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Wooden you know? Wooden satellites and other innovations

by Paul Hetzler

As a card-carrying, registered tree hugger, I have long touted the benefits of trees such as carbon storage, energy savings and improved mental health. And beyond the familiar tree-related blessings such as maple syrup, lumber and fire-wood, I've written about some obscure things like birch-based candy that fights tooth decay, and [health-promoting chaga tea derived from a birch fungus](#). Then there's basswood bark for fiber, elm bark for baskets, and pine bark for lunch. That stuff is all pretty straightforward.

More highly processed wood products, though, are a mystery to me. Even a fairly mundane example like how a pile of dirty logs becomes a decidedly coveted treasure – I'm speaking of toilet paper, of course – seems like rocket science. But recent developments are truly mind-blowing. Without a doubt, tree-derived stuff has risen to a whole new level: [the Japanese will soon rocket a wooden satellite into space](#).



Photo courtesy of Sumitomo Forestry

Japan plans a 2023 launch of the world's first satellite made out of wood.

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WFL ACTIVITIES ARE BACK

As we emerge from the pandemic, WFL has decided to resume some of the activities we had to suspend over the past year. Events coming up this summer include a Game of Logging class, woodswalks and a fall picnic; details of all of these can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Because pandemic-related restrictions are still in place as we plan these events, and because we can't be sure what restrictions will be in place in the future, we are proceeding cautiously and we are trying to follow the many guidelines from federal, state and local authorities as well as from the NYFOA state board.

These are the guidelines we expect to follow at events this year:

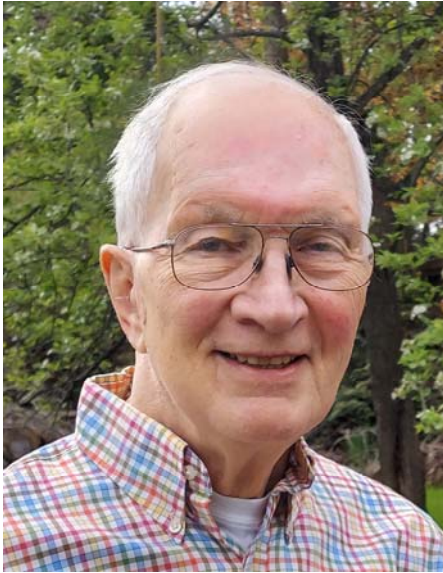
All events will be held outdoors.

Bring a face mask and be prepared to wear it if you can't maintain the appropriate social distance from others.

Be prepared to sign a waiver of liability saying that you accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 at an event and won't hold NYFOA responsible. A copy of the waiver is on page 8 of this newsletter.

Be prepared to provide your name and phone number to facilitate contact tracing should it be necessary.

We are excited to be resuming our schedule and hope to see everybody at one or more events this year.



Shout Out!

by: Colette Morabito

A long-time member of NYFOA and a particularly energetic member of WFL, Jim Minor deserves a meaningful Shout Out! Jim is the editor extraordinaire for our Western Finger Lakes newsletter. It is always professionally arranged, arrives at the printer in a timely fashion, and

we can trust him to get the publication exactly right. "His ability to adjust so quickly to a change in a deadline situation to accommodate important information is priceless." This shared accolade from Eileen Schaefer. We can all agree that our newsletter is both informative and impressive.

Jim also volunteers as the Webmaster for the NYFOA website. "Jim has been involved with the management of the website for years. This is a huge commitment of time and effort," newly elected NYFOA President Stacey Kazacos said with enthusiasm and gratitude. Jim is trustworthy, wise, and continues to be thoughtful in all his endeavors for the organization.

Jim served as President of NYFOA from 2011 – 2015. He also served as Chapter Chair of WFL. Cathy Gardner was quick to add that when she thinks of Jim, "...kind and gracious comes to mind. He is such a humble person, for all of his knowledge and contributions – a true gentleman." Clearly, we have left out countless activities in which Jim has been involved, including but not limited to his professional life, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend, and woodlot owner. His very positive influence on the WFL board is profound.

On behalf of all of us at WFL and NYFOA, we express our sincere thanks to you, Jim, for your priceless contributions and consistent efforts for the organization and beyond.

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Membership is open to anyone interested in understanding how to manage a woodlot. NYFOA membership can bring returns in the satisfaction of growing quality timber, stabilizing forest industries and markets, providing permanent jobs, increasing the value of your woods, enlarging areas of natural beauty across the state, and leaving behind a monument in living trees to bless the tomorrows for the youngsters of today. For information on becoming an NYFOA member, contact Liana Gooding, NYFOA Secretary, NYFOA, P.O. 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 to statewide meetings. Membership at the Contributing level \$50-\$99; Sponsor level \$100-\$249; Benefactor \$250-\$499; and Steward \$500 or more are also offered. For more information visit www.nyfoa.org.

Readers are encouraged to submit articles for publication in this newsletter. Articles should be mailed or e-mailed to: Richard Starr at the address to the left. Electronic submissions are preferred. Any letters should be sent to the Chair for consideration.

For event reminders and late-breaking news, subscribe **to our email list** by sending a blank email to nyfoa-wfl-news-subscribe@npogroups.org

Note: The deadline for our Fall 2021 issue is August 1st

Piestrak Forestland Woodswalk

9757 Watson Creek Rd
Lindley, NY 14858

GPS Coordinates

42°00'50.7"N 77°08'06.2"W Latitude and
Longitude 42.014084, -77.135060

Saturday June 26, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Bruce Robinson will be leading a wagon-assisted woodswalk at Piestrak Forestlands, LLC off Watson Road in the Town of Lindley. We will meet at 9:00 AM for coffee and pastries. At noon we break for a quality lunch. All food, water and snacks provided.

In an area of 30 acres of releasing, we will explore the complexities of forest recovery twenty years after commercial clearcutting. We will explore the controlling forces of succession and how easily they may be used to advantage, and the sad consequences resulting from their being ignored.

A balancing action plan for each woodlot revolves around the question, 'When is the best time to do work in my woodlot?' Most maturing trees reveal their limitations and risks at a very early age. Some of those symptoms cannot be corrected, but most can be lessened if we know what to look for, AND what to do about it. We will see some immediate actions and the results after just a few years.

Tree identification is always good for review. Among the misty clouds engulfing a young (primeval aspirations) area of the forest, never yet visited by the imposing Piestrak wagon load of NYFOA members and friends, has been assembled one of the most amazing collections of tree species. In addition to tree identification, we will consider the important role each species plays in the life of the forest. How is each niche defined and respected.

After lunch we can examine the area dominated by walnut trees (100's) and what can be done to ensure their success.

This woodswalk is an outreach program of the Western Finger Lakes Chapter of NYFOA. All are welcome and this would be a worth while experience for all Master Forester Owners (MFOs).

Coming from the east or west take route 17 to Corning/Painted Post where you will pick up route 15 south towards Williamsport, PA. Exit at the Presho exit. At the stop sign turn left and go a couple hundred yards to old route 15. Turn right on old 15 and head towards Lindley about 5 miles. Past the Green



Our Heartfelt Thanks to Cathy Gardner

by Colette Morabito

Board Member Cathy Gardner, who had been the Western Finger Lakes Secretary for a decade, has officially stepped down from her position as a WFL Director. We all join together in expressing our gratitude to her for her countless positive additions to the organization. She was always very well connected throughout the area and brought many people together for the benefit of our natural world. Cathy made sure that their family's apple cider was available and flowing at our Annual Dinner Meetings. Always a voice of reason, her quiet wisdom will be greatly missed. Our best to Cathy as she pursues new interests. She and her husband Marty joined NYFOA in 2010; we look forward to seeing them at many future WFL events. Again, our gracious thanks to Cathy for her years of service.

Shingles Restaurant on the left the next right is Watson Creek Road. We will have signs posted.

Would-be attendees are asked to RSVP Crystal Piestrak-Paluck

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Email: crystal@paluck.org

Morabito Woods Walk 2021

by Colette Morabito

We would like to invite you to come and join us for a woods walk at our camp on Saturday August 14, 2021 beginning at 9 a.m.. Our address is: 6067 White Creek Road, County Road 17, in Friendship/Belfast, NY (your GPS may like one town better than the other!). We look forward to sharing our ever-changing woodlot with you. Forester Bruce Robinson will present his excellent forest management skills at every turn. A light breakfast will be shared during introductions as well as an overview of the woods walk by Bruce.

Upon the completion of the woods walk, we invite you to stay for further conversation and lunch, cooked over an open fire: hot dogs, s'mores, etc. We look forward to members from both Western Finger Lakes and Allegany Foothills Chapters joining us for this much anticipated gathering. Please dress for the weather and wear good solid shoes for mixed terrain. This is an outdoor event. Please follow the Covid guidelines as required at that time.

Please RSVP for the number in your group that will be attending so that we may have adequate food available for all! Email: colettemorabito57@gmail.com Telephone: 585.248.0654 (feel free to leave a message)

"There are subtle changes naturally occurring continuously in our forests. Some we welcome and some we would like to delay. Understanding successional changes and managing those that allow us to attain the benefits possible in a forest targeted to a particular segment of the whole forest life timeline, produces years-saving results. Is it possible to manage for sugar maple without including all climax species, such as beech, hemlock, yellow and black birch in the mix? Ironically, management often does exactly what we wish not to do. Are there biological differences between a 12-inch average diameter forest that has *grown* relatively undisturbed, when compared to a 12-inch average diameter forest that has *resulted* from the removal of all merchantable larger trees? Cutting trees is the answer, yes, but selection remains the question.

Arranged will be a combination of driving and walking (running is not allowed due to so many of us who have forgotten how). Bruce Robinson will be talking, thus generous rest/recover periods will result at each stop.

We will have an opportunity to see improved access, vernal pools, and a new pond benefiting wildlife."

2021 Picnic and Annual Meeting

by Mike Seager

Dave Swanson and his family have graciously offered to host the WFL chapter for a picnic and annual meeting on Saturday, September 25.

Given the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and the impossibility of knowing what restrictions may be in place several months in the future, we are having an outdoor picnic this year in lieu of our usual indoor, catered annual dinner.

The Swansons' Osage Farm is a crop and former dairy farm that includes a substantial woodlot. The woodlot contains, among other attractions, some giant oak trees, a spectacular gully, and an osage orange grove that gives the farm its name.

We will start arriving around 10:30 am to allow plenty of time for socializing before lunch at noon. Bring your own lunch – something cold, or something to cook on the wood-fired grill. Also bring a lawn chair or other seating. The chapter will provide a variety of non-alcoholic drinks.

Around 1:00 pm we will start our annual meeting. This usually takes only 10-15 minutes and consists of electing a new board of directors and drawings for a Stihl chainsaw and perhaps other raffle prizes. Note that, unlike our past annual dinners, we will not be giving out door prizes this year.

Following the business meeting we will begin a tour of some of the highlights of the farm. Participants can walk, or ride in the tractor-drawn wagon. Dave will surely prove to be an entertaining host.

For the adventurous among us, there is room to pitch a tent or park a camper and spend the night.

WHAT: WFL picnic and annual meeting

WHEN: Saturday, September 25, 2021, starting at 10:30 am.

WHO: All WFL members and their families are welcome.

WHERE: : Osage Farm, south of Mt. Morris, NY. The picnic area is on the north side of Swanson Road, between Begole Road and Creek Road. Look for NYFOA signs along the side of the road. This is a bit nebulous, since there is no house at this location and thus no street address. If you need help finding the place either before the picnic or on the day, call Mike at (585) 414 6511.

Welcome New Members

Kim Donselaar
Gerry Gacioch
Mike O'Connell
Kathy Sheets

Clyde
Fairport
Lima
Macedon

Genesee Country Village and Museum (GCV&M)

by Colette Morabito

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 18, 2021** - Smithsonian Day at the GCV&M. It is a free admission day as well as WFL's opportunity to share NYFOA's message out with the many passersby from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. We are most excited to enlist a founding NYFOA member, **Hugh Canham**, who will make two presentations that day in the John L. Wehle Gallery.

Noon: An Overview of the Forests and Forestry in New York State

2 p.m.: What You Should Know About Your Woodlot and How to Get Help

We are grateful to Mike Seager, Ron Reitz, Greg Lessord, and Colette & David Morabito for the gift of their time to interact with the public that day. Handing out all manner of forestry brochures, answering questions, signing up new members to NYFOA, as well as encouraging visits from Master Forest Owner (MFO) volunteers, these will be just some of their contributions.

The GCV&M is a wonderful location to enjoy a day full of nostalgia from yesteryear. But be sure to reserve some time out of your day to come by the Wehle Gallery to hear Hugh's presentations as well as to experience the exhibit: Nature's Chain: The Land and Our Place in It. The WFL booth will be set up in the museum; please stop and say hello. We are proud to say that NYFOA is an integral part of the exhibit. This is a great opportunity for WFL to meet with the public again after so many months of isolation. There is food available on site and many picnic tables set up around the village for treats from your picnic basket. As always, please be sure to respect the NYS Covid-19 restrictions that may be in place at the GCV&M at that time.

Website for GCV&M: www.gcv.org

COVID Blues

by Dick Starr

If you're suffering from the COVID blues
For you I have some splendid news

Go buy a brand new pair of shoes
Or just for hoots a new pair of boots

Then go to the woods and take a walk
Take a companion so you can talk

If a hunter has joined this walk
S/he can practice doing a stalk

Enjoying the woods is called forest bathing
I've heard about it some comments scathing

I think it's because some are prude
They object to forest bathing in the nude

Or take a walk with chain saw in hand
More fun really than a rock & roll band

Or perhaps with a satisfying sigh
When finally finished with the TSI

Recently reported on the scene
J & J has released a vaccine

That now makes a total of three
And the best part is the shot is free

New variants seem to pop up often
What can we do to make that news soften

Why is it variant instead of mutation
From all these terms I need a vacation

Someday we'll look back on these troubling days
As through a mirror darkly or perhaps a haze

Who would have thought there's a silver lining
When through it all there's been much whining

But one of the things that seems to be new
Very few people have caught the flu

I'd like to get a shot but it's an ouchy
But it's my duty says Dr. Fauci

There aren't many words that rhyme with Fauci
All I can think of is the term sloucy

If to the needle you have a strong fear
Get J & J's it's just one poke my dear

Wouldn't it be neat to be named Maxine
Then your name would rhyme with vaccine

When it's your turn to get the shot
Be sure to do it and fear not

If you refuse because you hate shots
You're no better than a snoot full of snot (it rhymes)

When available get your vaccination
Do it with haste and no reservation

The experts call it inoculation
It's the thing to do for the nation

After all it's a vaccination
Not the same as an amputation

And remember there's a shot #2
Waiting in a vial just for you

So get your shot without delay
To quote Scooby Doo it's Hey Hey Hey

Now I think it's just about time
To end this terrible silly rhyme

Wood Lot To Do List

by Colette Morabito

What is on your To Do List for your summer forest management? If it is anything like me, it is pages and pages of items. Some items get pushed forward year after year. For example: stream bank improvements along with adjacent tree plantings; trail improvements and a system for marking trailheads; grass cutting with an operating chain saw in tow; cutting, hauling, and stacking firewood; food plots; forest landing improvement projects, forest pond prospects for wildlife, etc. Have I considered just simply adding **gratitude** to my list? Have I set time aside to be grateful for the opportunity to nurture and foster this miniscule piece of the world for which I have been blessed to care? Am I doing my part to express this gratitude? What is gratitude?

To some, gratitude may take the shape of blisters and callouses from a long day's work with a shovel, chain-saw, or pruning shears. A backache from stacking wood for an Upstate New York's typically long, cold, dark winter can most certainly be considered. How about that extra and much needed wood pile-reserved for the boiling of sap to make maple syrup in late February and March. Freezing cold digits, sunburns, bug bites, scratches from brambles, twisted ankles, cuts, bruises, ripped and dirty mud-stained clothing, slaps in the face by tree limb switches from walking to close behind your hiking partner, etc. Without these formidable discomforts, might we forget why we love our land? The sweet juicy raspberries, blackberries, and wild strawberries all scream of our gratitude when our water bottles are empty, and we are far from finishing our job list required for the day! Finding a newborn fawn peeking at you, lying undisturbed in the tall grass as you start your trek back to the cabin. A rafter of some 40 scavenging turkeys passing your kitchen window on Thanksgiving morning but you stand hypnotized, unable to run for your camera to prove such a sighting. Bats returning to feed over your pond at dusk after several years of absence fearing that they had been permanently compromised by the White-nose Syndrome. These are all but a few great gifts that should never be taken for granted.

I have become so caught up in getting everything accomplished that I begin to lose sight of what is actually happening in and on our property. For instance, all the different soils we must consider in and around our forest. What was abandoned agriculture is now open field, cut in the fall of each third year for the sake of wildlife and reenergizing the soil. No tilling having taken place there for 20 plus years. The soil regeneration is on its own schedule. Small mammals, countless birds, and a myriad of plants thriving in an intact area adjacent to the woods. Adjacent to this field is a young forest followed by our mature forest. Here, in our mature woods, the forest floor is also flourishing with the undisturbed leaf litter that perpetuates seedling regeneration, shrubs, and spring flowers. As we care for the trees and under-

growth, the forest feeds not only us with venison, quail, mushrooms, and wild leeks, but sustains and feeds all the other forest creatures both above and below the soil. Delicious gratitude. Lest we forget the sap that so generously flows each spring, pure and sweet, from countless varieties of trees, which we collect and drink with abandon! These gifts sustain our bodies and our minds. Cheers to Mother Earth who provides these simple yet profoundly substantial acts of generosity. Am I genuinely appreciating these natural gifts? Certainly, I should openly acknowledge them. Honestly, I am profoundly grateful having had my eyes opened to the wonders of nature. My heart and ears open to being taught the skills and brave enough to act on the many opportunities to harvest these many natural gifts. True gratitude is now sharing and teaching the next generation to continue this appreciation and with it, a great responsibility.

As you undoubtedly know, soil and water go hand in hand. One of the greatest bonuses of our forest property is the water. A remarkable resource that sustains our cabin, forest, fields, streams, and eventually meanders its way to the Genesee River. Pure running water is certainly a gift worth shouting from the mountain top. It spills out of the ground and quenches our thirsty mouths. The surface of the forest floor captures some of the water before it goes deep underground, sustaining the roots of all the trees and plants, thus nourishing all the wildlife that depend on these plants for survival. I surely do not want to forget the countless amphibians that need our undisturbed water resources to secure their reproduction and life cycles without having to cross the State road! Water, by its sheer nature, is such a personification of life. It so graciously gives as the sun glistens and twinkles off the meandering streams which then bubble downhill into our ponds and beyond. Water so fresh, cold, clean, and unadulterated. Soil and water, trees and sun. Ingredients to the testament of life and my intense gratitude for it all.

Have I spent quality time listening to the wind blowing through the canopy of my beloved trees whose species I am unable to identify both genus and/or species? What else is up there? Beneath the canopy of our glorious forest the other plants, animals, birds, insects, amphibians, bacteria, and I are all thriving. The babbling brook sings as the water rushes past to continue its never ending, life giving bounty. I endeavor to create a maintainable relationship of keeping my environment viable, healthy, and sustained. Time is a true gift we can give to our land so as to allow it to heal from whatever came before, including our absolute best intentions gone awry. Let us not forget to take just a moment to reflect on all that we as landowners owe to our mutual interconnectedness with our properties and one another. Count me as eternally grateful to all conscientious landowners and educators who share in the desire and ideals of thoughtful timber and land management.

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A joint venture between Kyoto University and Japanese logging company Sumitomo Forestry aims to have the world's first wooden satellites orbiting the Earth by 2023. Really. There are an estimated 6,000 satellites now orbiting the Earth, and most of them are non-functional. Apparently, each time a dead satellite re-enters our atmosphere, it produces alumina particles as it burns up, and these micro-bits remain in the stratosphere for years, eating away at the protective ozone layer. Of course, when wood burns it does not produce alumina. Toasted marshmallows, perhaps, but not any dangerous pollution. Plus, if one of these satellites should break up in space, wood chips are way less dangerous to the International Space Station than the myriad nuts, bolts and metal shards floating around up there.

The engineers at Kyoto University aren't using plywood or OSB board, obviously. Researchers from the University of Maryland, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and other institutions have found various ways to make wood super-strong and amazingly light and thin.

The University of Maryland's "super wood," as they call it, is equal to steel in strength, yet is lighter than aluminum. Dr. Liangbing Hu, leader of the UM research team, says their low-cost innovation will rival steel and titanium alloys in construction uses, and is much cheaper. Hu expects it to be used in cars and planes in the future (which makes sense, since using it in the past would be tricky).

Scientists at the National Institute of Standards and Technology have combined wood fiber with, of all things, a marine worm to create a product which is comparable to super wood, but is more flexible. Similar work is being done in many other countries, including France and Sweden, where engineers have focused on transparent wood for shatter-proof windows.

The recent news (see the BBC's December 2020 report at <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-55463366>) about Japanese engineers branching out into wood satellites is pretty amazing, but wood has been moving into unexpected areas for some time now. A very cool example is San Francisco-based Allbird, which since 2014 has been making soft, comfortable wood-fiber running shoes. Made from sustainably grown eucalyptus trees, the sneakers are said to be unusually light, cool and comfortable, especially good for hot climates.

But that's a pedestrian use compared to what French tire maker Michelin has been doing since

2018. It's hard to believe that a giant manufacturer like that would take a page from Fred Flintstone.

While Fred's tires were puncture-proof, Michelin's wood-based tires will look and perform like conventional tires, which on average are 80% petroleum-derived. Michelin engineers have found a way to produce elastomers – which are stretchy compounds, as you might imagine – from paper-mill waste. These tires are expected to be rolled out within the next two years. Wood-based pneumatic tires can still be pierced by a nail, but are way more comfortable than solid logs. I only hope that companies that produce braking systems aren't inspired by the Flintstones as well.

And finally, a research team at the University of Delaware has developed a way to make adhesive polymers from tree lignin. By volume, the vast majority of a tree is cellulose. Trees produce lignin for strength on an as-needed basis because it takes a lot of energy to make; on a windy site a tree will produce more, and the same tree in a protected location will produce less. It's analogous to a normal parking garage, which needs some reinforcing steel in the cement. If that garage is intended for tanks and trucks, a lot more steel had better go in the 'crete.

Anyway, the University of Delaware group, led by professor of Materials Science and Engineering Dr. Thomas Epps, has created a low-cost adhesive from these lignin polymers. They reportedly made a transparent tape that they say performs as well as commercial Scotch tape. Dr. Epps is now experimenting with a wide variety of tree species to see if the lignins, which differ slightly from one kind of tree to another, could have unique applications.

Considering the miracles that trees are, think about planting a few this spring. You never know – you might be growing an actual cure for the common cold.

Paul Hetzler has been an ISA-certified arborist since 1996. He claims not to have made any of this up.

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**ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal, state, and local health agencies recommend specific local protocols to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE RISK: I understand the New York Forest Owners Association (NYFOA) will be following all recommendations from the federal, state, and local government and health agencies to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, NYFOA cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, participating in programs of NYFOA could increase my risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19.

I attest that:

- I am not experiencing any symptoms of illness such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
- I have not traveled internationally in the past 14 days.
- I have not traveled to a highly impacted area within the United States in the past 14 days.
- I do not believe that I have been exposed to a person with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19.
- If I have been diagnosed with COVID-19, I have been cleared as a non-contagious by state or local public health authorities.

By participating in NYFOA programs and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death, I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 diseases may result from the actions, omissions, of myself and others, including, but not limited to NYFOA volunteers, other participants, visitors or vendors.

I voluntarily agree to assume all the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to myself (including but not limited to personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss claim, liability or expenses of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with my participation in NYFOA programming. On my behalf, and on behalf of my heirs and estates, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless NYFOA, its directors, officers, volunteers, agents and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes Claims based on the actions, or omissions of NYFOA, its directors, officers, volunteers, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after my participation.

_____ Address: _____
Participant Name (Please Print)

_____ Date : _____
Participant Signature

Return this signed form to the sponsoring NYFOA Chapter Representative prior to participation.

Raffle # 1 of 2: DRYSHOD BOOT RAFFLE

Returning Corporate Sponsor (And Raffle)

by Greg Lessord

DRYSHOD USA (dryshodusa.com) is the maker of waterproof footwear. Their line includes women's and men's hunting, lawn and garden, farm and ranch, outdoor and work boots plus kid's outdoors. Men's sizes available up to 16, women's up to 11 and kid's in children's to 13 and youth to 04.

Some of the key features are athletic shoe sizing for a better fit, waterproof, insulated, easy on / easy off design, breathable airmesh linings are nonabrasive and hypoallergenic. They feature a larger toe bumper for maximum protection and a heel kick and rigid heel protection.

Former Muck Boot Company founder and owner Jim Donahue says "DRYSHOD was developed to bring great waterproof footwear to hardworking farmers, hunters, gardeners and outdoor enthusiasts everywhere. With the goal of becoming the # 1 brand in waterproof footwear".

The WFL board has elected to **hold a raffle**. The winner will receive the voucher which will be good for ANY pair of his / her choice. And there are a LOT of choices.

Tickets are **one chance for \$5.00 or three chances for \$10.00**. Winning ticket will be drawn at the September 25th Annual meeting at the Swanson Osage Farm. Winner need not be present to win.

To enter, fill in your information and send your ticket(s) along with your **check payable to NYFOA** to:

**NYFOA/WFL Raffle Coordinator
Director Greg Lessord
449 Hubbell Rd.
Spencerport, NY 14459**

In the meantime we encourage you to visit their website and visit a dealer near you. Better yet, attend any chapter event (bring some friends) and check out the sample in person..

GOOD LUCK!

Note: For more than 3 tickets you can copy this page or this entire newsletter can be downloaded at <https://www.nyfoa.org/chapters/western-finger-lakes> and printed from the copy of this newsletter there.



DRYSHOD BOOT RAFFLE TICKET

(each ticket = 1 chance)

Winners Choice!

Any pair from [Dryshod Catalog](#)

Donations: 1 Ticket for \$5, 3 for \$10

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Some Tree Trivia

by Dick Starr

Lignum vitae is a hardwood native to the West Indies. Its grain is the finest of any wood known and it has an iron like density. An air dried cubic foot weighs 83 pounds and it does not float.

Some useful tinyurl's:

- For the latest information on NYS stumpage prices, go to <https://tinyurl.com/DEC-Stumpage>
- For NYFOA's Facebook page, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/NYFOA-FB>
- For our Western Finger Lakes chapter's page on the NYFOA website, go to <https://tinyurl.com/NYFOA-WFL>

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Raffle # 2 of 2: Stihl Chainsaw Raffle

STIHL CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Chainsaw Raffle

by Pete Muench

Stihl Chainsaws have provided corporate support for the WFL Chapter of NYFOA for many years by providing Stihl equipment free of charge. The equipment is to be raffled off at our Annual Meeting with the proceeds benefitting WFL programs. The Territorial Manager for Northeast Stihl, Dan Ras, has generously encouraged this sponsorship, and for 2021 has furnished a new Stihl chainsaw.

The drawing will be held at the September 25th Annual meeting at the Swanson Osage Farm, and the winner will receive a voucher good for the saw..

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A second raffle with the same drawing date, as discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, is for DRYSHOD boots. Take a look.

GOOD LUCK

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Classifieds

Wanted: Woodlot and Related Activity Photos. We're building a small collection of photos for publicity and similar NYFOA purposes. If you have photos from woodwalks, woodlot activities, NYFOA activities, etc. and are willing to share, please e-mail them to Jim Minor, jcminor@rochester.rr.com.

Tree Tubes for Sale - Member/(Non-Member) price: 4' w/o stake (\$5.50/\$6.00); 4' w/ stake (\$6.50/\$7.00); 5' is special order... please call (585) 880-1799 or (585) 367-2847 for price quote. Proceeds benefit WFL chapter.

For Sale: 73 surveyed acres on Holliday Road in Granger, Allegany Co. Moderately lying land with 2 or 3 beautiful streams and a small waterfall. The timber has not been cut in 20+ years. Good road frontage with utilities available, 6 miles east of Fillmore (Rt 19), 1 mile from village of Short Tract. Asking \$1500/acre with 10 year owner financing at 7%, or make offer to <TLTowner@aol.com>.

PLEASE NOTE: Space permitting, the WFL Board of Directors allows members to place free classified ads in this newsletter pertaining to good stewardship practices. However, ads presented here are not an endorsement by WFL.

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∞ Upcoming Events ∞

Note: For possible updates to these meetings and to learn about events in neighboring chapters and across the state go to our NYFOA website's EVENTS section at

<https://www.nyfoa.org/events>

General Meetings

We look forward to the possibility of general meetings beginning again in early 2022. Enjoying some educational opportunities one-on-one will be enjoyable as we have some great speakers lined up. There are many outdoor activities planned for this summer. Please consider joining with other NYFOA members at any of these events. Your attendance will be greatly anticipated.

Please be aware that NYFOA, in accordance with Covid-19 protocols for both State and Federal recommendations, will be asking attendees to fill out the **ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS/COVID 19** form (page 8 of this newsletter) prior to participation in their events. Forms will be available for your signature at all NYFOA sponsored events. Please feel free to bring your own copy found here in the newsletter.

Piestrak Forestland Woodswalk –Saturday June 26

Please see a more extensive write-up on page 3

WFL Board of Directors Meeting

July 27, 2021 at 8 p.m. is scheduled as our next designated WFL chapter board meeting. Although we will try to have an in-person meeting, NYS Covid-19 restrictions may still be an obstacle. Thus, we will continue to have telephone-conference board meetings until things change significantly in our area. Please let our chapter President, Dick Starr, know if you are interested in sharing your ideas and/or suggestions. We welcome all WFL members participation. Dick's information can be found on Page 2 of the newsletter **About Us** section.

Morabito Woods Walk 2021—Saturday, August 14th

Please see a more extensive write-up on page 4

Garlic Braiding Class

The garlic braiding class is going to happen! The official day and time: **Friday, August 20th at 1:00 p.m.**

Harmony Acres Garlic Farm, 6785 Mount Morris Nunda Road, Mount Morris, NY 14510

The cost is \$25.00 per person, per braid. Trust me when I say that bringing home your own hand-braided, locally grown, garlic braid is both beautiful and delicious. No previous braiding experience necessary! Consider making one for yourself and one for a friend. These make great gifts! And feel free to bring a friend or two. All are welcome.

I will need an exact head count for the Harmony Acres Garlic Farm owners as there is a lot of preparation required for each braid, starting the night before! Thank you to those who have called and/or emailed with their RSVP. When it gets closer to the date, I will touch base with everyone for the exact number in your party who will be attending.

My email: colettemorabito57@gmail.com

Phone: 585/248-0654

"There are 5 elements: Earth, Air, Fire, Water and garlic."
Louis Diat

Genesee Country Village and Museum—Saturday September 18, 2021

Please see a more extensive write-up on page 5

2021 PICNIC AND ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Please see a more extensive write-up on page 4

Member Profile

Each issue of the Forest Owner magazine contains a 'Member Profile' section. Jeff Joseph, chair of the editorial committee, is seeking NYFOA members to feature. If you have interest in having your woodlot efforts show-cased, contact Jeff at jeffjosephwoodworker@gmail.com.



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A wagonload of attendees at the 2018 Piestrak woods walk. Don't miss your opportunity to participate in this year's Piestrak event on June 26. Please see page 3 for details.

Mark Your Calendar

- June 26—Piestrak Forestland Woodswalk*
- July 27—WFL Board of Directors Meeting*
- August 3-5—Empire Farm Days at Palladino Farms, Jamesville, NY
- August 14—Morabito Woods Walk*
- August 20—Garlic Braiding Class*
- September 18—Genesee Country Village and Museum*
- September 25—WFL Picnic and Annual Meeting*

* See inside for details

Note: For event reminders and late-breaking news, subscribe to our email list by sending a blank email to-

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