

# THE OVERSTORY

## SE ADIRONDACK CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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**Message From the Editor** – This edition of *THE OVERSTORY*, contains: Minutes for the SAC Steering Committee Meeting, information of the NYFOA Chapter Membership Incentive Program,

Please feel free to make suggestions for improvement. Unsolicited contributions are welcome. My e-mail: [dwg@frontiernet.net](mailto:dwg@frontiernet.net), phone: 315.392.4641. I look forward to hearing from you, Dan Gilmore.

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Minutes from the **Steering Committee** Meeting  
NYFOA Southern Adirondack Chapter  
**June 6, 2007**  
Warrensburg CCE Office

Barbara Hennig, Secretary

Members Present: Dennis Flynn, John Sullivan, Bob Manning, Ron DeWitt, Ed Welch, and Barbara Hennig

The Saratoga County Fair is July 17 - 22, and the Washington County Fair is Aug 20-26. The theme for both fairs will be *management of small woodlots*, as increasingly it's the case that private forest ownership is being fragmented into smaller acreage.

Dennis reported that Bryan Clothier will again head up the volunteers for the Saratoga County Fair.

The Washington County Fair is August 20-26. Ron DeWitt will round up the volunteers.

We discussed the relevance and timeliness of some of our fair materials that's stored away for use each year. Outdated material will be looked at and discarded. A few of the wood samples also are getting pretty worn. Ron said he gets questions on the 480a forest management

program, and suggested getting current material on that.

Our "spring fling" pot-luck program scheduled for April 15 at the CCE 4H Training Center in Ballston Spa had to be cancelled *that morning* because of an imminent or already starting major snow storm. The treasurer, Gretchen, had prepared a report for the meeting and is given here. As of April 15 (since the last report), expenses totaled \$481, and receipts \$90 (both rounded to the nearest dollar). The then current balance was \$1159. Our money market fund totaled \$3632.

Dennis, who teaches a two-year conservation program, including forestry (management of natural resources), at WSWHE BOCES (Saratoga Springs) will be taking necessary in-service education courses this summer and fall and stated it wouldn't be possible to continue with his responsibilities as Chapter Chairman. He had previously spoken to John Sullivan, Vice-Chair, who agreed to pick up the load. Dennis will continue to work on the Saratoga County Fair, however. We wish Dennis and the best, and hope to see more of him later. And thanks to John for stepping up.

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## HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR *OVERSTORY*?

***THE OVERSTORY* is now being made available to all NYFOA members on the SAC portion of the NYFOA website: <http://nyfoa.org/chapters/sac.php>. Please let the On-line Secretary of SAC know if you would like to receive *THE OVERSTORY* online only by e-mailing Bob Manning at [bobmanning@frontiernet.net](mailto:bobmanning@frontiernet.net). *THE OVERSTORY* will be automatically mailed to all members that do not contact Bob Manning via e-mail.**

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**NEW YORK FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM**  
ADOPTED BY BOARD ON JUNE 9, 2007

A primary goal of NYFOA in 2007 is to increase membership. To promote increased membership and to reward Chapters for assisting in this goal the Board adopted a Chapter Membership Incentive Program (the Incentive Program) on June 9, 2007 as detailed below:

- 1) The Incentive Program begins as of May 31, 2007 and will expire as of May 31, 2008.
- 2) Each Chapter that achieves specified Paid Membership Goals as of May 31, 2008 is eligible to receive an incentive in the form of an increase in the amount of dues payment from NYFOA.
  - a) If a Chapter achieves Paid Membership Goal A as of May 31, 2008 (a 10% increase in members from May 31, 2007) the Chapter will receive \$6.00 dues per member for all of calendar year 2008.
  - b) If a Chapter achieves Paid Membership Goal B as of May 31, 2008 (a 20% increase in members from May 31, 2007) the Chapter will receive \$7.00 dues per member for all of calendar year 2008.
  - c) If a Chapter does not achieve either Paid Membership Goal A or B as of May 31, 2008 the Chapter will receive \$5.00 dues per member for all of calendar year 2008.
  - d) The dues payment for the first quarter of 2008 will be paid at \$5.00 per member. Once the results of the Incentive Program are determined (as of May 31, 2008), any additional dues payments for the first quarter will be paid to Chapter.
  - e) Paid Memberships include all members of each Chapter as listed in the membership database as maintained by NYFOA that are members as a result of having paid the full amount of dues for that membership.
    - i) Note that student memberships do not count for purposes of the Incentive Program. Student memberships have not been included in the number of Members at May 31, 2007.
    - ii) Note that free memberships do not count for purposes of the Incentive Program. Free memberships have not been included in the number of Members at May 31, 2007.
  - f) Membership by Chapter as of May 31, 2007 and Paid Membership Goal A and B are presented in the following chart:

Chapter	Members at May 31, 2007	Membership Goal A as of May 31, 2008	Membership Goal B as of May 31, 2008
AFC	254	279	305
CDC	226	249	271
CNY	175	193	210
LHC	87	96	104
NFC	134	147	161
NAC	162	178	194
SAC	226	249	271
SFL	131	144	157
SOT	176	194	211
WFL	332	365	398

- 3) NYFOA is committed to assisting the Chapters in achieving increased membership and will provide the following assistance to the Chapters:
  - a) Membership brochures.
  - b) Old issues of the Forest Owner magazine are available if any Chapter feels that these would be helpful in promoting membership.
  - c) A database listing landowners in your Chapter is available if any Chapter feels that this would be helpful.
  - d) A listing of members for each Chapter will be provided to that Chapter monthly to allow each Chapter to track their progress. Remember that it is as important to retain existing members as it is to gain new members.
  - e) Assistance with drafting membership recruitment letters is available.
- 4) Any request for assistance by the Chapters to NYFOA should be directed to
  - a) Mary Jeanne Packer  
PO Box 210  
124 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St  
Watkins Glen, NY 14891  
(607) 535-9790  
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There are 500,000 landowners in New York State that own an average of 30 acres of land. At our present membership of 2,000 our organization represents only 0.40% of these landowners. Let's work together to have more of these landowners join our organization and learn how they can understand and achieve their goals for their property.

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There is a new resource for families facing the challenge of passing their properties and land-based businesses from one generation to the next. The *Ties to the Land* website will help guide family landowners through ownership transition. Developed to address the needs of forest landowners, the site has relevance for families with agricultural or other land-based businesses as well. The website includes streaming video clips, excerpts from the *Ties to the Land* workbook, a calendar of events and links to other relevant sites. The site will be expanded, and new features added, to meet users' emerging needs.

<http://www.familybusinessonline.org/resources/ttl/home.htm>

## UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

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**Cornell University Cooperative Extension, Warren County Website:**  
<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/warren/naturalresources.html>

Saratoga County Fair is July 17 – 22

Washington County Fair is August 20-2

### INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO FORESTLAND OWNERS

The NYS DEC has a website where anyone can obtain information on the forest resources of New York: <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/df/privland/utilization/index.html>.

Average stumpage prices are reported for each of four regions as per the map below. See: <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/df/privland/utilization/stumpage.html>

Note that there are different log rules (International ¼, Doyle, and Scribner) used throughout the state. Landowners should be aware that all log rules are not equal. The same log will scale differently for each log rule and the price should be adjusted accordingly. Consulting forester Steve Bick (<http://www.northeastforests.com>) provides a spreadsheet tool that can be used for comparing log rules.

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