wonderful experience for me. Being associated with so many positive individuals, with great energy and passion for all things nature, is truly inspiring. I hope that many more of you can join us as we continue to take WFL to the next generation of fabulous volunteers. Please join us at our board meetings, woods walks, and general meetings with remarkable speakers who make presentations on a multitude of subjects associated with forestry. When we come together, we undoubtedly learn from one another. That is an invaluable resource as we go forward into our woodlots.

In gratitude,

Colette Morabito

A Time When There Were Too Many Trees?

With talk of planting more trees to reduce the effects of Climate Change, the Axios news aggregator reports on a somewhat controversial paper that contends that a half-millennium ago the world had the opposite problem that correlated the discovery of the new world with a resurgence of forest growth in the old world that contributed to the Little Ice Age. For the full article see <https://tinyurl.com/AxiosClimate>. Bottom line- we may be underestimating how much good that planting more trees can do for our current climate situation.

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Membership is open to anyone interested in understanding how to manage a woodlot. NYFOA membership can bring returns in the satisfaction of growing quality timber, stabilizing forest industries and markets, providing permanent jobs, increasing the value of your woods, enlarging areas of natural beauty across the state, and leaving behind a monument in living trees to bless the tomorrows for the youngsters of today. For information on becoming an NYFOA member, contact Liana Gooding, NYFOA Secretary, NYFOA, P.O. Box 541, Lima, NY, 14485 or at 1-800-836-3566. Annual membership is \$45 and includes: subscriptions to this newsletter; to the bimonthly NYFOA state-wide publication, The New York Forest Owner; attendance at chapter meetings; and to statewide meetings. Membership at the Contributing level \$50-\$99; Sponsor level \$100-\$249; Benefactor \$250-\$499; and Steward \$500 or more are also offered. For more information visit www.nyfoa.org.

Readers are encouraged to submit articles for publication in this newsletter. Articles should be mailed or e-mailed to: Richard Starr at the address to the left. Electronic submissions are preferred. Any letters should be sent to the Chair for consideration.

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Note: The deadline for our Summer 2020 issue is May 15th

Epiphytes

by Dick Starr

While recently walking a county park path we encountered a sign titled "Epiphytes: Life In The Trees". As I read the sign I had the nagging feeling I recognized the term. I get this same feeling of vague recognition when I start reading a book I've already read. This simple sign sent me to the internet to learn more of epiphytes and to lubricate my grey cells.

An epiphyte is a nonparasitic plant that grows on another plant for support but not food. Its nutrient and moisture needs come from the air and pools of water and debris that collect on the host plant. Since the epiphyte appears to grow and survive "on thin air" it is often called an air plant. Like any other organism epiphytes add to the diversity and biomass of an ecosystem and can be an important food source for other species. Because of their minimal water and soil needs epiphytes make good house plants. The term derives from the Greek with 'epi' meaning upon and 'phyton' meaning plant.

In temperate regions many mosses, liverworts, lichens and algae are epiphytes. In the tropics ferns, cacti and orchids can be epiphytes. Nearly 90% of flowering terrestrial plants are epiphytes. In our southern states Spanish Moss is a well known epiphyte. Interesting since it's neither Spanish nor a moss. Rumor has it Henry Ford, always looking to save a penny, used Spanish Moss to stuff the seat cushions of his Model T. Somehow he neglected to clean the moss adequately and folks were soon complaining about bug bites, presumably where their anatomy contacted the Model T seats.

It turns out Spanish Moss is indeed good for upholstery purposes but only after more refined processing and cleaning than it got from Mr. Ford. It was used for such until synthetic fibers replaced it in the 1970s. Native people called Spanish Moss 'tree hair' while the French called it 'Spanish Beard' in reference to the Conquistadors' long beards. Not feeling complimented by this the Spaniards retaliated by calling it 'French Hair'. Such verbal squabbles seem childish compared with today's global problems. The French won this war of words as Spanish Beard eventually morphed to Spanish Moss.



Spanish moss in open view.

Apple Season

by Mike Seager

As I write this in mid, November apple season is winding down. As I look back at some of my notes and as the cider is fermenting, I thought I would share some observations about how the year has been for the wild apple trees that I monitor.

In the late summer, a number of my apple trees lost most of their leaves and dropped their fruit. I talked with a few other people who had the same problem with some or all of their trees. This sounds pretty dire, but some phone calls to foresters and to Cooperative Extension experts identified the problem as apple scab disease, a fungal infection exacerbated by an unusually wet spring. While it is unfortunate to lose a crop of apples, they predicted that the trees will recover and live to produce in future years.

I saw these symptoms on a handful of trees, including one of my favorites that always – until this year – produced an excellent crop. It is easy to fixate on the problems, and my initial impression that the problem was widespread was not borne out by the survey I did at the beginning of September. Early each fall I rate the crop on all my trees from 0-3, with 0 meaning no apples and 3 meaning a very heavy crop. This year, out of the 100 trees I monitor, 48 were rated as 2 or 3, meaning that half the trees had a pretty decent crop of fruit. By comparison, last year only 24 trees rated a 2 or 3.

A couple trees had a heavy enough crop this year that the weight of the apples broke some branches. That has happened a lot in the past. That it is less common now suggests that the pruning I have done has been effective; that it still happens at all suggests I still have a lot to learn. Not all the broken branches are due to the weight of the apples. I noticed that one of my favorite little trees had the main stem broken out of it. Since the tree only had a handful of apples – its first crop – I suspect it was a bear that broke it. Other promising young trees have been rubbed by deer and chewed by beavers, although I have made good progress against the beavers by wrapping a lot of the trees with wire screen.

I hauled a pile of apples from the trees up to the house in early October. I carried up 8 or 10 five-gallon buckets, which probably totals 4 or 5 bushels. They sat on the porch until early November, when we pulped them and pressed them for cider. The result was about 8 gallons of juice, drinkable out of the press but a bit harsh. Two weeks later it has smoothed out and mellowed and is quite tasty if a bit tart. I kept a gallon in the refrigerator and passed most of the rest of it to a friend who is fermenting it into hard cider. We tried this once before and found that it had to age nearly a year before it became good enough to enjoy; we are hoping it won't take that long this time around.

A quick search on the internet suggests that four bushels of apples should produce 12 gallons of cider, so our yield is a bit low. That might be because these apples are low in moisture, but I suspect it might have to do with my cider press. How well the apples are ground can make a big difference in how much juice you can press out of them. I tried a new grinder this year and I had high hopes for it – it is a lot less work than my old methods, and a lot easier to clean, but apparently there is still room for improvement in getting more juice out of the fruit. Just what I need – something more to tinker with.

Kapok Tree

by Dick Starr

This past winter we visited Venice, Florida. In January the city arranged for some outdoor seminars in honor of Arbor Day. Information about rain barrels hooked my attention. We also visited an active butterfly garden and learned the city has a 'Venetian Tree' program. Such a tree is a unique native or non-native species that has significance, desirability or utility to the community. A Venetian Tree can be on private or city owned property. Invasives listed by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council are not considered for the honor.

Available literature states the City of Venice has long recognized the importance of trees and green space within the community. The preservation of trees and native plant communities sustains and enhances the overall quality of life, health and economic development of a community. Tree conservation provides positive impacts toward local climate, stormwater runoff, wind buffering, air quality, wildlife habitat and property values.

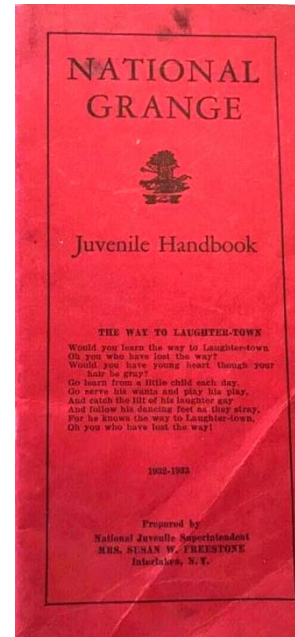
We chatted briefly with Jim Yelverton, Venetian Tree program administrator and city arborist. Mr. Yelverton was very pleased to share that the City of Venice has one (1) kapok tree. No need to ask if it's a Venetian Tree. The property holding the tree was purchased by a couple intent on preserving and protecting the tree and they designed their home with this in mind. When he told us the tree was nearby "just over there a bit" we looked it up. Since the kapok is a tall tree it was easy to "look up" as it towers above the neighborhood. When I learned the kapok flowers at night I knew there was more to learn.

The kapok is a large tropical deciduous tree native to the new world and Africa. It was transported to Asia where it's cultivated for its cotton like fibers. The fibers are used for insulation and to stuff cushions and soft toys – think Teddy Bear. Native tribes near the Amazon River wrap their blowgun darts with the fibers thus creating a seal that permits the dart to be forced through the tube by air pressure. This is essentially identical to what wading does in sealing the barrel of a muzzle loading firearm.

In full sunlight the kapok can grow 13 feet/year. They have been known to reach heights of 250 feet with diameters near 20 feet. For comparison our western sequoias can reach 300 feet and 30 feet diameter. The kapok drops its leaves after seasonal rainy periods and develops them again after a 2-3 week interval of flowering. This leafless interval apparently improves access for bats that feed on the sugar rich nectar and in turn pollinate the flowers. The need to attract bats probably explains the odd night time flowering and 5-10 years might pass between flowerings. Kapok is the English name but it's also known by its Spanish name of ceiba.

Some Old Riddles

The **National Grange Juvenile Handbook of 1932—33** offered some riddles from "The Mystical Forest":



*Here's a mystical Forest of very strange trees,
But yet, if you try, you can find them with ease.*

- (1) *So a smooth sandy shore in that wood you will find*
- (2) *And a tree, warm and soft, round your neck you may wind.*
- (3) *An insect that makes quite a queer whirring sound*
- (4) *And one that on history's pages is found*
- (5) *A part of the face that will then come in view*
- (6) *A part of the hand a pretty tree too!*
- (7) *A tree that can fly, very strange to relate*
- (8) *And also a tree that is perfectly straight*
- (9) *And here's a queer one—a tree that is two!*
- (10) *What is left of the fire—yes, you will find that here too*
- (11) *There's an arm of the sea in this forest so gay*
- (12) *And a tree that is sad and will soon fade away.*

(See below for answers.)

Answers—(1) Beech, (2) Fir, (3) Locust, (4) Dates, (5) Tulips, (6) Palm, (7) Plane, (8) Plum, (9) Pear, (10) Ash, (11) Bay, (12) Pine

Returning Corporate Sponsor (And Raffle)

by Greg Lessord

Once again, thanks to the fine leg work of Mike Zagata, Director of Organization Development, we now have a returning corporate sponsor.

DRYSHOD USA (dryshodusa.com) is the maker of waterproof footwear. Their line includes women's and men's hunting, lawn and garden, farm and ranch, outdoor and work boots plus kid's outdoors. Men's sizes available up to 16, women's up to 11 and kid's in children's to 13 and youth to 04.

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Former Muck Boot Company founder and owner Jim Donahue says " DRYSHOD was developed to bring great waterproof footwear to hardworking farmers, hunters, gardeners and outdoor enthusiasts everywhere. With the goal of becoming the # 1 brand in waterproof footwear ".

Mike, with the board's support, has obtained ten pair of boots, one for each chapter along with a catalog, which will be available to show the various choices at the various chapter functions. Each chapter also receives a DRYSHOD voucher to use

as a fund raising tool.

The WFL board has elected to **hold a raffle**. The winner will receive the voucher which will be good for ANY pair of his / her choice. And there are a LOT of choices.

Tickets are **one chance for \$5.00 or three chances for \$10.00**. Winning ticket will be drawn at the October 2020 Annual Dinner meeting. Winner need not be present to win.

To enter, fill in your information and send your ticket(s) along with your check payable to NYFOA to:

NYFOA Boot Raffle
Director Greg Lessord
449 Hubbell Rd.
Spencerport, NY 14459

In the meantime we encourage you to visit their website and visit a dealer near you. Better yet, attend any chapter event (bring some friends) and check out the sample in person.

GOOD LUCK!

Note: For more than 3 tickets you can copy this page or this entire newsletter can be downloaded at <https://www.nyfoa.org/chapters/western-finger-lakes> and printed from there.



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NYFOA is a not-for-profit group promoting stewardship of private forests for the benefit of current and future generations. Through local chapters and statewide activities, NYFOA helps woodland owners to become responsible stewards and helps the interested public to appreciate the importance of New York's forests. Join NYFOA today and begin to receive its many benefits including: six issues of The New York Forest Owner, woodswalks, chapter meetings, and statewide meetings.

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Corpse Plant

by Dick Starr

The kapok tree (see page 7) is an inconsistent bloomer and does so under cover of darkness before developing leaves in the light of day. This oddity reminded me of the 1993 movie *Dennis the Menace* with Walter Matthau in the role of long suffering Mr. Wilson. In the movie Mr. Wilson's garden club is anxiously awaiting the night time blooming of a rare and exotic plant. After learning of the kapok's odd reproductive habit I wondered if Mr. Wilson's plant might actually exist outside of movie land. The answer appears to be yes and it's known as the corpse plant.

When in bloom the female flower opens between mid afternoon and late evening and remains receptive to pollination throughout the night. Within 24 – 48 hours the flower wilts and the pollination window for that particular flower closes. While in bloom the plant emits the foul odor of rotting flesh to attract pollinators. Thus its name of corpse plant. Dung beetles and carrion eating beetles are attracted by the stench and come to dine. In fact there's nothing to eat but in searching around for the source of the odor the beetles distribute pollen.

The corpse plant is so rare and exotic it makes headlines when it does flower. How rare you ask? One source stated, "It is not uncommon for there to be 5 or more corpse plants flowering in gardens around the world in a single year". Imagine if there were only 5 roses blooming in gardens around the world this year. They would indeed garner attention and might even make the evening news depending on what shenanigans the politicians are up to that day. There are probably a few other corpse plants blooming in the wild at any given time. The plant takes root in forest openings and deforestation threatens their survival in the wilds of their native Sumatra and Java.

To enhance the con game of resembling rotting flesh the plant can raise its temperature to over 100 degrees F. and take on the color of meat. Chemical analysis of the odor emitted by the plant include elements of limburger cheese, rotting fish, feces, garlic, ammonia, sweaty socks and moth balls. Yum! If our food smelled that way obesity wouldn't be a problem. Cultivated in botanical gardens and private collections around the world it is rarely attempted by amateur gardeners although they are for

sale on line. Some botanical gardens have live feeds that allow watching the plant from afar.

There's a corpse plant mature enough to bloom at Cornell University. On August 8, 2017 the Cornell corpse bloomed and became the first corpse plant known to flower out of doors in a nontropical setting. I wonder if the odor is why it was planted out of doors. The Cornell corpse has a younger sibling called 'Little Stinky'. On June 18, 2010 a specimen on display in Gilford, New Hampshire measured 10 feet 2 inches tall, a record for the species and duly noted by Guinness World Records.

The corpse is the largest flowering plant in the world and its resemblance to a phallus did not escape early researchers. Thus the Latin Genus and species is *Amorphophallus titanum*. This translates in English to 'giant misshapen penis'. When British naturalist David Attenborough produced his BBC program "The Private Lives of Plants" he used the term 'titan arum' thinking viewers might be offended by the real Latin name. I suspect he was right, at least for those who comprehend Latin. Related plants include duck weed, skunk cabbage and jack-in-the-pulpit. We do share planet earth with some interesting flora and fauna.

Please note, this issue (as well as previous issues) of the *Western Finger Lakes Forest Owner* are also available on-line (with all photos in color) in the WFL section of the NYFOA web site, www.nyfoa.org.

Also note that other chapters' newsletters are also available for reading in their chapter's sections on the NYFOA web site.



The Corpse plant in full, glorious (?) bloom

Classifieds

Wanted: Woodlot and Related Activity Photos. We're building a small collection of photos for publicity and similar NYFOA purposes. If you have photos from woodwalks, woodlot activities, NYFOA activities, etc. and are willing to share, please e-mail them to Jim Minor, jcmminor@rochester.rr.com.

Tree Tubes for Sale - Member/(Non-Member) price: 4' (\$5.00/\$5.50); 4' w/ stake (\$6.00/\$6.50); 5' (\$5.50/\$6.00); 5' w/ stake (\$6.50/\$7.00). Proceeds benefit WFL chapter. (585) 367-2847.

PLEASE NOTE: Space permitting, the WFL Board of Directors allows members to place free classified ads in this newsletter

Upcoming Events

Note: For possible updates to these meetings and to learn about events in neighboring chapters and across the state go to our NYFOA website's EVENTS section at

<https://www.nyfoa.org/events>

March General Meeting – Bats



Date and Time: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Location: United Church of Christ, 8758 Main Street, Honeoye, NY 14471

We have the pleasure to be hosting Lynn A. Braband, from the NYS Integrated Pest Management Program of Cornell University. Mr. Braband is a Certified Wildlife Biologist. He will be discussing the survey of bat species which occur in New York State, including their habitat requirements, and how to attract bats. The history and status of white-nose syndrome will be presented as well. He will also explain how best to respond to a bat in the house! Bats, the only mammals naturally capable of flight, pollinators, and major consumers of insects and pests. Come and hear about their countless benefits to our communities and ecosystem. Please join us as we get up to date information on these forest friends and disavow their unfavorable reputation for malevolence. Hope to see you there. As always, light refreshments will be available

Genesee Valley Landowner Workshop



Date and Time: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 5:00 PM—9:15 PM

Location: Genesee Valley Educational Partnership (BOCES), 100 Lackawanna Dr., Mount Morris NY

Cost: \$25/person, includes 3 workshops and dinner

The Genesee Valley Conservancy and Livingston County Cooperative Extension will host the Genesee Valley Landowner Workshops again in 2020. Program details are not yet complete but there will be three sessions with three topics offered in each. Dinner is also included.

Registration will open soon; all the latest information is at <https://www.geneseevalleyconservancy.org/events/other/GVLW/>.

WFL Board of Directors Meeting



Wednesday, April 22, 2020 is designated as our next chapter board meeting. All NYFOA members are welcome! Meeting time is set for 7 p.m. with pre-meeting meal at 6:15 p.m. Please join us at the American Hotel located at the stop light in Lima, NY. No RSVP needed, just come!

Game of Logging



Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Genesee Valley Conservancy

The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) and NYFOA/WFL are co-sponsoring a Level 1 Game of Logging on May 13th, on the Genesee Valley Conservancy Property, Mill Creek Nature Preserve, located at 10651 St. Rt. 21 Wayland, New York.

The Game of Logging provides hands-on chainsaw safety training with Bill Lindloff, the GOL trainer, teaching the course. The Level 1 course focuses on open face felling, personal protective safety equipment, saw safety and features bore cutting, pre-planning and hinge wood strength, and each participant will fell a tree under the trainers guidance. For details on the various Levels of chainsaw training and other training programs offered by the GOL, visit their site at www.gameoflogging.com or call at 1-800-252-2502.

Contact Pauline Boyer at NYCAMH by calling 1-800-343-7527, for course details and to sign up for this program, or email her at chainsawsafety@bassett.org. NYCAMH manages the scheduling and registration for this event and will provide all the necessary information to register and attend. Cost for each day of the program is \$25. Other programs are scheduled around the state and Pauline will be able to provide information on those.

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May General Meeting – Landowner Liability Protection

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 7 PM



Location: United Church of Christ, 8758 Main Street, Honeoye, NY 14471

Please join Board Member Nick Jensen as he leads a discussion on the important topic of Landowner Liability Protection. Have you ever wondered if you and your loved ones are adequately protected in the litigious society we live in? Owning land poses its own set of risks and the rules can vary depending on what State your property is in. We want to make sure that our passion for the land does not inadvertently place our other assets at risk in the event of a lawsuit. Questions to be discussed:

- Do I have to post my property? What are the rules about posting?
- Do I have to put warning signs on my tree stands?
- Do I have the correct insurance coverage?
- Is my property titled properly?
- What if I have guests use the property for recreational purposes?
- Do the rules change if I charge fees to use the property?
- What happens if someone gets hurt on my property? Will it change depending on if that person is a guest, trespasser, contractor, or logger?

This session will be followed by an opportunity for Questions and Answers to this important landowner topic, as well as light refreshments for all

Empire Farm Days, Seneca Falls, NY



New Dates: Wednesday July 29, Thursday, July 30 and Friday, July 31

Please consider volunteering to assist/staff our yearly out-reach activity for the Western Finger Lakes Chapter. Our booth of forestry materials, as well as support for Master Forest Owner Volunteer (MFO) opportunities and/or connections, offers passersby a chance to get information regarding forestry issues. Please consider supporting WFL, NYFOA and MFO organizations with this important effort in reaching out to other forest owners from across NYS. We are looking for three people to staff our booth each day. This provides some break time for the volunteers to explore the incredible grounds and countless exhibitors at the Farm Show. If you would like to help, please call Colette Morabito at 585/248-0654 or email at colettemorabito57@gmail.com.

Upcoming WoodsWalk



Location: Sandy Bottom Park, Honeoye, New York

Date/Time: TBD

There will be a walk in the Sandy Bottom Park in early June to review the extensive salvage cutting of ash trees killed by the emerald ash borer, and the subsequent plantings to replace them. As of this writing plans are still being developed. More information will be on the [NYFOA website](http://nyfoa.org) as it is finalized, and hopefully announced at the March 10 chapter meeting in Honeoye. Keep your ears on.

For the latest information on NYS stumpage prices, go to

<https://tinyurl.com/DEC-Stumpage>



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- **Tuesday, March 10, 2020** — March General Meeting – Bats*
- **Wednesday, April 8, 2020** — Genesee Valley Landowner Workshop*
- **Wednesday, April 22, 2020** — WFL Board of Directors' Meeting*
- **Saturday, April 25, 2020** - NYFOA State Spring Meeting (see NYFOA.org/Events for details)
- **Wednesday, May 13, 2020** — Game of Logging*
- **Tuesday, May 19, 2020** — May General Meeting – Landowner Liability Protection*
- **Early June**—Sandy Bottom Woodswalk*
- **July 29—31, 2020**—Empire Farm Days*

* See inside for details

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Thankfully, this plant rarely blooms because when it does, it's a real stinker! See page 7 for more.