



CNY Chapter NYFOA

May 2015

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2015 CNY-NYFOA-related Events

May 9 - from 9 AM - 3 PM

at Hud-Son Forest Equipment, 8102 State Rt. 12, Barneveld, NY 13304
See Live demonstrations on sawmills (20" - 60" log mills), chain-saw carving (bear or eagle anyone?), skidding winches, firewood processing (from splitters to automated whole log systems), conveyors, Stihl chainsaws (dealer on-site) & more. Lunch provided. If you are interested in low impact DIY forest management, chain saw maintenance or repair, or if you are looking for used snowmobile parts ("Hudon's Snowmobile parts and Salvage" is the largest U.S. source) **Don't Miss This Day** & bring your chain saw if you need repair or parts. Also check out the Adirondack Chain-Saw Museum and consider whether YOU could handle the early chain saws displayed there.

if you do miss May 9 event, consider

May 16 - CNY-NYFOA needs 3-4 people to spend an hour or more to promote NYFOA at a booth at Hud-Son Forest Equipment "Customer Appreciation Day" (address above) between 9-3. Lunch will be provided.

Let Ralph know if you can help (meyerralf@yahoo.com) - If you missed our May 9 event at Hud-Son, here is another chance to see what is there & perhaps visit the museum?

May 23 - From 10 am till around 1 pm.

at Sandy and Maria Babcock's property in Cazenovia (3174 Thompson Rd) Guided wildflower and ground vegetation Woods Walk & talk. Bring your picnic lunch.

August 22 - 10AM - 3PM. Our Summer Picnic, Woods Walk & Sawmill tour at Brookside Lumber in Moravia. Meet at mill (4191 Duryea St Moravia, NY 13118) for the tour then short drive to Guy Gransey's forest & sugar bush (3648 Black St. Scipio Center, NY 13147) for lunch and Woods Walk. Bring a dish to pass. Hamburgers, hot dogs & drinks will be provided by CNY-NYFOA.

See future newsletters for details of the following

October 3 - Woods Walk at the Crosby's in Auburn (7215 Owasco Rd., Auburn 13021)

December 4 - Christmas Party at the Babcocks in Cazenovia

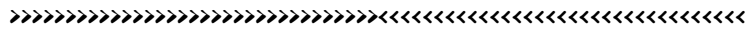
WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR WOODS?

Ramps, fiddleheads, gingseng or mushrooms.
Who is growing these forest products to sell?
What can you share with us? Write, call or email me, so we can share
your experiences with our members.

Like so many other groups, we are looking for helpers, articles for the
newsletter, someone to help find new members or be on the Steering
Committee, all to improve your Central New York Chapter. Contact
me. (meyerralf@yahoo.com or 315-264-1087)

Are you looking for a Forester? Contact Daniel Zimmerman,
Chairman of the Iroquois Chapter, Society of American Foresters
for a forester near you. DanielZimmerman57@yahoo.com

Ralph Meyer, Chair



Winter Stumpage Report
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5259.html>



Do you heat your home with firewood?

Is felling your own trees, hauling them, cutting them, splitting them etc.
getting tiresome or difficult? Tom and I answer yes to all of the above and
would like to find a reliable logger who would do most of that work in our
woodlot for a reasonable fee.

If others in NYFOA are in a similar situation, perhaps we could find a logger
who would consider working on rotation through our woods and yours doing
TSI (timber stand improvement) every two or three years, generating enough
firewood for our needs for those years with perhaps enough left over for him
to sell.

If a few members organized maybe we could find a dependable and capable
logger who would appreciate such a longterm financial arrangement. If you
are interested or have recommendations for a logger, please contact me
(randi.starmer@gmail.com or 315-637-5213)

Please welcome new members

Redel Revette & Billy Caraway, Seth Carsten, Ed & Eileen Epstein, Luke Lewis, Scott McClurg, Mark Mowrey, Anna Revette & Jim Palma, John & Tracie Revette, Ben & Sona Revette, David Revette, Jefferey Stowell, Sandra Van Schaack, Joe & Ro Vargo, Daniel Zimmerman

2014 Chapter Service Award

Chapter Board Member Bruce Revette presented Randi Starmer with the 2014 Central New York Chapter Service Award at the recent NYFOA Annual Meeting. Randi richly deserves this honor. Randi has taken on the task and excelled at keeping us informed through more frequent newsletters. She and her husband Tom have had a chapter Woods Walk on their property. Their home was built from logs harvested from their woods. Invasive species and undesirable vegetation are always being attacked by her on her daily walks that help her become knowledgeable about wildflowers and edible wild plants.

Ralph Meyer, Chair

*Thank you, to Ralph and the Board for this unexpected honor
Sincerely, Randi*

At the end of the NYFOA Annual Meeting, we took a short tour of parts of the environmentally friendly Gateway building of SUNY Environmental Sciences and Forestry. No, we did not go on the roof, and it would not have looked like this. It was March 2015 after all!

However, below is a view of the rooftop native plant garden in mid-summer 2014. It is something to look forward to seeing this summer. The ESF building is open to the public during normal hours and it is definitely worth seeing!



USDA Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

NYFOA members all work closely with our properties, from timber stand improvement and sustainable timber harvest to wildlife management and invasive vegetation and erosion control. USDA's CSP program offers many programs in these areas that can help with your costs and could even return one to several thousand dollars to you each year, while improving your forest.

Below are some of the forest related programs you may want to consider.

In addition to these forestry programs there are others programs in each category which relate to pasture, range and crop activities if you engage in those.

The best way to find out what makes sense for you is to contact the USDA agent for your county.

"CSP is a way of incentivizing farmers, ranchers, and private forest managers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship," said Gregory A. Kist of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. "By focusing on multiple resource concerns, landowners are able to achieve a sustainable landscape and maintain or increase the productivity of their operations."

"Applications should be submitted to local NRCS offices. As part of the CSP application process, applicants will work with NRCS field personnel to complete a resource inventory of their land, which will help determine the conservation performance for existing and new conservation activities. The applicant's conservation performance will be used to determine eligibility, ranking and payment"

For Madison, Oneida and Herkimer counties, contact Emily Armstrong
(email: Emily.Armstrong@NY.USDA.Gov)

For Onondaga, Oswego, and Cayuga counties, contact Josh Hornesky
(email: Josh.Hornesky@NY.USDA.Gov)

Animal Enhancements

AN09 Grazing management to improve wildlife habitat

AN12 Shallow water habitat (e.g. vernal pools)

ANM33 Riparian buffer terrestrial and aquatic wildlife habitat

ANM36 Enhance wildlife habitat on expired tree covered CRP acres

ANM38 Retrofit watering facility for escape and access

ANM39 Extending riparian forest buffers

ANM42 FSI for wildlife habitat and soil quality

ANM53 Hinge cutting for wildlife

ANM55 Creation and retention of snags den trees and coarse woody debris

ANM56 Increase summer roost habitat for forest dwelling bat species

ANM57 Removal of all threats to sensitive wildlife species on the operation

ANM58 Reduction of attractants to human subsidized predators

USDA Conservation Stewardship Program

Plant Enhancements

- PLT16 Intensive rotational grazing
- PLT17 Creating forest openings to improve hardwood stands
- PLT18 Increasing on farm food production edible woody buffers
- PLT19 Herbicide resistant weed management
- PLT20 High residue cover crops for weed suppression and soil health
- PLT22 Multi story cropping sustainable mgmt of nontimber forest plants
- PLT23 Conifer crop tree release
- PLT24 Crop tree release in young hardwood stands
- PLT25 Prune pine hardwood trees
- PLT26 FSI minimize wildfires or manipulate density composition
- PLT27 Create small openings pine stands for habitat or regeneration
- PLT29 Rehabilitating damaged or cutover stands
- PLT30 Monitor pasture health using pasture condition scores

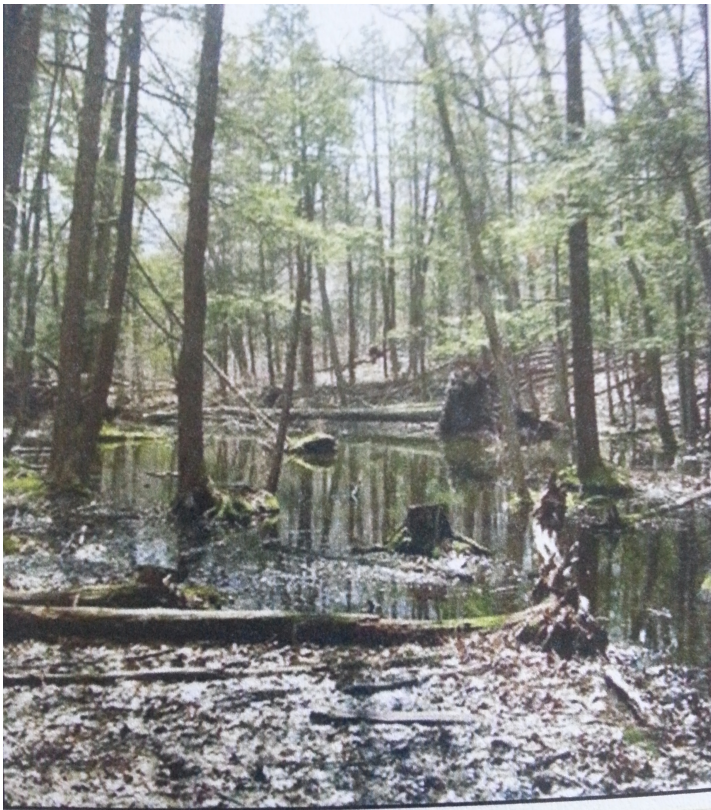
Ecological Services

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- SQL14 Integrate grazing into crop or forest systems

Water Quality Enhancements

- WQL28 Biological suppression nonchem techniques manage brush invasives



A flooded vernal pool in the springtime

Vernal pools are healthy for your woods. Ask me why at the May Woods Walk and let's discuss. Ralph



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Important CNY-NYFOA event dates to remember - details inside
May 9, May 16, May 23, August 22

Editor's Book Corner...If you like Woods Walks, you may be interested in hiking other parts of the beautiful Central New York and Finger Lakes region. If so, I unabashedly recommend my son's new book *Five Star Trails - Finger Lakes and Central New York* by Tim Starmer (2015) Menasha Ridge Press - now available at bookstores and online!. He also has written *Five Star Trails in the Adirondacks* as well as a tent camping book for New York.

Another idea for exploring CNY & Finger Lakes woods is to check out some of the Nature Preserves that are managed by the Finger Lakes Land Trust and are open to the public - see <http://www.flit.org/learntheland/preserves/>

We hope you can join us for our future events.
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