

NACNews

Northern Adirondak Chapter

Summer 2016

NAC Events Calendar

Shirley Forests Woods Walk

Saturday August 20th

11:00am – 3pm

Lunch Provided

Whallonsburg, NY

Essex County

Bullock Forest Woods Walk

September 24th

9am-Noon

Barbecue Lunch Provided

Edwards, NY

St. Lawrence County



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Hello from the Chair!

Welcome fellow members of Northern Adirondack Chapter (NAC) of NYFOA! I am serving as appointed chair at the encouragement of NYFOA President, Charlie Stackhouse. In my previous life in the Ithaca area I served on the Southern Finger Lakes Chapter Board and enjoyed the comradeship and many program successes that volunteer effort brought. With membership input and participation, I know NAC can revive to achieve its goals and missions with membership assistance. Our 2016 NAC membership stands at 132, which is considerable. If all members contributed just a bit to the chapter we would be overwhelmed with good ideas and help to achieve our collective goals. Members can get involved in many ways:

Board Participation: We need a Secretary and Treasurer to serve temporarily until we can muster up an election (ideally within a year). We also need a co-chair to back me up and serve as "events planner and manager." Contact me directly if you are interested in any of these positions.

Newsletter Clips/Articles: The key to a good newsletter is obviously member contributions. Any and all items that are timely and of interest to NAC members will be considered.

Committee Participation: As of now we have newsletter and woods walk committees. Each committee will have a chair and a few contributing members. Please consider volunteering to one or more!

Membership Activity Participation: All chapters seek to serve their membership via annual or special events such as woods walks, annual meetings, recreational or educational events and other such activities. A huge challenge with our NAC chapter is logistics. It can be a 3-4 hr. drive to the far ends of the chapter boundaries. Mindful of that, we will attempt to hold at least one event each year that is within one hour's drive of any member! To do so that means an adequate number of geographically dispersed members must step up to host events.

Bottom Line: The success of NAC is not dependent on a few people doing a bit more, but ALL members doing at least a little *something* to contribute! Ideally such contributions will be both rewarding and fun! Volunteers need to get "something" out of their effort; therefore ALL members should define why they are a member and then contribute in some manner such that the chapter provides them a sense of fulfillment. At this point in the rejuvenation of NAC, now is the time to step forward and make a difference! All chapter board members are reachable by phone and/or e-mail and welcome the opportunity to "chat" with you. Thank you!

Gary Goff, NAC Chair

Managing Your Private Woodland Sustainably

A Shirley Forests, Inc. Workshop and Woods Walk - Co-Hosted by Champlain Area Trails (CATS)

Celebrating 60 years of Sustainable Family Forest Management

Date: Saturday August 20th
Time: 10:30 a.m. Sign In; Coffee & Tea
Meeting Place: Whallonsburg Grange Hall, 1610 NYS Route 22, Whallonsburg, NY 12936

Program: 11:00 a.m.

Introductions—Frank Shirley, President, Shirley Forests (SF)
SF History - Timothy Castner, Vice President
Champlain Area Trails (CATS) & SF – Chris Maron – Executive Director, CATS
SF and Wildlife – Gary Goff – Cornell Extension, retired
Preview of the Day – Frank Shirley

Free Lunch: 12:00 Noon - Build your own sandwiches, soup and beverages provided.

Field Tour: 12:40 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

“Sustainable Management of Shirley Forest- Change and Regrowth over a Twenty-year Harvest Cycle.”

The Walk will Feature:

- 1) Area logged this last winter - Deborah Boyce, forestry consultant, & Jim Pulsifer, logger
- 2) Area logged 13 years ago - Gary Goff on wildlife
- 3) Area to be logged next year - Frank Shirley, growth and yield
- 4) A walk to North Boquet Mt. Overlook of the Champlain Valley and Lake Champlain led by Tim Castner

Directions to the Grange:

From the South:

I-87 North to Exit 31, Essex Ferry and Westport. At the end of the ramp, turn Right and make an immediate Left (follow signs for Ferry). Go up the hill past the Hilltop Motel and continue to a T junction. At the stop sign turn right (you are now in Wadhams!). At the next stop sign, turn Left onto Route 22, going north. Follow Route 22 approx. 6 miles to Whallonsburg. The Grange is on the right at the corner of Route 22 and Whallons Bay Road.

From the North and from Essex Ferry:

I-87 to Exit 33 Willsboro/Essex Ferry/Route 22. Turn left at the end of the ramp onto Route 22 South. Follow Route 22 about 8 miles into the town of Willsboro. Stay on Rt. 22 as it goes down a hill and crosses the Boquet River. Continue on Route 22 through Willsboro and up a hill. Go past the Village Market and continue on Route 22 (also called Lakeshore Road) another 5 miles to the Village of Essex. You will go past the ESSEX FERRY DOCK to the stop sign. Turn Right, continuing on Route 22. Follow this another 5 miles or so to Whallonsburg. The Grange is on the left at the corner of Route 22 and Whallons Bay Road.

Walk Level of Difficulty:

The first 3 stops will be on terrain with less than 15% slopes. We will be:

- 1) Walking on skid trails
- 2) Just off the road and on an old landing (header). We will make a suitable path through any blackberries.
- 3) CATS trail with a 2.5 chain (how many feet?) side trip to a permanent inventory plot.
- 4) Old skid trails and rocky trails with a 600 foot elevation gain.

Pre-Registration Requested:

To register, go to www.ChamplainAreaTrails.com and indicate the number of people for lunch and any special diet requirements. Questions, call 518-962-2287 or email info@champlainareatrails.com

A Window on Tomorrow's Forests

The 20 states that make up the northern U.S. constitute the most heavily forested and most densely populated quadrant of the Nation. Whether your interest is in natural resources or energy, the economy or urban planning, how these forests change over the course of the next 50 years matters. The forests of tomorrow will be rooted in what we do, or do not do, today.

The Northern Forest Futures Project gives forest owners, managers, and other decision makers information to guide sustainable management of the 174 million acres of public and private forests in the northern U.S.. Past and current changes that are positive include: reduced exploitive logging, more sustainable timber harvesting, increased wild fire suppression, and an increase of millions of acres of forestland as a result of abandoned marginal farmland. But current and future changes that are of great concern include: expanding impact of invasive species, loss of species diversity, low diversity in forest age classes, increasing urban expansion that is shrinking forest acreage, fragmentation of forest land, parcellation of forest ownerships, loss of forest-based employment, effects of burgeoning white-tailed deer populations on tree regeneration and forest composition, and increasing atmospheric carbon emissions.

The challenges facing northern forests are large, complicated, intertwined, and enduring. All forest owners (public and private), natural resources agencies and organizations (e.g. NYFOA) and all citizens have a role to play in curbing these trends. An abbreviated listing provided by the report includes:

- Strengthen people's connection to rural and urban forests
- Develop mutually beneficial partnerships among forest owners, managers, industry and society to support conservation goals
- Develop measurable state and regional goals for forest diversity and monitor progress toward achieving them
- Promote forward-looking forest management across all ownerships
- Estimate the types and number of forestry jobs that can be sustainably supported, now and in the future
- Work to understand the many dimensions of forest change

For more information on the Northern Forest Futures Project, contact project leader, Stephen Shifley, Res. Forester, 202 Nat. Res. Bldg., Univ. MO., Columbus, MO 65211-7260. 573/875-5341 x232

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This summary is presented by our Interim Chair Gary Goff. The US Forest Service has come out with a "Research Review", No. 29, Mar. 2016, that describes an interesting and relevant perspective on the future forests of the Midwest and Northeast. The 5-pg. summary of a major report on the topic is available in electric format by e-mailing nrpubs@fs.fed.us or calling 740/368-0123.

St. Lawrence County Master Forest Owners (MFO) Volunteers Needed

Do you have interest and enthusiasm for learning and sharing forestry and natural resource information? Would you like to help your neighbors unlock the hidden value in their woodlot whether their goal is wildlife enhancement, saw timber or recreation. What better way to increase your own knowledge while assisting your fellow woodlot owners by volunteering to be a Master Forest Owner. Call (315) 379-9192, ext. 232 to learn more about the program and what the 4-day training workshop entails.

Bullock Woods Walk

Do you know all you need to know to successfully grow trees? Join woodland owner and research collaborator Herb Bullock, along with Cornell's State Extension Forester Peter Smallidge, on September 24, 2016 from 9:00 to noon at Herb's property in the Town of Edwards, St. Lawrence County for a woodland tour.

Hosted by Herb, the tour will focus on what it takes to plant, establish and grow trees in the face of damage from deer browsing, as well as other related forest regeneration concerns. Herb has worked for a number of years planting and protecting tree seedlings from deer, including the use of tubes and other measures to limit browsing. He has also worked to manage interfering plants such as ferns and other shrubs.

In 2015, Cornell University Cooperative Extension began investigating the effectiveness of low-cost fencing to exclude deer, and also to develop a simple field survey that uses plants as indicators of the severity of deer browsing. The woods walk will look at these efforts to grow trees, demonstrate methods for assessing deer impact, and tour other projects that Herb has already completed. Numbered tags will be provided to woodland owners who want to monitor deer impacts. The terrain is gentle and the trail will cover a mile or less. UTV transport is available.

Grilled lunch provided after the walk.

Personnel will be available to discuss the NY Forest Owners Association, the NYSDEC resources and assistance with private woodland management, and Cornell's Master Forest Owner volunteer program.

Please register with Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County by Monday September 19 to allow notification if plans change and for food preparation. To register please call (315) 379-9192 with the number of people attending in your party for the "Bullock Woods Walk."

The property is located at 117 Campbell Road, Edwards, NY, 13617.

Dress for the weather with appropriate footwear.

Forestry Events in Our Region

Adirondack Forest Pest Summit

The agenda for this summer's Adirondack Forest Pest Summit has been finalized and we are pleased to offer this important educational opportunity, free of charge, to anyone interested in learning more about the threat posed by forest pests to New York and the Adirondacks. The summit will be held on July 11th from 10:00am – 3:30pm at the Tannery Pond Community Center in North Creek and will feature presentations from a suite of state and national forest pest experts. The full list of presentation topics and presenters can be found below via the link. Keynote speaker, Dr. Gary Lovett of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, labels forest pests as "the most severe and urgent threat to Adirondack forests". Be sure you understand the implications of this threat and what you can do to prevent the spread of forest pests by attending this summit.

RSVP to APIPP's Seasonal Educator, Mitchell Jones, at Mitchell.jones@tnc.org or (518) 576-2082 ext. 120. Please include your name, email address, phone number, and town of residence in your RSVP.

For the full flyer and details on this summit go the following link.

<http://adkinvasives.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Forest-Pest-Summit-Flier-and-Agenda.pdf>

Paul Smiths Interpretative Center

The summer and fall schedule at the Paul Smiths Interpretative Center is always full of various walks and talks you might want to attend. Best to check their schedule via their website link. <http://www.adirondackvic.org/>

NYFOA Rewards its Member—With Cash!

Thanks to an idea advanced by NYFOA's Charlie and Sarah Stackhouse, NYFOA now has a special program called **NYFOA Rewards**. The benefit program is designed to offer substantial discounts to members when they make purchases at participating organizations. It was launched in March 2016, and while it's still in its infancy, it's growing nicely.

There are now eight firms partnering with us and in the first three months of operations, NYFOA members have saved somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,000. Not bad for just getting started! One of our partners, David Williams, is also on the NYFOA Board of Directors and has already provided cumulative member discounts approaching \$500. The members that have done business with Dave are earning discounts well in excess of NYFOA's annual dues payment.

It's easy for members to participate in **NYFOA Rewards**. Complete details on discounts are located on the NYFOA Home Page. Please be sure to check the **NYFOA Rewards** webpage at least monthly for updates. www.nyfoa.org

If you know of a business or organization that would be a good fit for our members, please send me **Dean Faklis** a detailed note (dfaklis@frontiernet.net) and I will reach out to them.

The following organizations have agreed to provide NYFOA members with financial benefits through discounts on purchases.

Forestry Suppliers (Jackson, MS; www.forestry-suppliers.com)

NYFOA members receive their best price. Online or phone ordering [1.800.752.8461, ATTN: Katie Patterson (pattersonk@forestry-suppliers.com), Becky Dawson (dawsonb@forestry-suppliers.com), or Beckie Tucker (tuckerb@forestry-suppliers.com)]. Quote will be provided with their best prices or use exclusive NYFOA code letters at checkout: **FNY** for an automatic 10% discount. The letters are for NYFOA members only & distribution is controlled.

Arborchem (Mechanicsburg, PA; www.arborchem.com)

NYFOA members receive contractor pricing on select products (e.g. Accord XRT). Email: Todd Hagenbuch, thagenbuch@arborchem.com or call 570-401-7098.

FTD Florist (www.ftd.com/58251)

Link is for NYFOA members only and its distribution is controlled. Enjoy 20% discount on all flowers, plants and gifts!

Voss Signs (www.vosssigns.com/products)

NYFOA posted signs (aluminum and polymer) are available at a big discount. See the latest issue of NYFOA's Forest Owner magazine for complete details, including option to purchase sawyer-friendly aluminum nails at the same time.

David Abeel (Traverse City, MI, abeeldavid@hotmail.com)

10% discount on Windsor chair workshops.

Finger Lakes Boating Museum (607-569-2222, www.flbm.org)

Save nearly 30% on admission to this great museum in Hammondsport, NY. Bring your current copy of NYFOA's Forest Owner magazine to be eligible for \$5 admission, limit 2. Youth admission is free.

Dave Williams, Sawyer (Bainbridge, Chenango County, NY; kdwillmill@gmail.com)

10% discount on portable bandsaw milling. Discount does not apply to damaged blade fee or mileage charge for travel beyond 15 miles, one way.

Springwater Forest Products (Springwater, Livingston County, NY; dci@perluma.com) www.perluma.com/services/crates

\$500 discount on timber frame kits (cabins, sheds, studios, sugarhouses, tiny houses)

10% discount on green firewood, custom lengths available, pick up only.

20% discount wood shipping/storage crates (fine art, furniture, valuables, heavy items)



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