

Allegheny Foothills Chapter Newsletter

Chairman's Corner

Submitted by Bill Dorman

May 2015 Hope springs eternal. While waiting for spring weather this year tests even the most optimistic of us. Forget what I said about cutting some cull trees in January/February timeframe. We will be having our first woodswalk of the 2015 program hosted by the Rembold's on May 9th . I encourage you to try to make it to this event. There is another area I would like to encourage participation in. I would request that each of you consider how you might contribute as an officer of the Allegheny Foothills Chapter of NYFOA. I will be completing my second of the two terms as Chairman and will be considering how I might serve in a lesser role in the future. There are other offices that could use some "fresh talent" to continue to breathe life into the organization. We could use you whether you have previous experience as an officer or not. We all have a good

understanding of the educational focus of NYFOA and how it contributes to better forest management, so why not give it a shot? Our next steering committee meeting is June 9th at the Randolph Library at 1:15pm to establish the slate of officers. If you feel you can contribute in any way to the organization please contact any of the people listed in this newsletter by phone or e-mail prior to that meeting or just show up at the meeting. All are welcome. Enjoy the spring as it unfolds and always make it a point of putting NYFOA activities on your calendar.

~Bill Dorman

Mark Your Calendars—2015 NYFOA AFC Dates

- May 9**– Cattaraugus County, Rembold's Woodswalk
- May 30**– Bliss NY, 2015 Spring Woodswalk
- June 15**– Randolph Library, Steering Committee Meeting
- July 10**– August Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor
- July 11**– Cattaraugus County, Annual Meeting & Picnic
- July 31**– Freedom, NY, Gutchess Lumber Sawmill Tour
- August 15**- Gerry-Levant, NY Woodswalk

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May 30th 2015 Spring Woodswalk

Submitted by Mitch J. Banas

NFC Steering Committee members Deb and Vic Bandinelli will be the proud hosts of our chapter's Spring Woodswalk on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at their 37-acre family forest in Bliss, New York. Deb's parents bought the property in 1968, which Deb and Vic have owned since 2001.

The mostly pine woods was reforested from farmland in the mid-1940s and is now turning over to hardwoods. Come hear Deb, Vic and their forester Eric Stawitzky talk about how they started with just a fire lane in 1968, have erected a barn, built, moved, and expanded a cabin, dug a pond, and expect to soon build a new home-stead! We will be gathering at their property at 3978 Telegraph Road, Bliss, New York 14024 around 10:00 a.m. (Take Rt. 39 east out of Arcade to Telegraph Rd and turn right onto Telegraph. Go east about 2 miles; they are on the right hand side about 500 feet past Lyonsburg Rd. Look for a tractor holding a sign on the corner of Telegraph and Lyonsburg. There's an American flag at the end of their driveway -- drive right in, there's plenty of parking.) We'll start the woodswalk once we get any preliminaries out of the way, with lunch to follow. The Bandinellis say that there are portions of the property that can be wet depending on the weather, so they recommend that any of you "city folk" leave the flip-flops and sneakers at home in favor of boots of some sort. Bring a bag lunch; not only are the Bandinellis kindly sharing their woods with us, but they'll also be graciously providing beverages and dessert. Unless you want to eat standing up after a vigorous woodswalk, bring a lawn chair, too. If you have any questions, Deb can be reached at 622-9646. Come join what will no doubt be an educational and fun woodswalk!

May 9th Rembold's Woodswalk

Submitted by John Rembold

A Woodswalk will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 on John & Gayle Rembold's in Cattaraugus, NY. The farm is located at 6666 Sweeney Hill Rd.

John states, "This is an old farm that was last farmed in the 1920s. Our family has used it as a vacation property since 1942, and Gayle and I have lived here since 1992.

In the 40s and 50s spruce, larch and Scotch pine were planted on 30 acres, the fields were used by neighbors and 30+ acres were left as hardwood forest. A lot of old tree mortality and new growth has occurred in the past 70 years without any management. A harvest of cherry in 1995 opened our eyes and led us to our present plan of action. Logging trails became access roads and a harvest of larch in 2009 created more trails and open space. In 2012 a thinning harvest of cherry, ash and maple was conducted opening up more of the floor and giving us access to previously unappreciated areas.

We can now walk the entire property on trails; we have vernal pools, (ferns and honeysuckle too!).

Open fields are mowed to provide shelter for birds and wildlife. We still have some plantation areas of spruce and larch, and hope to do some food plot seeding.

We will have a porta potty, water, and grassy slopes to enjoy your bag lunch, if you bring one."

For more information or to contact John & Gayle regarding this walk please call 716-938-6161.

Directions from Little Valley: Proceed north on rte 353 towards Cattaraugus, go past fair grounds and turn left onto Cty. Rte. 5. Continue on Cty Rd 5 (approx 2.5 mi) to the first right hand road which is Sweeney Hill Rd. Take Sweeney Hill Rd for .7 mi. to our house on the right side of the road.

"DO NOT FOLLOW GPS OR GOOGLE MAPS!!!"

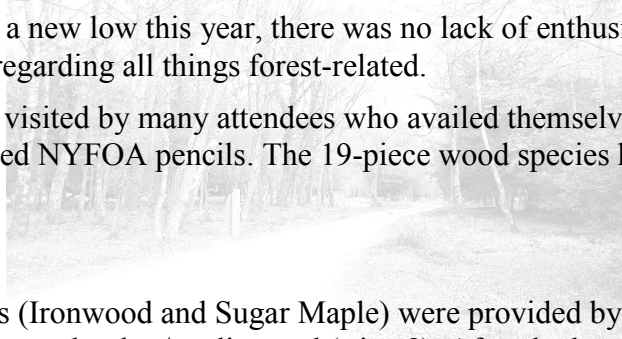
ANNUAL RURAL LANDOWNER WORKSHOP

Submitted by Jeff Rupp

NYFOA-AFC exhibited a presence again this year at the 23rd annual Rural Landowners Workshop at Pioneer Central School in Yorkshire on Saturday, March 7th.

While attendance was down to a new low this year, there was no lack of enthusiasm by attendees eager to bolster their stores of knowledge regarding all things forest-related.

Our table-top display area was visited by many attendees who availed themselves of an assortment of printed handout material and customized NYFOA pencils. The 19-piece wood species hands-on quiz was also available.



Two customized walking sticks (Ironwood and Sugar Maple) were provided by Tony and Dan for our fundraising raffle, in addition to a cucumber hot/cooling pad (trivet?). After the last classroom presentation prize winners were drawn in the cafeteria. Winners were Jeri Linderman, Dick Brennan & Annette Pyszczynski. Proceeds from the raffle are dedicated to AFC's Camp/Environthon fund- \$204.00 was realized this year.

One forest owner signed up for a MFO visit.

My Favorite Tree

Submitted by Tony Pingitore

On February 28, we drove to South Carolina with friends and since I did not have to drive I was able to enjoy the scenery along the way. All through West Virginia were numerous stands of Sycamore trees which stood out conspicuously in the winter woods. As a kid growing up on a farm in Erie County, New York we had several large Sycamores along our creek. I always felt they were really neat trees. When we moved to Chautauqua County I had forgotten about them. Had I remembered about them and realized they were fast growing I would have planted some. That would have been forty five years ago. By now, they could have been at least sixteen inch dbh (diameter breast height) and more than forty feet tall.

They certainly would stand out with their mottled, camouflaged looking bark and large deep green leaves which turn yellow in the fall. They surely are a unique tree. Besides their handsome bark, the wood has unique properties. The grain is so intertwined that effects of grain direction are almost none existent. That's where they got the name "Button Wood." Buttons made of Sycamore don't split easily. The wood is tough and durable, has an interesting grain and is used for a variety of products.

So, don't be like me. If there is a tree you like and have none on your property, check out their compatibility with your site and plant some. If you don't plant them, they won't grow, except for Butternuts, Locust and Aspen!

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Species	Western/Central Doyle Rule			Adirondack International 1/4" Rule			Hudson/Mohawk International 1/4" Rule			Delaware/Catskill Scribner Rule			New York State Stumpage Price Report Winter 2014/R84	
	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)		
Most Common Species														
Ash, White	50-400 (250)	150-600 (400)	250-800 (550)	30-200* (100)	90-325* (175)	110-1500* (300)	50-210* (125)	100-350* (175)	185-600* (300)	150-400* (150)	175-500* (225)	250-600* (475)	Sawtimber Price (Including Veneer and Poles) Dollars per Thousand Board Feet	
Cherry, Black	50-775 (400)	300-1000 (650)	500-1400 (870)	30-300* (175)	175-600* (335)	350-6000* (800)	100-600* (300)	300-700* (380)	400-1000* (600)	300-550* (375)	375-700* (475)	475-900* (675)		
Maple, Red (Soft)	50-300 (150)	100-400 (265)	200-500 (400)	30-150* (75)	60-300* (135)	100-625* (190)	30-145* (75)	40-300* (125)	50-450* (250)	75-200* (125)	85-350* (190)	100-400* (250)		
Maple, Sugar (Hard)	50-700 (450)	435-925 (650)	535-1100 (850)	30-450* (220)	150-700* (380)	200-5000* (575)	100-500* (310)	200-900* (450)	300-1100* (550)	250-700* (400)	375-900* (600)	475-1100* (750)		
Oak, Red	50-700 (400)	300-900 (580)	475-1000 (750)	30-300* (170)	125-400* (300)	175-1200* (500)	50-400* (250)	200-650* (400)	300-1300* (500)	150-600* (325)	300-875* (425)	450-1000* (640)		
Pine, White	25-100* (50)	80-120* (90)	60-200* (125)	45-100* (50)	75-225* (100)	90-325* (140)	20-85* (50)	35-85* (75)	60-150* (95)	50-80* (65)	75-125* (85)	95-150* (125)		
Less Common Species														
Aspen	10-50* (25)	25-80* (40)	25-100* (50)	20-45** (30)	30-150* (75)	40-180* (70)	NR	10-50* (40)	NR	NR	20-80* (40)	NR		
Basswood	50-150 (100)	80-250 (150)	100-375 (200)	20-160* (75)	30-250* (75)	40-350* (125)	25-85* (50)	50-185* (75)	90-210* (100)	10-75* (50)	20-100* (80)	25-150* (80)		
Beech	20-150* (30)	30-100* (50)	50-200* (90)	20-150* (30)	30-250* (60)	40-300* (90)	10-30* (10)	20-35* (20)	20-50* (30)	10-30** (25)	20-50** (40)	25-75** (45)		
Birch, Yellow	25-250* (100)	60-375 (195)	100-500* (300)	30-235* (125)	110-400* (185)	200-865* (185)	30-125* (70)	40-300* (120)	60-800* (165)	40-175* (125)	60-225* (200)	80-250* (240)		
Birch, White	NR	NR	NR	30-100** (55)	70-300* (100)	100-150** (125)	NR	NR	NR	40-150** (90)	60-225* (200)	80-300** (175)		
Butternut	100-250* (150)	100-380* (200)	100-420* (225)	NR	100-300** (125)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Elm, American	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Hemlock	10-100* (30)	35-110* (50)	50-125* (100)	25-50* (35)	35-70* (50)	40-75* (65)	10-40* (20)	20-80* (30)	20-85* (40)	25-50* (40)	40-65* (60)	45-100* (75)		
Hickory (spp.)	50-200 (100)	50-300 (150)	100-500 (250)	30-150** (75)	50-300** (95)	70-350** (170)	20-100* (30)	30-150* (70)	50-200* (100)	25-125* (45)	50-150* (80)	50-225* (100)		
Oak, Chestnut	50-200 (150)	60-350 (200)	125-500 (300)	NR	NR	NR	75-125* (80)	100-185* (125)	150-250* (275)	75-150* (100)	100-275* (240)	125-375* (275)		
Oak, White	60-300 (200)	130-400 (300)	200-750 (400)	30-150** (75)	100-460* (165)	200-865* (400)	80-125* (90)	100-210* (165)	150-280* (250)	100-250* (125)	150-500* (275)	200-400* (350)		
Pine, Red	45-85* (85)	80-120* (80)	70-150* (100)	30-85* (40)	30-200* (65)	75-250* (100)	20-40* (30)	35-120* (40)	50-175* (80)	NR	NR	NR		
Spruce (spp.)	45-135* (90)	50-185* (100)	100-240* (145)	35-270* (75)	65-250* (85)	80-170* (115)	20-80** (70)	35-100** (80)	80-120** (90)	NR	NR	NR		
Tulip Poplar	50-200* (100)	50-300 (150)	100-400* (245)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	40-150** (55)	70-250* (145)	80-250** (140)		
Walnut, Black	200-300* (300)	500-1200* (300)	100-1500* (1000)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	200-500** (200)	300-1000** (750)	450-2500** (1050)		
Aspen	NR	5-18** (6)	NR	2-5** (3)	3-15* (7)	5-7** (6)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Birch, White	NR	NR	NR	NR	8-12* (10)	10-10** (10)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Hemlock	NR	NR	NR	6-9** (8)	5-15* (10)	10-15* (13)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Mixed N. Hardwoods	2-15* (5)	5-25* (9)	5-20* (12)	6-10* (8)	5-15* (10)	10-15* (11)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Pine	NR	NR	NR	1-5* (2)	1-11* (5)	5-8* (9)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Spruce/Fir	NR	5-15** (9)	NR	2-6** (4)	4-11* (7)	7-10** (10)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Flewood	2-14* (7)	5-17* (10)	10-20* (15)	6-11** (7)	5-50* (10)	10-16** (10)	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		

Have you ever wondered what a state-of-the-art sawmill operation looks like? Come see for yourself at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2015 when Gutchess Lumber, 10660 Maple Grove Road, Freedom, New York 14065 will be treating NYFOA Niagara Frontier Chapter and Allegheny Foothills Chapter members to a tour of its "cutting edge" facility. No reservations are required, but please contact Mitch Banas at mbanas@jaeckle.com (preferably) or 716/983-6895 if you plan on attending so you can be notified of any last-minute changes in schedule (the tour being so far out, it is somewhat dependent on mill operations). Come join us for what will no doubt be a fascinating visit – and come meet some fellow NYFOA members from neighboring chapters at the same time. See you there!

Reading Material and Other Resources; Help with Managing Land Plans:

Try <http://www.mylandplan.org/>. You're just one click away from mapping, planning, recording, and other tools to help you both enjoy and profit from your forest.

2014 Tax Tips: The USDA's flyer "Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for the 2014 Tax Year" is now available and can be found at <http://www.timbertax.org/developments/TaxTips2014.pdf>.

DEC: The DEC's website has a wealth of information helpful to forest owners, including how to find a forester (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5230.html>), timber harvesting (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5242.html>), and additional topics and resources (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/93912.html>).

Master Forest Owner Program: Need to know more about New York's highly successful Master Forest Owner's Program, sponsored by the USDA Renewable Resources Extension Program, NYS-DEC, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and our own NYFOA? Go to <http://www2.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/mfo/>.

Cornell Forest Connect: Many of you know of the excellent resources available at Peter Smallidge's Cornell ForestConnect website <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5242.html>, but do you know about his monthly one-hour webinars which each month highlight some important aspect of forest ownership? You can register for the webinar e-mailings at <http://www2.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/forestconnect/web.htm>.

Penn State Extension: Just like Cornell, Penn State has a wealth of resources available to forest owners on its website at <http://extension.psu.edu/naturalresources/forests>.

Hemlock Woody Adelgid in Zoar Valley: To learn more about this menace to our local hemlock trees, see the Dunkirk Observer's article at <http://www.observertoday.com/page/content.detail/id/604689.html>

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Welcome New Members: Catherine Heath, Pat Wheeler

Please email your comments to afcnewsletter@yahoo.com or mail to ctp11@hotmail.com
(Catherine Heath)

Gerry-Levant Woodswalk August 15th

Submitted by Bruce Robinson

This Woods Walk will offer opportunity to examine the effects of seed sources, basal area density and associated forest species on regeneration. Although regeneration is essential for long term management, what signs do we look for to tell us it is too early to be concerned.

The walk will begin at 9 AM, Saturday, August 15 at a gas well road south of 4212 Gerry-Levant Road in the Town of Gerry (north of Ross Mills). The terrain for this one is gentle. We will plan some short hike(s) that will end with a trailer ride back to the starting point. We will have an opportunity to have lunch together at 4212, at son Bruce Robinson's home. Watch for NYFOA signs.