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NFC NEWSLETTER

Niagara Frontier Chapter

New York Forest Owners Association www.nyfoa.org

Fun, Great Speaker Highlight Annual Potluck Luncheon

Our annual potluck luncheon at noon on Jan. 25 will feature Sharon Bachman, regional invasive species educator from Cornell Cooperative Extension as guest speaker.

In June, Sharon accepted the part time regional educator position with the CCE.

After budget cuts cost Erie County a full-time cooperative-extension horticulturist, Sharon Bachman's to-do list got longer.

Bachman — who already provided farmers county wide with a range of agricultural services — took it all in stride, backing up Erie's cadre of volunteer master gardeners with the diagnostic help they need to help householders cope with pests the least-toxic way.

Since 2005, Bachman has been helping growers place fruit worm traps in u-pick blueberry farms, plant cover



crops in rotation with strawberries to suppress root rot and use routine soil and leaf analyses that lead to healthy, nearly pest-free crops.

Cathy Heidenreich, a berry specialist at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, describes Sharon as "always personable, always proactive, always thinking ahead."

Sharon will share her expertise with us on issues important to forest owners. Bring your questions for a great event.

For more information, call Rita Hammond, 937-0744.

What: NYFOA annual January potluck luncheon

Where: Holland Community Center (formerly American Legion Hall)

When: noon Saturday, Jan. 25

Cost: Free. Bring friends and family. Coffee, paper products will be provided.

Directions: Route 16 into Holland. Turn east on Garfield Street to Canada Street. Turn left. Legion Drive is on the left and the Center is at the end of Legion Drive.

Deer, Land Management Focus of NYFOA Talk

On November 9, Ken Allein of Sienna Environmental presented a fascinating program on deer and land management at the Clarence Public Library.

Ken pointed out that to control deer populations, hunters should harvest does not bucks.

"We should kill as few bucks as possible, even though they are favorites of hunters," he said.

By taking does, there will be fewer fawns and one of the problems with so many does is that they

drop a fawn too late in the season and fawns do not have time to grow and live in a winter.

Ken agreed that it takes time for the program to work. He suggested creating a food plot for the deer and in certain areas overrun by deer, agrees with a bait and shoot policy.



Woodswalk at Bob Glidden's: Dynamic!

Thanks to Bob and Pat Glidden for being such gracious hosts for our woodswalk in September.

Bob went all out to not only have a great presentation by Pat Marren, but a tremendous demonstration of clearing a woods and cutting trees. The group all were amazed at



the machine, shown at left, driven by Joe Bar-onich, which felled trees and cut them into logs, or carried them to a different location.

The Gliddens also provided a tasty lunch.

Outstanding event!

DEC Issues Alert on Detection of Oak Wilt

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation announced recently that the oak tree disease oak wilt has been detected again in the Glen Oaks neighborhood in the town of Glenville, Schenectady County.

Oak wilt was confirmed for the first time in New York State in 2008 in the Glen Oaks neighborhood and an eradication effort was undertaken in the spring of 2009, before the start of the growing season. DEC worked with oak wilt experts from the US Forest Service and the impacted homeowners to develop the science-based eradication plan. There is no known treatment to contain the infestation and kill the oak wilt fungus other than to remove the infected trees as well as any surrounding host oak trees.

After a concerned Glen Oaks resident provided oak samples in October 2013 that tested positive for the disease,

DEC investigated and identified approximately 30 trees that need to be removed in order to protect the remaining oak trees in the area.

DEC is in the process of contacting impacted property owners to inform them about oak wilt and provide them with information about how to protect remaining oak trees.

A new DEC emergency order has been issued prohibiting the removal of any living, dead, standing, cut or fallen oak trees or any portion thereof, including branches, logs, stumps or roots, green oak lumber and firewood (of any species) outside of the immediate area unless it has been chipped to less than one inch in two dimensions.

For more information about oak wilt or DEC's firewood movement restrictions, call the Forest Health Information Line toll-free at 1-866-640-0652 or visit DEC's website.

New free online lessons available to household well owners to protect water quality

Household water well owners can now register for free online lessons to help them take steps to protect their well water quality, the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) announced today.

The lessons were developed by NGWA with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Well owners can register by going to the NGWA website, www.WellOwner.org.

NGWA Public Awareness Director Cliff Treyens said the lessons are broken into small segments to make learning easy.

"NGWA encourages all household well owners to take these very simple but important lessons that zero in on some of the most essential facts that private well owners should know to protect their water quality," said Treyens.

Additional resources available from NGWA include:

- * The toll-free Private Well Owner Hotline at 855-420-9355

- * Beginning in January free online well owner lessons on www.WellOwner.org about a variety of topics relating to water wells, including water quality.



January!

As I prepare this newsletter, the wind is howling, the snow is blowing, there's a blizzard warning — IT'S WINTER!

Although not a fan of winter, I must admit that a near zero temperature day with blue sky and the sun is a marvel.

An email came in saying the extreme temperatures moving in with Sunday's arctic blast may kill off a significant percentage of emerald ash borer larvae, according to one of the premier forestry experts in Minnesota. Good news!

We're still putting out a call for email addresses — not only saves money but give us an opportunity to quickly pass along information.

If you sent in your email address and still get the newsletter by mail, please let me know so the list can be corrected.

If you would like to be on our email list, just send an email to Barbara Tucker at wgtbt@aol.com and put NYFOA in the

subject line. And be assured your email address is not shared with anyone.

Long time member, Bob Preston emailed the name of a potential speaker. Thanks, Bob. Bob also sends articles and items of interest to NYsFO members for the newsletter. Anyone who would like to follow Bob's lead, just email the information. Don't be shy!

Also send along any ideas of places to go for woodwalks for the spring and summer.

Sadly, no one has responded to our call from members who have been long time NYFOA folks. It would be great fun to read about the beginnings of the Chapter and some reminiscences about members.

My hope is that some of the early organizers (**Bob White are you there?**) will share their memories.

If you don't have email, send your stories to me, 849 Delaware Road, Kenmore NY 14223.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Stumpage Price Report

This report is for the Western/Central Region, DoyleRule. Price paid to owner for standing trees.
Listing is most common price and low-high, (median) per thousand board feet. This report is for Winter 2013

| Species | Low Price Range | Average Price Range | High Price Range |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | (Median) | (Median) | (Median) |
| Ash, white | 100-415 (200) | 220-500 (300) | 275-625 (410) |
| Aspen | 10-30 (20) | 25-50 (40) | 60-80 (55) |
| Basswood | 35-125 (100) | 75-250 (125) | 100-300 (175) |
| Beech | 30-90 (45) | 50-120 (50) | 50-150 (60) |
| Birch, white | NR | NR | NR |
| Birch, yellow | 50-200 (100) | 75-300 (200) | 100-400 (250) |
| Butternut | 60-200 (150) | 50-550 (200) | 150-600 (325) |
| Cherry, black | 200-700 (400) | 300-1000 (600) | 450-11750 (800) |
| Elm, American | NR | 100 (100) | NR |
| Hemlock | 20-80 (50) | 30-125 (50) | 60-100 (95) |
| Hickory (spp) | 50-150 (100) | 75-240 (150) | 125-300 (200) |
| Maple, hard (sugar) | 200-500 (375) | 350-750 (550) | 450-1165 (720) |
| Maple, red (soft) | 50-300 (160) | 125-400 (250) | 175-500 (325) |
| Oak, Chestnut | 50-185 (110) | 120-300 (200) | 150-400 (250) |
| Oak, red | 100-655 (300) | 320-685 (400) | 360-800 (580) |
| Oak, white | 90-300 (165) | 110-450 (250) | 120-650 (335) |
| Pine, red | 25-150 (55) | 50-200 (80) | 50-250 (115) |
| Pine, white | 25-80 (50) | 45-125 (80) | 60-185 (110) |
| Poplar, Tulip | 50-275 (100) | 50-105 (175) | 100-310 (200) |
| Spruce | 40-85 (80) | 100-145 (100) | 80-150 (120) |
| Walnut, black | 200-600 (500) | 700-1000 (750) | 900-1500 (1000) |
| Firewood | 2-12 (6) | 2-14 (8) | 5-18 (15) |

NYFOA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

NFC
 2 new memberships.
 0 Lapsed
 0 Students
 6 Free/ROM
 108 Paid Members
 113 Members.

(By comparison, in 2012, NFC had 114 Members.)

Total Paid Members in 2013: 1,735

Total NYFOA membership: 1843

If you know someone who would be interested in joining, bring them to a Woodswalk or call for information on our chapter.



Four future NYFOA leaders helped out at Bob Glidden's woodswalk in September. Apologies for not learning their names.

Norfolk Southern Railroad helps restore longleaf forest

Norfolk Southern Railroad has received a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to help manage and enhance its 6,200 acres of longleaf pine at the railroad's Brosnan Forest wildlife preserve and conference center near Charleston S.C.

The NFWF recently awarded \$3.1 million to 15 projects to support the restoration of the longleaf forest, one of North America's most threatened forest ecosystems.

The projects are expected to restore more than 13,500 acres of native habitat and enhance an additional 140,000 acres on public and private lands.

Brosnan Forest will receive \$62,000 in funding, through a grant to The Longleaf Alliance, to manage and enhance its longleaf pine forest, one of the largest remaining stands in the United States.

Longleaf forests once covered more than 90 million acres from Virginia to Texas, but after years of timber harvesting, agricultural expansion, and urban development, just 3.4 million acres, about three percent of the original acreage, remains.

The longleaf ecosystem is one of the most biologically diverse ecosystems outside the tropics, supporting hundreds of plant and wildlife species

and providing critical habitat for more than half of the Southeast's amphibians and reptiles and 29 federally protected species.

To help restore this important ecological habitat to its historic U.S. range, NS will plant 2,000 acres of longleaf pine at Brosnan Forest over the next decade.

The property is also a safe harbor for 82 colonies of endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers, the largest population of such birds on a single tract of private land.

Norfolk Southern permanently protected Brosnan Forest in 2008 when it donated a conservation easement on more than 12,000 acres of the land to the Lowcountry Open Land Trust, and to advance the work of the Longleaf Alliance, the Norfolk Southern Foundation has provided \$100,000 since 2010.

For more information about Norfolk Southern's environmental initiatives, see NS' sustainability website, [Footprints](#).

Luke Hammond, an NFC member who works for Norfolk Southern Railroad, sent this article along showing the environmental interest of the railroad. If you know of or work for a company that is environmentally-friendly, send along the information. We'd be glad to publish it.

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NYFOA state meeting report

Bob Glidden, our state delegate, presented a report on the September state meeting in Syracuse.

He said NYFOA has revamped the membership and individual memberships are \$40. The board is looking into life memberships.

The newsletter website includes the minutes and actions of the state board. Jim Minor, executive director of NYFOA urges chapters to send photos for the magazine.

State Farm Show set Feb. 20-22

Mark Feb. 20 to 22 on your calendar as a reminder of the 2014 State Farm Show in Syracuse.

Forestry and timber-related products and services will be featured with 15 forestry programs and workshops to help woodlot owners. Experts in the field will lead the free workshops.

In addition, this show is a one-stop marketplace for a growing number of solar and wind turbine products targeted for on-farm energy generation, plus manure-to-methane energy systems.

Free tickets for the 29th annual New York Farm Show are available now from many Northeast equipment dealers. Or get them by writing to: New York Farm Show, P.O.B. 3470, Syracuse, NY 13220. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your ticket request no later than Feb. 14.

Admission at the door is \$5 per person; children under 18 are free. Parking is free with shuttle buses to transport you to all six buildings.

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