



NFC Steering Committee Plans 2017 Events

Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge



One of the best kept secrets in WNY and we found it!! The Niagara Frontier Chapter will host a presentation and guided tour of the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge in Shelby/Basom/Alabama, NY on **Saturday, May, 13, 2017 at 10:30am**. The refuge serves primarily as a nesting, feeding, resting and staging areas for migratory waterfowl. The varied habitats support approximately 266 species of birds, 42 species of mammals, plus rep-

tiles, fish, amphibians and insects. Bald eagles have maintained an active nest on the refuge since 1986. Management goals also address the needs of species of special concern including black tern, black ducks, osprey, American woodcock, and peregrine falcons which use the refuge during some time of the year. This will be a great family and guest event, the trails are well groomed for easy walking. Bring a bagged lunch, your cameras and binoculars! Details and directions in the spring newsletter.

Then and Now Walk

Mark your calendar—July 29th, 2017! This summer’s Niagara Frontier Chapter woodswalk, will be in the town of Hartland, NY (Niagara County), starting at 10am. The woodswalk will be hosted by Wayne and Brenda Forrest. Participants on this woodswalk will be provided with a view of how this 33 acre well stocked woodlot looked before commercial thinning and how it will look 5 months later. Pre-logging photos located along the walk route will help attendees visualize the impact that falling and removing 250 trees had on it. Charlie Kesterson from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Bruce Robinson Consulting Forester, will be our guest presenters.



Wayne has written 2 previous articles for our newsletter discussing the history of his property and we now have the opportunity to see Wayne’s progress on his management plan. More details in the spring and summer newsletters!

2017 NFC Family Picnic

Last year’s Family Picnic was a huge success at the Erie County Bureau of Forestry in Sardinia. The Steering Committee unanimously agreed to host it again with the focus being on a woodswalk and picnic. **Save the date: August 26, 2017**. Dan Ciszak, retired Erie County Forester, will be our guest presenter. Dan will speak of his experience as a County Forester and also lead us on the walk. We will have a picnic lunch provided by the chapter with members bringing a dish to pass or supplies. Details in upcoming spring and summer newsletters.

See pg. 8: 2017 Calendar “pull out” for additional area events!

New York Forest Owners Association Presents

Got Trees? Get More from Your Woodlot Learn More, Earn More

Free programs at the NY FARM SHOW, NY State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
February 23-24-25, 2017

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23

11 AM DEC Can Help Family Forest Owners

Matt Swayze, NY Dept of Environmental Conservation

1 PM Assessing Impacts from deer

Kristie Sullivan, Dept. of Natural Resources, Cornell University

2 PM Legacy Planning for Your Property

Shorna Allred, Dept. of Natural Resources, Cornell University

3 PM Getting Federal Aid for Woodlot Improvements

Michael Fournier, US Dep't of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24

10 AM Unwanted Vegetation in Your Woods

Peter Smallidge, NYS Extension Forester, Cornell University

11 AM Woodlot Inventory: How Many Trees Do You Have?

Peter Smallidge, NYS Extension Forester, Cornell University

1 PM Insects and Diseases that Threaten Your Woods

Mark Whitmore, Dep't of Natural Resources, Cornell University

2 PM The Law: Rights and Responsibilities of Woodlot Owners

Timothy Fratesch Esq. Fratesch Law Firm, Syracuse

3 PM Getting Federal Aid for Woodlot Improvements

Michael Fournier, US Dept of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25

10 AM Heat with Wood While Growing Timber

Michael Kelleher, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

11 AM Improve Bird Habitat with Smart Timber Management

Suzanne Treyger, Forest Program Manager, Audubon New York

1 PM Working with Consulting Foresters

Rene Germain, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

2 PM Wilhelm Farm: A Case Study in Agroforestry

Ann Wilhelm & Bill Bentley, Woodlot Owners

3 PM Woodlots and Income Taxes

Hugh Canham, Emeritus Professor, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

These programs are presented by the New York Forest Owners Association in cooperation with the NY Department of Environmental Conservation, Cornell Cooperative Extension, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and with special thanks to each of our expert speakers.

Silent Auction for Youth Forestry is Building Steam!

By Dean Faklis

NYFOA's traditional silent auction coincides with its annual meeting on April 8, 2017. The auction's beneficiaries for 2017 have been selected from several worthy organizations that are passionate about forestry and NY's young people. The winners are.....NY's 4-H Forestry Invitational Team and NYFOA's Woodlands Mini Grants for Educators! There is a lot of good information on the auction and its beneficiaries at the NYFOA website. Please follow the link at NYFOA's home page, www.nyfoa.org.

The NY 4-H Forestry Team continues to post strong results but needs our help to reach more NY youth. We've structured a "one-two punch" to help 4-H. Financially, through our auction, and with our time using our newly-developed forestry workshop for beginners.

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Chairman's Corner

Winter 2017 by Bob Glidden

Hope you all had a great holiday season, and have a healthy New Year! In December, myself along with fellow members Don Kuhn and Jim DeLellis attended the Woodlot Management and Invasive Species workshop held at the Erie County Forest in Sardinia. What a wealth of knowledge was gained. We also had a short walk to an old growth hemlock stand. There was a presentation on the identification of different types of invasives, along with suggested control methods, as well as experts to contact for further guidance.

In case you haven't heard, myself and Vice-Chairman Mitch Banas were on the "**Outdoor Beat**" hosted by Bill Hilts Jr. on Time Warner Cable promoting NYFOA. You can view this ½ hour show on this link: www.lctv.net

This year I noticed more than usual predator activities at our bluebird and wood duck houses so I made up some predator guards for them that I will install this winter. Never ending when you are dealing with mother nature and wildlife, but this is what we do.

A great resource magazine and web site I used this year was: Birds and Bloom, their web site is: birdsandblooms.com. Lots of good info for anyone like myself attracting humming birds, bluebirds and butterflies.

My foodplots were marginal this year due to the dry weather, but I did have some luck with the late summer planting of radish and turnips. To add to our wildlife enhancement, we purchased 3 persimmons trees this spring, fenced them in and they seemed to survive the dry summer. We did do daily watering, hoping they now survive the winter.

Pat and I were able to get out for a walk around our property in the snow and enjoyed its beauty and knowing this is all ours and feeling good at what we have accomplished so far.



Mark your calendars for this year's **Rural Landowners Workshop** scheduled for Saturday, March 4th, at Pioneer H. S. in Yorkshire. NFC will be on display and selling raffle tickets for the Stihl Chain Saw.

Come on out, we would like to see new faces and the old ones too!

Until next time, Bob

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I gave the workshop for the first time on October 23, to Livingston County families and the room was overstuffed with children ages 6 to well over 60! Thirty minutes of talk and sixty minutes of woodswalk, which included tree identification and tree measurements. Wow, do the kids catch on fast; it was my pleasure to be able to deliver the good news about woodlands. Oh...did I mention that we topped it all off with 30 minutes of Q&A and eating serious amounts of sweetened goodies? What Fun!

Your auction donation and purchase will help the 4-H Team and its efforts with cash (their proposal is on the auction's website). And if you're inclined and ready to see big smiling faces, your donation of your time in your community will have big impacts. The presentation and worksheets are free to you for the asking (dfaklis@frontiernet.net). Just coordinate with your Cornell Cooperative Extension and add refreshments for a complete and balanced education.

Please visit the auction website at nyfoa.org today. Download the donation form, check it over and please consider giving a generous gift. NYFOA is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 organization. Soon, we'll be posting pictures of the donated items at the auction website for some pre-auction inspection. Some of the items will be available for bidding on-line before and after the annual meeting. Some items will only be available for bidding at the annual meeting on April 8 in Syracuse, mostly to keep shipping costs down. Meeting attendees have the added advantage of being able to bid in-person and on-line, which gives them access to all donated items.

We're trying to raise \$5,000 for these fine youth forestry programs using the auction. Cash donations directly to NYFOA earmarked for the auction are greatly appreciated too. If you have questions about the auction, please send me a note directly (dfaklis@frontiernet.net) or send a note to the auction email account, auction@nyfoa.org. If you'd like to volunteer to help implement the auction, we sure could use a few more hands, so please send us a note. It's easy and many hands make light work.

Chainsaw Raffle

Back by popular demand! Last year's Chainsaw Raffle was a huge success and a great money maker for us...so we will do it again! This year we have printed 200 tickets (vs 120 last year), so we need some good salespeople to help out selling a **Stihl MS 250 18" Chainsaw**. Tickets are \$5 each or a book of 5 tickets for \$20. We will be selling tickets at all of our scheduled events where permitted. You can also contact Bob Glidden if you want to buy a few or help out selling. The drawing will be held at our Family Picnic scheduled for August 26th, 2017. Special thanks to Don Kuhn, NFC Member, for working with Pike Hardware in the purchase of the chainsaw.



MS 250

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| MS 250 Specifications - Occasional Use | |
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| POWERHEAD WEIGHT | 4.6 kg (10.1 lbs.) |
| FUEL CAPACITY | 470 cc (15.9 oz.) |
| CHAIN OIL CAPACITY | 200 cc (6.8 oz.) |
| OILOMATIC® CHAIN | .325" RM3 |
| GUIDE BAR LENGTHS* (Recommended ranges) | 40 to 45 cm (16" to 18") STIHL ROLLOMATIC® |
| POWER SOURCE | Gas |

Stumpage Report: Summer 2016–Latest Report

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

Please follow this link to provide you with the current pricing information.

Book Review: Deerland by Al Cambronne

Many New York forest owners embark down that path looking for a place to hunt deer. Al Cambronne's Deerland (©2013 Lyons Press, \$18.95, \$13.74 on Amazon) provides a thought-provoking examination of the role of whitetail deer in American society and the tangled relationships between and among deer, man, and the environment which should appeal to both deer hunters and forest owners alike.

Deerland's lofty subtitle "America's Hunt for Ecological Balance and the Essence of Wildness" belies its highly accessible nature. Although scholarly researched, the 244-page book relies more extensively on interviews, anecdotes, and examples to illustrate the complexity of the deer-man relationship – simultaneously in conflict and symbiotic, never in complete balance. Cambronne starts out explaining why and how the biology of the whitetail deer has allowed it to evolve into the highly adaptive and prolific organism it is (a true case of survival of the fittest). Through the use of vivid phrases as clever as they are on occasion provocative (for example, he labels the big-business reality of deer hunting as the "deer-industrial complex" which produces a "cash crop"), Cambronne examines deer hunting culture and traditions before delving into the positive impacts of deer and deer hunting on local economies (such as sporting goods stores, outfitters, restaurants, hotels, and even real estate markets). He also, of course, examines the negative impacts of deer, and especially of deer overpopulation: deer-car collisions (branding deer the "deadliest animal in North America"), over-browsing of forests, decimation of agricultural crops, and destruction of residential shrubbery (the "invasion of the suburban cervids"). He also discusses the importance of venison as a food source, especially in rural and low-income communities (the "other red meat" he calls it), as well as the ravages of disease (both on deer, such as CWD, and deer-spread, such as Lyme disease).

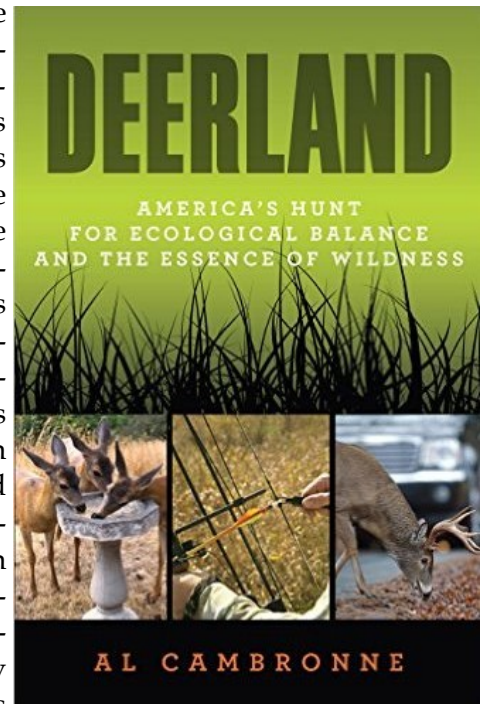
Cambronne also thoughtfully dissects the many challenges of deer management (scientific, social, and political), and explains how deer management is just as much about human management and the accommodation of the competing interests and

views of diverse and often conflicting stakeholders (including us hunters, who he reports State wildlife professionals deride as "barstool biologists"). Cambronne discusses the folly of birth control, bait-and-shoot, and controlled suburban hunts as cost-effective or realistic means by which to address

deer overpopulation on any meaningful scale, thus leaving deer hunters as the most effective weapon in the game biologist's arsenal. In the process, he examines the various methods by which hunters are deployed as deer managers (such as antler restrictions, doe permits, and earn-a-buck programs), all as preceded by an account of deer numbers from near-extinction at the turn of the 20th century to a near (and, in some areas, actual) nuisance today; included is an interesting psychanalysis of the largely, but not entirely, historical aversion to the harvesting of does.

In the end, Cambronne offers no solutions or conclusions, apparently resigned to the seeming futility of ever bringing man, nature, and society into perfect harmony. But if actually answering such questions is not what Cambronne set out to do, he has at least succeeded in providing a comprehensive framework within which to intelligently ask them. Despite its sometimes intentionally provocative turns of phrase, Deerland presents a fair-minded and even-handed portrayal of deer and deer hunting in and on the American landscape; its many insights will no doubt provide food for thought to any forest-owning deer hunter.

Reviewed by Mitch Banas



Rural Landowners Workshop

RURAL LANDOWNERS WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
On Saturday, March 4, 2017 Cornell Cooperative Extension will be sponsoring the 25th Annual Rural Landowner Workshop. Presenters are brought in from both private and public sectors to provide participants with up-to-date information.

The program will be held at Pioneer Central School located on County Line Road in Yorkshire, NY. There is a cost for this program and pre-registration is required. For full agenda or to be added to mailing list contact:

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Niagara County Soil & Water Conservation District

For those of you interested, the Niagara County Soil & Water District is accepting tree orders. **Last day to order is Friday, March 10, 2017.** Refer to the email sent 1/8/17 for order form.

For Information Call #434-4949 Ext. 4 www.niagaraswcd.com

PICK-UP INFORMATION

Tree Seedling Distribution : Friday, April 21, 2017 9:00am to 4:00pm and Saturday, April 22, 2017 9:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Merchant Building - Niagara County Fairgrounds - 4487 Lake Ave (Rt 78), Lockport, NY 14094

Extra Trees: Unsold seedlings will be available on a cash basis on the above pickup dates.

If ordering after March 1, please call for availability first as stock may be sold out.

Promoting NYFOA

Bob Glidden along with Mitch Banas and Ken Gaines, manned our booth at the Jan. 20th-22nd Greater Niagara Fishing and Outdoor Expo at the Niagara Falls Event Center. If you are a fisherman, then this was the place to be...however other outdoor activities were represented including programs offered by the USDA and DEC. Our goal in promoting NYFOA is to expand our membership and letting people know what we are all about. The "team" chatted with several interested landowners and held a drawing for a free membership. This was a great weekend event and a success for our NFC Chapter!



Bob chatting with NFC member Ron Read who stopped by for logging advice.

Members Corner

by NFC Member Deb Bandinelli

My Turtle Story by Deb Bandinelli

We've known for years that we have painted or box turtles in our pond. The turtles range in size from about the size of a silver dollar to almost 10". We love to watch them sun themselves on our "turtle tree"; it fell in the pond in 1998 and we just left the top in the water.

In June I was mowing the grass near the pond and watched as a turtle was digging in the dirt with her back legs. I stopped to watch and then continued to mow. The Mother turtle stayed and remained digging a small hole. I don't know how long she stayed there, but the mower didn't scare her away. I searched the internet and discovered that the female turtle climbs a bank and digs a hole with her back legs, urinates in the hole and then lays her eggs. She will cover them and then return to the water. The eggs are left to incubate for about 6-8 weeks, then break out of their shells and head for the pond. We hosted a family picnic



shortly after she laid her eggs, hence the 'turtle nursery' sign!

We patiently waited to see signs of the baby turtles. And waited. And waited. It was a very dry summer and we feared the worst. In early October, our friend Joe and his grandson Nicholas came out to help close up our cabin. Vic decided to dig up where momma turtle laid her eggs. We found one dead baby that didn't fully develop. He continued digging, finding 3 brand new baby turtles! Joe took each baby down to the pond and washed some of the hardened dirt off. The babies seemed to come to life! Joe then placed the babies on the shore near the water's edge. Nicholas sat near the babies and after about 30 minutes he excitedly came running "Miss Debbie-the baby turtles crawled into the water and swam off!" His excitement was contagious!

I'm glad we unearthed the baby turtles; I think between the clay soil and dry summer, the babies had a hard time finding their way out of their hole.



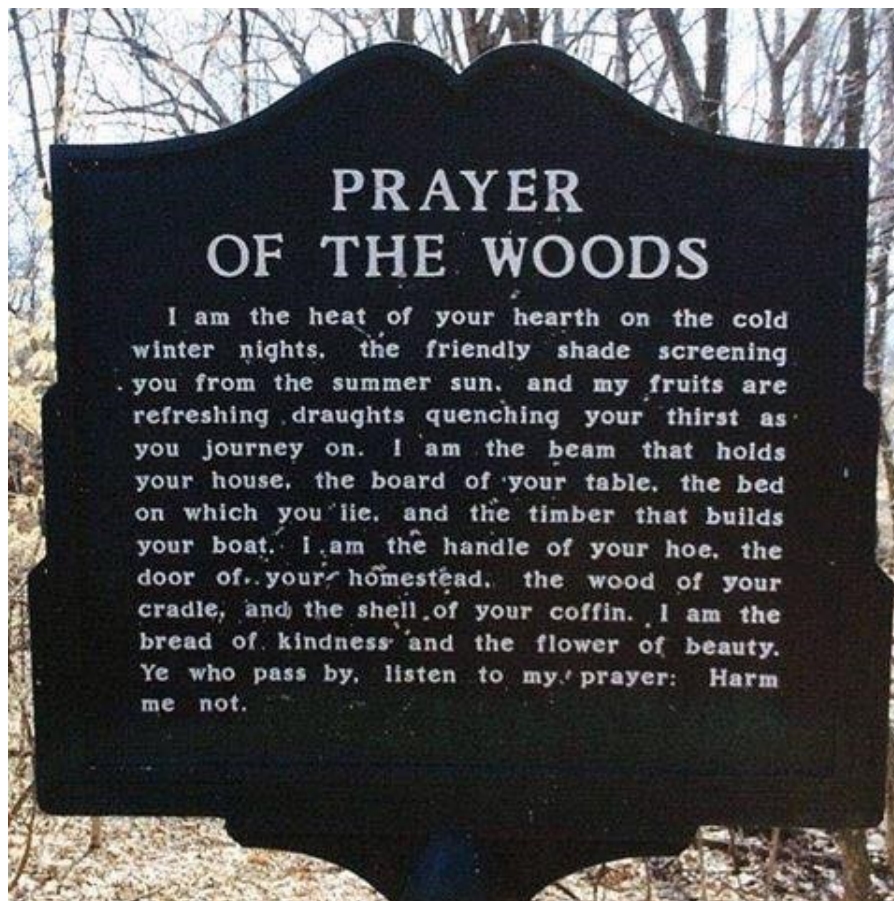
Outdoor Beat

For those of you who missed it... Bill Hilts from the Buffalo News and Time Warner Cable program "Outdoor Beat," invited Bob Glidden and Mitch Banas to appear on his weekly cable television show which aired Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 4pm. It will be repeated several times on Channel 22, Time Warner Cable in Erie and Niagara counties. For those that don't have cable, it is simulcast and archived on www.lctv.net. Bob and Mitch did a great job in their half hour interview promoting our chapter and NYFOA.



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2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER—NYFOA



- WNY Farm Show Feb. 2-4, 2017 Erie County Fairgrounds
Exhibitors include Forest Management Service, USDA—SWCD and others!
- NY Farm Show Feb. 23-25, 2017 Syracuse, NY
- Rural Landowners Conference Mar. 4, 2017, 9am at Pioneer Central School
- Maple Weekends Mar. 18/19 and 25/26, 2017.
Visit Randall's Sugar Shack in Corfu and say hello to NFC Members Eric and Eleanor Randall!
- NYFOA Annual Meeting April 8, 2017, Syracuse, NY
- Niagara County Soil & Water District Apr. 21, 9am-4pm and Apr. 22, 9am-noon
2017 Seedling Tree Pick Up
- Erie County Envirothon Apr. 27, 2017 (Promoting NYFOA)
Bob Glidden representing our NFC Chapter, will again "plant the seed" at the annual environmental education programs for high school students.
- Niagara County Envirothon May 4, 2017 (Promoting NYFOA)
- Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge May 13, 2017, 10:30am
NFC Family and guest event.
- Wayne & Brenda Forrest Woodswalk July 29, 2017, 10am NFC Woodswalk, Hartland, NY
See results 5 months after timber cut.
- NFC Family Picnic Aug. 26, 2017, 10am
Family and guest event including woodswalk!

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