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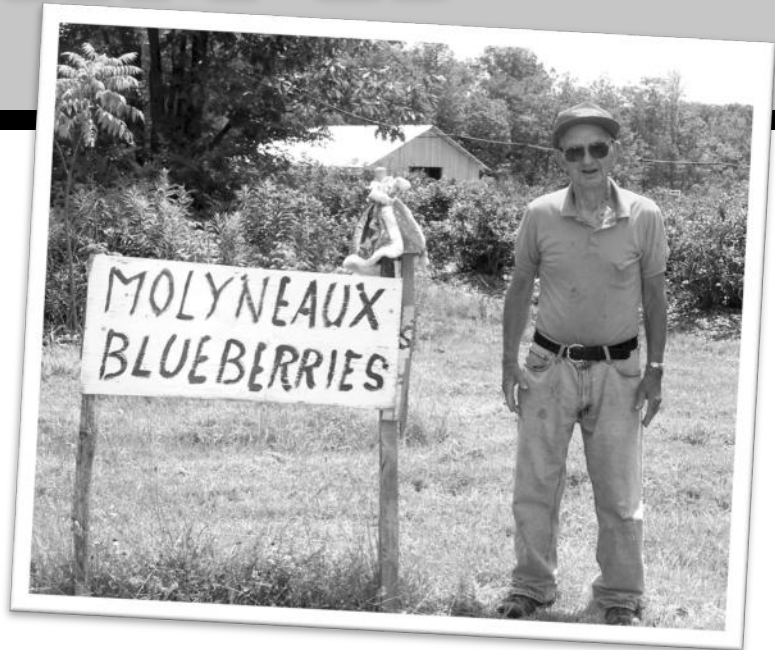
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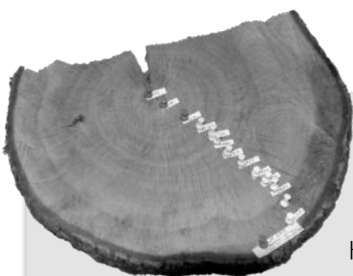


Dick Molyneaux, NYFOA's Oldest Active Member Still Going Strong

By Jerry Michael

We had occasion to visit Dick Molyneaux last month and found him picking blueberries for sale at his 400-acre tree farm straddling Broome and Tioga Counties. No longer an effortless activity for this 96-year-old farmer whose vision is impaired by macular degeneration, still it keeps him busy and gets him outdoors where he would always prefer to be. Dick started planting Christmas trees on his land in 1948 in partnership with his son, Gene Molyneaux. They are one of the largest producers in the Southern Tier. He founded the Broome County Christmas Tree Growers Association in 1957 and trained countless others, including my father, on the art and science of the business.

Dick joined NYFOA in 1973 and has shared his knowledge of hardwood forest, wildlife habitat and pond management during numerous woods walks on his property. Perhaps the highlight of Dick's career *[continued page 7]*



We're Growing! Welcome, New Members!

Abigail Addington May, N Attleboro, MA; Donald Bosworth, Guildford, NY; Thomas Gecsed / Shirewoods LLC, Glen Cove, NY; Jim & Any Potter, Cortland, NY; Alan Schoonmaker, Norwich, NY; Ken Stuart, Richford, NY; Darryl Wood, Binghamton, NY



Slab and Stick Windsor Chair Workshop a Big Hit

By Dave Williams

A two-day Windsor chair workshop was held this summer July 31 – August 1 at Todd and Karen Williams' 100 acre forested homesite in Waverly, NY. Instructor David Abeel from Traverse City, Michigan led nine participants ranging in age seven to seventy through construction of 4 Windsor side chairs and 4 stools.

White Pine, Poplar, Ash, White Oak, Cherry, Maple and Walnut were the featured woods. Everyone used a shaving horse for holding work and got to try a wide variety of tools for shaving, shaping and excavating seats and chair parts. Tools available were spokeshaves, travishers, compass planes, hoop shaves, block planes and draw knives.

Class was held under a tent and woodshed for two days running from 8 am to 4 pm. At the conclusion of class chairs and stools were glued up, leveled and ready for participants to apply paint or a sealing finish of choice at home.

Enthusiastic chair camp graduates

were eager to plan a similar event during 2016. David said he is willing to come back to Waverly or any woodlot owner's location in New York where 5 or more individuals can be organized to form a class. Contact Dave Williams at kdwillmill@gmail.com if you would like to sign up for a future chair camp. David can also be contacted at abeeldavid@hotmail.com about his future workshops in Michigan.

David penned the following and attached it to the underside of the seat of a chair he built for Todd and Karen as a wedding gift fifteen years ago. The materials for this chair came from the family homestead in the Town of Guilford:

"To Todd Williams and Karen Schlafer on your wedding day:
9/9/2000.

Continuous Arm Windsor Chair
Stop a moment, park your seat,
clear your mind and rest your feet. As
you sit remember the quiet hills of
Guilford where you and the sticks and
slab that comprise this chair all took

root and flourished.

The white pine seat comes from the North Hill pole lot. The ash legs and arm are from the steep hill before Hort's pond on South Hill Road. The hickory spindles come from the hill facing Foote Cemetery.

Take heart, things and people from this valley that come together are prone to have great duration. How fitting that you and these sticks should have such common roots."

Special thanks go out to the Todd and Karen Williams' family for their hospitality and for providing facilities for this event.

Top left: This is a photo taken near the end of the workshop showing all the participants. In front are Finn and Sophie Williams. In the chair row: Oscar Williams and David Abeel. Next row back: Jean Schlafer, Tom Carey, Don Schlafer, and Pete Smallidge. Back row: Dan Schlafer, Dave Williams, and Todd Williams.

Top right photo: The Wedding Chair.

CFA's Catskill Forest Festival 2015 Photo Album

By Ken and Sharon Semanovich

The weather for the Catskill Forest Festival was perfect — sunny and warm, but with a light breeze.



The American Chestnut Foundation was signing up membership and handing out trees to new members, with instructions on how to protect the tree as it grows.



Awestruck hard cider, out of Walton, NY was offering sample tasting of their

products, as well as selling bottles.



There were benches throughout the festival, where folks could have a seat and take a rest. They had clever sayings carved into the tops of them.



Alaskan saw mill—a heavy-duty chainsaw setup to cut boards

Game of Logging Competition — Points were given for the following skills: speed cut, bore cut, precision stump, aim notch, double bore, spring pole, bucking, and felling. It was fun to watch these guys use their chainsaws in ways we



had never seen before. Their accuracy and speed was amazing.

Hourly lectures on a variety of



subjects were offered in the "Tent of Knowledge"

Editor's Note: The Catskill Forest Association's Catskill Forest Festival is an annual event. Look for it every July in Margaretville, NY at: www.catskillforest.org.

Deer Fencing May Be Eligible For EQIP Funding in 2016

A letter from our President, Charles Stackhouse, edited by Kathleen Hayek:

For the last three years, NYFOA has been represented on the Forestry Sub-Committee for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in New York State. In this capacity, we have been able to influence the forest management practices eligible for reimbursement under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). During the Sub-Committee meeting on July 21st, we were informed that the construction of deer enclosure fencing to support forest regeneration will be eligible

for EQIP reimbursement starting in 2016. This is great news for anyone concerned about the future of the forests we love.

If your woodlot is at a stage where regeneration is a concern, meet with the NRCS District Conservationist serving your County. You may want to apply for EQIP funding to cover the preparation of a Forest Management Plan that specifically includes practices required to establish the regeneration of desirable tree species. If your application is approved, your plan could be prepared and reimbursed next year, and

the practices (including fencing and control of interfering vegetation) could be approved for reimbursement in the following year.

Unfortunately, funding for EQIP is limited, and not every worthy application for reimbursement will be accepted. The best way to ensure that forestry practices receive an equitable share of available EQIP funds is to attend the EQIP Local Working Group meetings that will be taking place at 17 regional locations from August thru October. During these meetings, EQIP [continued page 7]



Restore New York Woodlands Fall Events Mark your Calendars Now!

MFO Volunteer Refresher

Friday, September 11, 1:30 – evening
Saturday, September 12, 7:30am – 1pm
Arnot Forest and Watkins Glen, NY

The refresher will be heavily dominated by “in-woods” activities. The emphasis on Friday is forest regeneration, with demonstrations of a new deer-vegetation impact assessment tool, discussion of deer fencing options, and strategies for control of interfering vegetation. Friday evening will include a presentation by (retired) founding MFO Director Gary Goff, *The Role Of Deer In Eastern Forests*. Saturday will start with breakfast, a brief review of recent changes in the MFO program, and then a walking tour of Brett Chedzoy’s farm woodlot in Watkins Glen that was recently low-graded by mechanized Amish loggers (planned) and hit by a tornado (unplanned). The woods tour is co-hosted by the Southern Finger Lakes Chapter of NYFOA. Lunch after the woodlot tour will be provided and hosted by Brett and Maria Chedzoy.

Registration: Deadline is by 8:00 AM Tuesday September 8th (cabins available first come first served). Here is a link for registration:

https://cornell.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_b7pPurCpXSSpJzf

Please note that the meals and Arnot cabins are fully subsidized, but preregistration is required and you will

be charged for meals if you cancel after 8 AM on September 8th. Online registration is preferred, but you can also register by calling Diana at 607-255-2115 or emailing at DLT5@cornell.edu.

Forest Health Program

September 17, 10 am – 3:15 pm
Friends of Rogers Environmental
Education Center, Inc.
2721 HWY 80 Sherburne, NY. 13460
607-674-4733
www.friendsofrogers.org.

Sponsor: Society of American Foresters, Iroquois Chapter. Daniel Zimmerman Chair.

Danielzimmerman57@yahoo.com
Category 1 –CF Credit 4.5 Hours
Outdoor Pavilion, please dress appropriately!

Program

10 –11 am: *Overview of Forest Health and Important Pests*, Jerry A. Carlson, Research Scientist, Chief, DEC Forest Health.

11 am – 12 pm: *Details of the NYSDEC Invasive Species Regulations under 6NYCRR Part 575*, Joseph M. McMullen, MS, PWS Environmental Consultant/Botanist.

12 – 12:30 pm: Light refreshments from Rogers, lunch on your own.

12:30 – 1:30 pm: *Biology and Management of Emerald Ash Borer*, Melissa K. Fierke, Ph.D. Associate Professor, Forest Entomology, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Syracuse, NY

1:30 – 2:30 pm: *Biology and Management of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid*, Mark Whitmore, Forest Entomologist Dept. of Natural Resources, Cornell University
2:30 – 3:15pm, *Biology And Management Of Invasive Plants, Animals, And Diseases Affecting Our Forests*, Hilary R. Mosher, MS, MPA, Coordinator for the Finger Lakes Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management.

Woods Walk

October 17, 9:30 am – 12 pm
Frank & Vickie Winkler Woodlot
Andes, NY

Our NYFOA Southern Tier Chapter is co-hosting this woods walk with the Catskill Forest Association at Frank and Vickie Winkler’s 100-acre forested property in Andes, Delaware County. Frank has owned and intensively-managed this woodlot for more than forty years and it has been enrolled under the Forest Tax Law 480a for thirty years. There has been one well-planned timber harvest on the property, plus one unplanned, but very successful salvage harvest following a major windthrow event. Timber Stand Improvement has been continuous since Frank heats the house with wood. Intensive hunting, along with predation by bears and coyotes, has kept the deer population in check. Dozens of apple trees, acres of well-managed meadows and seeded trails and roads provide enough food for the deer. The result is a woodlot that

features plenty of successful hard maple regeneration. Pond construction and maintenance will also be discussed if there is interest.

Registration: The woods walk will begin at 9:30 and conclude around noon, with lunch being served to those who pre-register by calling the Winkler's at (845) 676-4825.

Directions: The address is 2607 Lower Dingle Road, Andes, NY 13731. There is a red bathtub at the end of the driveway and GPS should get you there, but cell phone coverage is spotty. We are 27 miles from Walton, 17 miles from Delhi, 10 miles from Margaretville, and 3 miles above the Pepacton Reservoir in Delaware Co. Phone- 845-676-4825

This is a beautiful property, with a beautiful drive getting there. Hope to see a big turnout!

Jerry Michael

solutions to the growing impact the deer population is having on the environment in the Catskills Mountain Region and throughout the eastern United States.

Morning sessions will analyze the multi-faceted issue of deer impacts on the environment, while the afternoon will focus on creating solutions and challenging conventional methods in which deer have traditionally been managed.

Registration: You do not need to be a member of the Catskill Forest Association to attend. The cost of the conference is \$25 for advanced registration or \$30 at the door. For more information visit: Catskillforest.org or call 845-586-3054.

Send payment to: Catskill Forest Association, Inc., PO Box 336, Arkville, NY 12406

SOT Chapter Meeting: Planning and Conducting a Timber Harvest

Thursday, November 5, 7pm
Cornell Cooperative Extension
840 Upper Front Street
Binghamton, NY

Our speaker will be Mike Blasko, a Consulting Forester from Greene, who services all counties in the Southern Tier Chapter area. Mike's business name is South Central Forest Products, LLC and he regularly advertises in the New York Forest Owner magazine. He will discuss considerations for the timing of a commercial harvest, planning a harvest consistent with your management objectives for the property, his approach to a competitive bid sale, typical contract provisions, etc. Mike will also discuss current markets and prices for the most common hardwood species in our area. In support of our "Restore New York Woodlands" focus, we have also asked Mike to describe how he would go about developing a management plan for the

regeneration of a 100 year-old woodlot.

This meeting will be held in the auditorium at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 840 Upper Front Street, and Binghamton. Doors open at 6:30 and the meeting will begin at 7:00.

Cider, donuts and coffee will be available.

Bring a neighbor!



How's It Growing?

Treelines wants to hear from all of you who committed to measuring and tracking the growth of your trees last spring at the Northeast Timber Growing Contest (NETGC) workshop in East Guilford. Please send stories of your efforts and tips for others wanting to get on board to the editor at k_hayek@mac.com. Send photos, too! Thanks!

And if you want to learn more about NETGC, contact co-founder, Dean Faklis, dfaklis@frontiernet.net or visit: blogs.cornell.edu/netimbercontest.



The Growing Deer Debate Conference: Discussing Solutions for Deer Impact on the Environment

October 31, 9 am – 4 pm
Margaretville Central School
415 Main Street, Margaretville, NY 12455

This is a day long conference for Natural Resource Professionals, Foresters, Farmers, Orchardists, Landscapers, Landowners and Nature Lovers to gather and discuss all available

Treelines Won!

Thanks to Dave Williams for our newsletter name! It clearly won the vote. Free NYFOA logo T-shirt for you!

Please send articles and details for winter events, occurring from January 1 to March 31, 2016 to Kathleen Hayek at k_hayek@mac.com by November 15, 2015. We can't guarantee inclusion to any calendar listings, photos, or articles received after this date! Thank you!



Chain Saw Safety Boots — Leather or Rubber?

By Kevin Mathers

Many woodlot owners who use chainsaws wear safety helmets for head, ear and eye protection, and have invested in a pair of chainsaw chaps or pants to protect their legs. But how many wear chainsaw safety boots? I'm not sure, but I suspect that far fewer wear cut-resistant boots. The majority of chainsaw injuries are in the upper legs, knees, and hands, but a significant number of chainsaw cuts involve the feet.

In the past chainsaw safety instructions often suggested operators wear sturdy leather boots, or steel-toe boots. While these options are obviously much better than a pair of sneakers, do they really offer the protection you need? A Few years ago one of our local chainsaw dealers showed me some

sobering examples of what can happen when you wear inadequate footwear while operating a chainsaw. He had several leather boots that had nasty cuts from chainsaw accidents. One of the cut boots was sliced jus behind the steel toe. This was compelling visual evidence that I should join the ranks of chainsaw users who wear protective footwear.

There are basically two options when it comes to chainsaw safety boots, rubber boots and leather boots. Both can provide equal protection from cuts, so the choice comes down to how much you want to spend and how important comfort is. A good pair of rubber boots is about \$100 or so. There are just a few brands, and there doesn't seem too much difference between them. Leather boots are another matter; there are

many brands with prices ranging from about \$170 to more than \$300.

I opted for the rubber chainsaw boots because I don't cut all that much, just a few cords of firewood per year, and do most of my cutting in the fall and winter in wet or snowy conditions. If I did a lot of cutting or cut much in the warmer months I might opt for the leather boots.

If you operate a chainsaw and don't have cut-resistant chainsaw boots I hope you will consider getting a pair. Both the rubber and leather boots should last a long time, and if they just might help prevent an unnecessary injury. It is important to note that cut resistant boots, just like chaps, are only cut resistant, not cut proof. So be careful, be aware of hidden hazards, slow down and stay safe while working in your woods.

Alphabet Soup AKA Acronyms

By Kathleen Hayek

Just how many acronyms for agencies, organizations, institutions, programs, contests, groups, and technical terms are associated with enjoying and maintaining your woodlot? The list seems endless and is forever growing!

Just for fun, I've made a list of a just a few of them. How many can you guess

correctly? (Hint: You'll find all of them elsewhere in this newsletter issue.)

Here we go! ...

- NYFOA
- TSI
- CFA
- EQIP
- ACF
- NRCS

- CCE
- DEC
- SOT
- NETGC
- MFO
- NYSDEC

Hope you found them all, or maybe you're a lucky seasoned woodlot owner who knew them already? If I missed any in this issue, let me know.

Dick Molyneaux...

was his selection as the New York State Tree Farmer of the Year in 1992.

In amazing shape for someone closing in on a century, he enthusiastically showed off the latest project under-taken (with Gene's help) – a hemlock horse barn that was put up in six weeks, including land clearing, slab pouring, sawing of the hemlock boards and construction. Only the prefabricated trusses were purchased.

Dick has traveled with various forestry groups to many other countries, Alaska and the West Coast, touring both commercial and public forest operations. He has donated a box of videotapes covering these travels to the Chapter and we will be reviewing them for possible use at a future Chapter meeting. We hope to see Dick, Gene and the family at our annual potluck dinner, which he has rarely missed over his 42 years of NYFOA membership.

Deer Fencing...

funds available to Counties in each District are allocated among water quality, grazing, wildlife and forestry interests. Historically, forestry's share of EQIP funds has ranged from 5% to 30%, and is influenced by forest stakeholder presence at these meetings. So call your NRCS District Conservationist and get yourself on the invitation list for the Regional Working Group meeting that includes your County. Then invite a neighbor woodlot owner and a consulting forester to accompany you.



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Steve Speaks...



Timber Stand

Improvement (TSI) does a nice job of improving a woodlot in the long term. Unfortunately in the short term the additional light on the forest floor can encourage undesirable species. I would like to share with you how I use the cut stump method to control small diameter beech and stripped maple. I use a circular saw blade attached to a Stihl® FS 108 brush saw. A brush saw is quicker to use than a chain saw when cutting many small trees. A circular saw blade is easy to sharpen and doesn't need chain oil. A double shoulder harness reduces fatigue. With a brush saw you will never need to bend over to cut below the lowest branch of the tree. A chain saw is most effective when the tree is above 4 inches in diameter.

The cut stump method requires that you treat the stump with a chemical after cutting the tree. I use a generic product with 41% Glyphosate mixed with an equal amount of water. I put the mix into a Solo 418 hand held pump sprayer. The sprayer holds one liter and has a 3" directional and adjustable wand. The pump puts the mix under pressure. The adjustable wand controls the amount of spray. The brush saw has a bar with grips for the left and right

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hand. The right hand controls the throttle while the left is used to hold the saw and the handheld sprayer. The bar that runs to the circular blade acts as a kind of aimer. You will find that it's easy to spray the stump while the sprayer is in your left hand a brush saws length away from the stump. The relationship between the sprayer and the end of the saw is constant from tree to tree. Think of the sprayer as spitting at the stump.

Small sprayers without the pump feature that are sold in grocery stores require that you bend over to administer the spray. They do not last long. I found that my hand developed cramps from using them. I tried using a partially filled one-gallon sprayer with the strap around my neck. The weight was just too much so I got neck pain. At one time a device was sold that allowed herbicide to drip from the bottom of a brush saw onto a fresh cut stump. I understand that its usefulness did not justify its cost.

On the ForestConnect YouTube channel you will find a video by Peter Smallidge called Ecology and Management of American Beech (2015 Webinar). If you type: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umexxy6uG-8> in your browser's location bar you will go directly to the video. Toward the end of the video at the 57.3-minute mark you will find some pictures and description of how I used this method.

Steve



About Us

The Southern Tier Chapter News is published for its chapter members of NYFOA, three times a year in early spring, fall, and winter. NYFOA was founded in 1963 and is organized to encourage the wise management of private woodland resources in New York State by promoting, representing and serving the

interests of woodland owners. The Southern Tier Chapter was founded in 1985 and encompasses Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware and Otsego counties. For information on becoming a NYFOA member visit www.nyfoa.org, or contact Liana Gooding, NYFOA Secretary, NYFOA, PO Box 541, Lima, NY, 14485 or at 1-800-836-3566. Annual membership is \$45 and includes: subscriptions to this newsletter: to the bimonthly NYFOA state wide publication, The New York Forest Owner, attendance at chapter meetings and statewide meetings.

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