

Treelines



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EAB Found in Streets of Binghamton

By Kathleen Hayek

"Bad, but not unexpected news folks. Apparently EAB is well-established in the city of Binghamton. Based on the attached photos, and tree mortality, it must have been present for a few years already," was Jerry Michael's comment in a thread of emails he shared with the SOT Steering Committee this summer. The thread had started by a tweet from Andrew Hillman with the above photo attached. As many of us know, EAB is the acronym for the beautiful and deadly Emerald Ash Borer invading its way across New York State's killing off our ash trees.

WBNG, Binghamton reported that the EAB in Tioga County was confirmed by the USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, NY State Department of Environmental Conservation. *[continued page 3]*



We're Growing! Welcome, New Members!

Ed Bennett, Fleischmanns, NY: William DeSilva, Hobart, NY: Brian Dugan / Maurica Duett LLC, Pine City, NY: Dolores Elliott, Johnson City, NY: Brian Guy, Cortland, NY: John Knapp, Oxford, NY: Devin Merkley, Cooperstown, NY: Emma Safford, Guilford, NY: Bob & Elena Schiller, Glenwood, NJ: James Sublette, South Otselic, NY

Steve Speaks... A Message From Our Chapter Chair



The Internet is called a disruptive technology because its use is life-changing. It gives us the ability to quickly access large amounts of information. One internet tool that is used to convey information is called the webinar. Webinar is a shortcut name for a web-based seminar. A presentation, lecture or workshop is transmitted over the internet using video conferencing software. A key feature of the webinar is its interactive elements. Participants have the ability to give, receive and discuss information in real time. A little box in the corner of the presentation screen allows participants to ask questions. Prior to webinar participation, video conferencing software will need to be downloaded and tested. The presenter will typically do a sound and screen test prior to the start of the presentation. When a webinar is archived for later viewing it is then called a webcast. Video conferencing software need not be downloaded to view webcasts.

Cornell Forest Connect is an education and applied research program of Cornell University and Cornell Cooperative Extension. It's managed by New York State Extension Forester Peter Smallidge. The Forest Connect program's goal is to provide education and support for the sustainable production of private



woodlands. The Cornell Forest Connect program schedules a webinar on the third Wednesday of each month at noon and 7PM. From the comfort of your home or office you can learn about woodland topics. To receive notices on upcoming webinars see: blogs.cornell.edu/cceforestconnect/subscribe

Recent webinars have included the following topics: Impacts of deer on northeastern forests and strategies for control, The Green Lie: Selecting Treatments to Manage Interfering Vegetation, and Ecology and management of insects in sugar maple forests and woodlands. Archived webinars can be viewed as webcasts (you can't ask questions) at www.youtube.com/user/ForestConnect. On the Forest Connect Youtube channel you can scroll down the list of available webcasts or click on Videos or Playlists. Videos will display webcasts by date of upload. Playlists are groupings of webcasts that are organized by topic. Topics include, Restore New York Woodlands, Forest and Wildlife Ecology, Woodlot Management, Vegetation Management, Forest Health, Maple

Syrup Production and Products, Agroforestry, How To – Woodlot Management Skills, and Small Scale Woodlot Management. If you press the subscribe button on the YouTube Forest Connect page, Forest Connect will be

added to your YouTube subscription list. The subscription list is a handy way of being able to tell when new videos have been added to your areas of interest.

The Forest Connect program has a website (<http://CornellForestConnect.Ning.com>) that allows registered forum members a way to ask questions and get answers from fellow landowners and professionals who work for Cornell or Cornell Cooperative Extension. The discussion categories include: Woodlot Management, Forest Health, Maple Syrup Production, Wildlife Management and Agroforestry. Click on Questions & Resources on top of the web page to get a list of current discussions. To start a new discussion click on the +Add button on the right side of the Discussion Forum block header. Members can upload videos or photographs to the site photo section or add items to their own blog page within the site.

Listening to webcasts is a fine thing to do in the evening during the fall and winter months.

Steve

Photo Album – Ray Nolan Woods Walk, April 2016

By Ken & Sharon Semanovich



The weather held and it was a beautiful day for a walk. There were 10 of us, including the landowner. We walked for over 3 hours. The property was fairly level, with no steep climbs. We started out over an open field where we observed an area of minimal growth, despite it not being cleared for several years. It was a mystery as to why. Perhaps the water table? While high on a plateau, the area has poor drainage.

This is one issue the landowner is working on with the help of NRCS.



An interesting old tree...

The forest floor was covered with spring plants.



These are ramps, or wild leeks.



Trillium



A plant no one was able to identify. *Can you?

Some pleasant sights were the heron rookery...



and



an incredible beaver dam. It was

about 5 feet high.

We came across this snake. Ray was delighted to see it as he was concerned about the reptilian



population due to a toxic spill that happened near by. The

snake looked like it had recently devoured a meal.

*Answer: *Ranunculus recurvatus*.

... EAB in Binghamton

From a DEC news release in June 2016: "The EAB was found in a DEC-deployed trap two miles from the Pennsylvania border and six miles from the Chemung County border in the southwestern corner of Tioga County. Chemung County and all of Pennsylvania are under state and Federal EAB quarantine. A single adult EAB was found in one of the thousands of purple detection traps that are placed around the state this summer.

With the confirmation of EAB in Tioga County, New York now has 13 counties where EAB has been found.

Most of the infested areas are small and localized, while more than 98 percent of New York's forests and communities are not yet infested.

Mark Whitmore, Forest Entomologist at Cornell University said, "Now is the time to plan and prepare for the economic impacts that homeowners, forest owners and communities will undoubtedly feel. Everyone should know if they have ash trees, what they plan to do once EAB arrives. This is especially true for municipal officials, where dead and dying ash trees on public property will expose local governments to



significant damage, cost and liability. Protective chemical treatment is possible for individual trees, however it is currently recommended to only treat trees that are within 10 miles of a known infestation. Check the DEC website for maps of the infested areas."

For more information about the quarantine areas see web article at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/47761.html>.

Deer, Saw Mills and Maple Syrup Featured In SOT's Fall Events

Mark your Calendars Now!



SOT/CFA
Deer Exclosure Demonstration
September 10, 10 am - 12:00 pm
Margaretville, NY

Last year SOT teamed up with the Catskill Forest Association to construct a demonstration deer exclosure fence on the property of NYFOA member John Miller in Arkville, Delaware County. We returned to the property on May 16th to observe the fenced area and lay out six test plots where tree regeneration will be tracked both inside and outside the fence for several years. In the photo above, woodwalk participants can be seen affixing numbered tags to regeneration (mostly oak and maple) within 12 foot diameter marked plots. Host John Miller is standing in the center.

We'll be returning again September 10th to the deer exclosure to check its progress and see any results. Is your forest being managed mostly by deer? Come see for yourself. (CFA & NYFOA members free) \$15 non-members. Sturdy shoes are required. Pre-registration required. For directions and more information call CFA at (845) 586-3054 or e-mail: cfa@catskill.net



Maple Syrup Production
for Beginners
September 20, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
CCE of Broome County
840 Upper Front St.
Binghamton, NY

This workshop is aimed at the small or beginning maple producer and would be useful to the homeowner looking to tap a few trees in the backyard or someone wanting to start small-scale commercial maple production. The workshop will cover a variety of aspects of maple syrup production including maple tree identification, tree health, tapping, sap collection and handling, boiling, energy efficiency, finishing and grading syrup, canning, marketing and regulations. This workshop is taught by Stephen Childs, the New York State Maple Specialist. The workshop fee is \$15. To register visit https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/maplesyrupbeginner_203 or call (607) 584-9966.

A Saturday Morning Step Back
Into History at Hanford Mills
September 24, 10:00 am
East Meredith, NY

Your NYFOA Steering Committee works hard to deliver informative, interesting and fun activities. We can almost guarantee you will love this one as we travel back in time in rural Delaware County where local timber has been processed to provide a wide array of products for 170 years. Join us September 24th for a very special tour of Hanford Mills Museum, located in East Meredith, NY (just a few miles East of Oneonta). We will begin the tour at 10:00 AM, gather at noon to enjoy a bring-your own bag lunch and, for those who would like, spend more time enjoying the exhibits and the store. From the Hanford Mills website:

"From its start as a sawmill in the 1840's, Hanford Mills grew to also include a gristmill, feed mill, woodworking shop, and hardware store. The story of Hanford Mills is one of ingenuity, innovation and entrepreneurship. Over time, the Hanford's generated power using waterwheels, water turbines, a steam power plant, gas engines, and a dynamo that generates electric power. Because it so effectively shows how mills, once a mainstay of rural towns, operate, Hanford Mills garnered a place on both the National and New York State Registers of Historic Places.

Feel the power as the cool

waters of the Millpond rush over the 1926 Fitz Overshot Waterwheel. Listen as the Mill spins, rumbles, and whirs to life. Smell fresh cut lumber as logs are sawn on the water-powered sawmill. Explore the woodworking shop, and see historic machines creating the same products that were made at the mill a century ago.

A visit to Hanford Mills Museum is a unique way to experience the ingenuity and creativity of the past."

The Museum is offering a special discount rate of only \$4.50. Bring the kids, Grandma and Grandpa, too.



Trust me, you will agree that you can't afford to miss out! But don't just take it from me; check out the website at hanfordmills.org.

To get there from I 88, exit 16: Turn South toward Davenport Center on County Hwy 47 which turns into County Rd 11. Continue on County Rd. 11 until it intersects with NY-23 East. Turn Left on NY-23 East. After 2-1/2 miles, turn right onto County Route 10. After 2-1/2 miles, turn left onto County Route 12. The mill entrance is on the left past the Post Office. There is also parking available in the large parking lot up the road on the right.

Please let me know how many are coming with you to this event? Call me at 607-563-3156 or send an email to kdwillmill@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!,
Dave Williams



Making Quality Maple Confections Workshop
October 22, 9 am – 3 pm
CCE of Broome County
840 Upper Front St.
Binghamton, NY

This workshop is for commercial maple syrup producers who want to learn how to make high quality, value-added products. It features training and demonstrations of making maple granulated sugar, molded maple sugar, crystal coating and maple cream. The workshop covers how to measure invert sugar in syrup using a diabetic glucose meter and how to use the results to make better confections and eliminate batch failures. Each participating farm will receive a New York State Maple Confection Notebook. The registration fee also includes refreshments and a light lunch. You'll need to bring a quart of your maple syrup to be tested and used in the demonstrations. This workshop is taught by Stephen Childs, the NY State Maple Specialist. The workshop fee is \$65. Register at: https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/2016mapleconfections_203 or call (607) 584-9966.

Wagner Sawmill Tour
November 9, 10:00 am
Owego, NY

The Southern Tier Chapter last visited Wagner's sawmill operation in Owego about eight years ago and we had a sellout crowd. Most of the mill was destroyed by a fire in 2014, has been rebuilt, and is bigger,

faster and more impressive than ever, processing 135 thousand board feet of lumber daily. There are actually two parallel mills in operation, with one of them featuring a double-cut bandsaw headrig that cuts a board off in both directions, with the log travelling at a speed that reminds you of a jet taking off from an aircraft carrier. Operators of both mills are aided by laser-controlled log positioning systems.

Go to www.wagnerlumber.com for more information about the Owego mill, including a description of what takes place at the various stations we will observe during the tour. This will be helpful because we will be visiting the mill while it is in operation and the noise level can make it difficult for everyone to hear our guide.

Bring your own hardhat, ear protection and safety glasses if you have them. Safety equipment will be available for those who do not. Tour group size is limited to 30 so advance reservation is required. Call Jerry at (607) 648-2941.

The Wagner Mill is located at 4060 Gaskill Road, Owego 13827. Get driving directions from the website or via GPS. Those interested in carpooling meet in the parking lot behind Cornell Cooperative Extension in Binghamton at 9:00 am. The tour will last approximately two hours. There are numerous fast-food restaurants and diners nearby if you want to grab lunch before hitting the road for home.





NYFOA Silent Auction – Spring 2017 – Get Ready!

By 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 substantial 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 nyfoa.org and Facebook for details.

Frequently asked questions about the NYFOA Silent Auction

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

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 others \$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. 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. Crafts, 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!



Backyard Woodlot

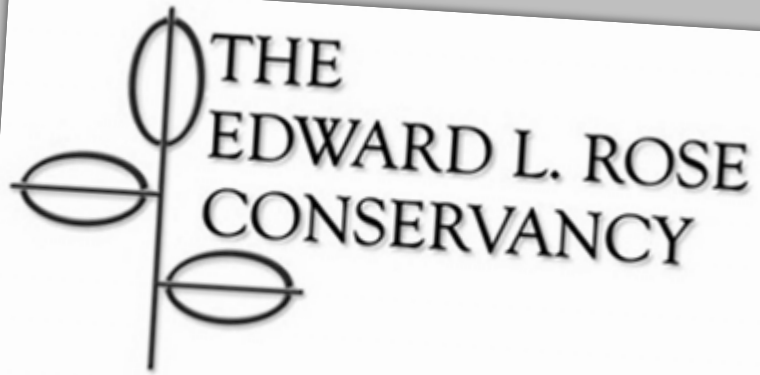
Josh VanBrakle has a new book out! *Backyard Woodland* is a comprehensive guide to nurturing the land in your care, from soil and water protection to fostering wildlife diversity and keeping the land whole. *Backyard Woodland* also features tips for the financial considerations that come from land-owning, including how to save money on your taxes and how to make some extra income from responsible timber sales and viable farming. Owning a piece of the forest is a rare privilege, and this complete guide will help you get the most out of the experience.

Backyard Woodland: How to Maintain and Sustain Your Trees, Water, and Wildlife is now available from Countryman Press, a division of W.W. Norton & Company. You can order your copy on paperback or ebook through major retailers, including Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.



Charles "Chuck" Kaskey In Memorium

We celebrate the life of Charles "Chuck" Kaskey, a Charter Member of NYFOA and the Southern Tier Christmas Tree Growers Association. Chuck was a WW2 Veteran and participated in the Normandy landings on D Day. During and after his high school teaching career, Chuck purchased numerous rural properties in the area and in the Adirondacks, where he actively managed the hardwood stands and planted Christmas Tree plantations. He was an engaging "storyteller" and a welcome participant in most of our Chapter woodswalks and other events over the years. Chuck passed away last June at the age of 93 in the Oxford Veteran's Home.



The Edward L. Rose Conservancy is a nationally accredited land trust that has worked in northeastern Pennsylvania for almost 30 years. The Conservancy permanently protects hundreds of acres of land in Pennsylvania and recently expanded its service area to help landowners in the Southern Tier of New York protect forests, wetlands, streams and open habitats.

A conservation easement is one popular tool land trusts use to help farmers, forest owners, and other landowners voluntarily protect their lands. An easement protects a property from future development but can be designed to allow other activities, like farming and sustainable forestry, to continue. In addition to the satisfaction landowners feel from knowing their land is protected, donating an easement also has potential income and estate tax advantages.

The Conservancy also helps people learn about the local environment and enjoy their land. For example, this year they offered several wildlife and habitat classes, participated in Earth Fest at Broome County Community College, and co-sponsored a children's summer nature camp.

For more information about the Conservancy visit their web site at elrose.org or like them on Facebook! If you would like to contact them to discuss your goals for protecting your property, please email board@elrose.org or call 570-278-9500

Online Woodlot Management Course

This fall an online woodlot management course is being offered through the Cornell Small Farms Program. The course, Farm Woodlot Management (BF150), is designed for people to learn about the various economic opportunities their woodlands may offer, and is suitable for anyone with a woodlot, including both those with and without experience working

their woods. The bulk of the course happens on your own time, with discussions, readings, and assignments in MOODLE, our virtual classroom. It also includes a series of six consecutive Tuesday evening webinars starting on September 27th. Details including registration can be found at: www.nebeginningfarmers.org/online-courses/all-courses/farm-woodlot-management-bf-150/





About Us

Treelines, Southern Tier Chapter News is published for its chapter members of NYFOA, three times a year in early spring, fall, and winter. News concerning managing woodlots in the Southern Tier is always welcomed! Send articles for inclusion to Kathleen

Hayek, k_hayek@mac.com, with subject line: Treelines Article. Attach photos in jpeg format to the email. News stories with a word count of 500 words or less work best.

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 *Treelines*: to the bimonthly NYFOA state wide publication, The New York Forest Owner, attendance at chapter meetings and statewide meetings.

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