



From NYFOA

Get More Out of the Land You Love

My Land Plan can help you explore and discover how to manage your woodlands. Easy to use tools guide you to map your land, set goals, keep a journal and connect with woodland owners and foresters.

Join the thousands of landowners who are using their MyLandPlan.org account to maintain a healthy woods. Sign up today. MyLandplan.org is a website made for woodland owners, with tools for mapping your land, setting goals and getting the help you need to accomplish them.

Tips for Landowners from My Land Plan

Planting trees on your land is an investment you are making for the future health of your woods. Did you know that the IRS recognizes this investment and provides reforestation tax benefits? You may be able to write off or deduct some of your expenses associated with planting trees on your land including:

- Site preparation
 - Seed or seedling purchase
 - Brush and weed control
 - Labor
 - Purchase of necessary tools
 - Depreciation of equipment used in planting
- Are you interested in finding out

more? Learn about eligibility for these benefits, when and how to claim them and how to plan for future planting activities. To access the tax content, provide us your email and we'll send you a tax booklet that you can use to learn more about taxes and your woodlands. As always, this information is provided for educational purposes and we recommend working with your tax accountant to understand your specific situation.

Happy Planning!
Caroline Kuebler
MyLandPlan.org Manager

NYFOA Silent Auction – Spring 2017 – Get Ready!

Dean Faklis

Get ready for some fun while doing some good! NYFOA's Membership Committee has rekindled the tradition of having a silent auction coincident with NYFOA's annual meeting in the springtime. The auction's beneficiaries for 2017 are being selected from worthy forestry-related organizations and events. The robust list includes several youth programs, scholarships, internships and conservation programs. Choosing will be difficult, but we have our best minds on it and you will certainly be pleased! Stay tuned to www.nyfoa.org and Facebook for details.



How does it work?

Kind and generous members donate items and services and kindred members buy them. All of the proceeds go to the auction's beneficiaries. There is no "auctioneer." The donations are made available for inspection both in person at the annual meeting and online. Prospective buyers place bids either online or in person. The highest bidder is the winner! Payments go directly to NYFOA.

What can I do to help?

That's an easy one! You can make a donation and make a purchase. We're trying to raise \$5,000 this year to benefit people that care deeply about woodlands.

NFC Family Picnic

About 30 members, families and guests attended our first NFC Family Picnic held August 27th at the Erie County Bureau of Forestry in Sardinia. A great time was had by all! Our agenda included a brief Chapter meeting which included election of officers, great raffle prizes (many donated by Shamel Milling), the sawmill tour and maple sugar operation by

Shane Daly from the Bureau, great burgers and hot dogs by master griller Don Kuhn with many dishes to pass from our members, the chainsaw raffle drawing and a great tree Identifying game by member Eric Randall. And the best part was we got to meet some new faces from our chapter!! Hopefully we can plan again for next year!



Bob Glidden, Mitch Banas and Ken Gaines welcome our members. Our picnic brought new faces to our event. It was good to meet other members!



Mitch Banas presents "Why NYFOA". A great opportunity to explain NYFOA to the family members and guests who attended.



Shane Daley from the Bureau and his crew gave us a demonstration of the sawmill operation. The sawmill uses trees from the property. Most of the wood is cut and made into signs for various Erie County parks and other departments. The sugar house was not in operation at the time however Shane gave us a brief summary of the process.



Ask Eric Randall for an idea for the picnic and he volunteers a Tree Identifying game! So Eric shows up with about 40 examples of trees and the fun begins! We worked in teams, each branch was numbered and the guessing began. As good as we think we are about our forests and the trees, this was a real challenge. Jim DeLellis and his team did prove to be the best group identifying the most trees. Eric is a wonderful presenter with an amusing style. A great time was had by all!



Chairman's Corner

Fall 2016 by Bob Glidden

We had a very hot and dry summer and it was hard to get any outside work done. The 3 Persimmon trees I planted in early summer did fine though, thanks to my daily watering! Now that fall has arrived with cooler temperatures, it's time to get the lead out and get into the woods! The trails finally got mowed and firewood is cut. Even did some target practice!

This summer I had some time to explore the internet for some helpful websites. One of the great tools out there are the webinars, which are web-based seminars. A very good one is the Cornell Forest Connect: www.ForestConnect.info which is an education and research program from Cornell University and Cornell Cooperative Extension. This is managed by Peter Smallidge, our New York State Extension Forester. It had been a while since I viewed this site and a lot of new information has been added.

We love it when Uncle Bob mows the trails and takes us on a hayride! Who's ready to go?



Also, check out www.MyWoodlot.com for more great info. If you are a Facebook fan, "Like" both the NYFOA page and the MyWoodlot page for daily postings. I find this easier than going in to each website periodically to see what's new.

I started gathering up black walnuts for drying (they do a job on the lawnmower). I used a power washer to peel back the husks for removal and then put the nuts in a mesh bag for drying and cracking at a later time.

As the weather turns colder and a lot of you are gearing up for hunting season, it would be nice to hear back with a write up of your experience for future newsletters and of course send in a picture of your hunting successes! For those that don't hunt, we enjoy a good story....even of the one that got away!!

Bob Glidden, Chairman



*Welcome New Members!
Ron Read
William Woodward*

2017 Planning Meeting

Our Steering Committee will conduct its next meeting on Tuesday, December 6th. The main topic of discussion will be the 2017 Calendar of Events.

How fast this past year has flown by. The chilly rainy day we are having today reminds me of the Tiftt Nature Preserve tour where 16 brave souls ventured out for an awesome tour. Our March 26th event at Randall's Maple Sugar operation was our most attended event ever and so well worth it. 2016 included our first Family Picnic and a great Woodswalk hosted by Herb and Jeri Linderman. Can we do it again for you? We will put our heads together and see what we can offer for 2017.

If anyone has any suggestions for an event or would like to host a woodswalk, please contact Bob Glidden at rkglidden@verizon.net or 716-795-3305. Watch for our 2017 Winter Newsletter to see what we have come up with. And we hope to see some new faces there!

Stumpage Report: New Summer 2016 - <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5259.html> Please follow this link to provide you with the current pricing information.

Chainsaw Raffle Winner:

Our Chainsaw Raffle was drawn at the August 27th Family Picnic. Although Bob's wife did NOT draw the winning ticket.....our winner was none other than our Chairman Bob Glidden! We sold all 120 tickets, most sold at the 5/\$20 price so we grossed \$500.00. Our total profit after the cost of the chainsaw was \$325.00, a huge success! The

steering committee will discuss another raffle for 2017. In the meantime, Bob has been cutting firewood and widening a few trails!!



Election Results

Election of Steering Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary was held at the Family Picnic on August 27, 2016. It was motioned and approved that all current members continue in their positions for 2017. For a list of all Steering Committee members with contact information, see last page of Newsletter.

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What kinds of items and services are welcome?

It's important to have a nice selection of donations across a range of prices. Some members will like to spend \$25 and some might like to spend \$1,000 to help the beneficiaries. Here are some examples, but please don't let this be limiting:

1. Member offers to give a Timberframing Workshop. Participants learn history, materials, tools, techniques. ~20 people, \$50 each, \$1,000 value. What kind of fun workshop could you provide?
2. Member offers handcrafted items from their studio or workshop. Wood, glass, metal, paintings, sculptures, etc. \$25-\$500 value. We love creativity!
3. Member donates portable sawmilling services. Perhaps another member will donate time to cut and gather logs from your woodlot for the sawyer.
4. Member offers their cottage or condominium to another member for a weekend stay. \$200-\$500.

When would you like to have the donations in hand?

Sooner rather than later! The online portion of the auction will likely start in February and we'll want to have the items before then. We'll collect them as soon as you can provide them!

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes. NYFOA is recognized by the IRS as a 501c3 non-profit organization. Limitations certainly apply so please check with your accountant beforehand.

I really like the idea and have more questions, who can help me?

Me! dfaklis@frontiernet.net.... or feel free to use the auction email address: auction@nyfoa.org.

I have a few hours to spare over the winter, does the Auction Team need any help?

Silent auctions are FUN and they really bring the membership together to help advance the mission. The Auction Team needs a bit of help before/after the auction and at the auction to help the bidders. If you can help, please let us know. The "jobs" are easy and you'll likely meet some new friends.

Please join us by making a donation ASAP and by making a purchase. If you'd like to make a donation but are not sure what to give, send me a note including your price range. I have some ready-to-go ideas! Thanks!

From Charlie Stackhouse, President NYFOA

No overall threat to the future of our state's forestlands is as foreboding as regeneration failure. This crisis, caused by unsustainable deer populations over the last fifty years, and by invasive and interfering vegetation, is not of our making. Nevertheless, as stewards over most of these forestlands, the responsibility for establishing a third growth forest falls on our shoulders. Solutions to the problem may require us to reorder our priorities for our woodlands, can be disruptive and expensive, and will be controversial in some quarters.

The general public shares exceptional benefits from the 14 million acres of forestland held by private family forest owners, and we think it is entirely reasonable to expect the public to support solutions to the regeneration problem, both financially and politically...

As announced in the last issue of *The New York Forest Owner*, **we are asking every NYFOA member to write Governor Cuomo and your respective state Assemblypersons and Senators**, requesting their support for a new forest stewardship cost-sharing plan, paid for by a modest allocation of 1% from the Environmental Protection Fund. Benefits under the new plan would be directed toward practices required for the establishment of forest regeneration, including the control of invasive vegetation and construction of temporary deer enclosure fencing. We are also repeating our request for modifications to the Real Property Tax Law 480a, intended to significantly increase participation and help "keep forests as forests".

We all receive numerous requests to write or call our political representatives for this cause or that, but I think this is the first time we have requested such action from the NYFOA membership. It is that important.

Use this link http://www.nyfoa.org/time_sensitive/NYFOA_Leg_Gov_Ltr.doc to download a sample letter which you can personalize to send to your Assemblyperson, your state Senator, and to Governor Cuomo.

Also download the Nature Conservancy map by using this link http://www.nyfoa.org/time_sensitive/nature_conservancy_map.pdf and send it as an attachment to your letters (it graphically depicts the extent of the crisis). Mail or Email your letters to your legislators' District Offices, where they generally hold office hours when the Legislature is not in session. Even better, make an appointment to visit them and carry the message in person.

Address your letter to Governor Cuomo to: NYS State Capitol Building, Albany, NY 12224. Please take action this month if possible, but certainly prior to Election Day.

Thank you for adding your voice to this initiative.

Charlie Stackhouse
NYFOA President

Bob Glidden met with Senator Rob Ortt on October 3rd along with Director of Community Relations, Maddilyn Genovese. Bob discussed NYFOA's concerns and proposals for the Environmental Conservation budget which was provided by Jerry Michael, Secretary NYFOA. Senator Ortt will see if there is a proposal already out there that he could sign on to or he is willing to draft one himself on our behalf. He said he would touch base with Bob in late December for a status of their measure/proposal.

Jerry's senator, Senator Fred Akshar (a member of the Senate Commission on Rural Resources) also promised to introduce or co-sponsor legislation.

Linderman Woodswalk

On Saturday, September 17th, Herb and Jeri Linderman hosted our NFC woodswalk on their 220 acre land in Clarksville, NY. Bruce Robinson, Consulting Forester, in a relatively short distance, showed us 3 forests that were dramatically different from each other, also which required intensive management practices. Working under Bruce's guidance, Herb's first goal was to prepare the terrain to make it appealing to loggers when placing their bid. This also helped in developing roadways for future sales. He first created a landing area connected to the main road. Once the bid was awarded, the loggers

cleared the trails and the excavator took out the stumps; a shared combination of creating trails and logging. This gave Herb access to the back property line, approximately 1.5 miles from his front line. As many of you know Bruce from other woodswalks, he always has an entertaining yet informative way of "presenting" your forest! Herb and Jeri were the most gracious hosts, offering coffee and donuts to get us going and then prepared a delicious lunch after our walk. Thank you for a great day!



Bruce reviews the specifics of the bid, emphasizing Herb preparing a landing area.



After a steep drive up by most, and a vigorous walk for a few hikers, we started at the back property line. Bruce discusses the plan and accomplishments.



Moving on to areas #2 and #3, Bruce pointing out the differences in types of trees and the understory.



Members Corner

Fall, it's a verb.

It's happened. We passed the autumnal equinox so the days truly are getting shorter (OK just the daylight hours, days are still 24 hours long). And we have all felt days and evenings when it was a little cooler. Welcome to autumn.

Changes are happening in the world around us. For starters, what causes for the fun colors we see? First, the main light harvesting pigment, chlorophyll, begins to break down. Then all the accessory pigments shine through. The yellows and oranges are due to carotene and xanthophyll, and the reds and purples are due to anthocyanins. Trees do not all contain the same amount of these pigments and hence that is the reason that we see such a variety of colors.

But what triggers leaves to fall off of a tree? Deciduous plants (all those broad-leaved woody bushes and trees) grow cells that cut off the food supply to the leaves. A compound called abscisic acid induces plants to develop a scale, a little hard covering for the bud underneath. In fact, abscisic acid is also responsible for fruit and flower release as well. Enjoy the colors while they last.

All those dropped leaves provide nutrients to the soil helping to fertilize the plants so they can make a triumphant seeming rebirth in the spring, resplendent with a new selection of leaves that will assist the plant in its food-making capacity, and helping us by sequestering carbon and releasing oxygen. So fall they must so we can observe life spring up again in a few months.



Mark Gallo, Professor of Biology (and NFC Member)

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It has been a slow deer season. So far, I have logged over 50 hours in the treestand. This "monster" is the result of my efforts. I enjoy listening to all the trophy hunters who only shoot big bucks and end up with an empty freezer. When you put so much time and effort into your hunt this deer becomes a trophy!.....and it certainly wasn't easy.
Jim DeLellis, NFC Member

Promoting NYFOA

Ken Gaines, our NFC treasurer, attended a NYFOA TELE Workshop this past spring on behalf of our chapter. The workshop focused on how to promote NYFOA membership by enhancing chapter events such as woodwalks. Based on some of the suggestions Ken brought back, we incorporated a few "marketing" ideas that have brought some favorable results!

First, we made a flyer specifically to detail the Linderman Woodwalk held on September 17th which included an overview and directions. The flyer served as a reminder to members and guests at the family picnic held on August 27th and also as a hand-out/posting in various locations.

Second, Bob Glidden contacted Bill Hilts from the Buffa-

lo News who included the woodwalk information in Bill's weekly "Scattershot" column (both the News print edition and the Enews on-line edition) which features upcoming outdoor events.

And third, Bill was quite interested in NYFOA and our NFC Chapter that he has invited Bob and Mitch Banas to appear on his weekly cable television program "Outdoor Beat". The show is a half hour. It runs for a week, probably 21 or 22 times on Channel 22, Time Warner Cable in Erie and Niagara counties. For those that don't have cable, it's simulcast on www.lctv.net The show will be live on **Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 4pm.**



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Jeri Linderman enjoying husband Herb's venison chili after the woodswalk. Other members enjoy a chat with Bruce during lunch.



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