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NFC NEWSLETTER

Niagara Frontier Chapter

New York Forest Owners Association www.nyfoa.org

NFC Chapter welcomes Bob Glidden as chairman

The Niagara Frontier Chapter New York Forest Owners is fortunate to have long time active member Bob Glidden step up to fill a vacancy when past chairman Rita Hammond retired.

The following is a "get-acquainted" letter from Bob which is full of enthusiasm and a love of forests.

Welcome aboard, Bob.

Due to the retirement of past chairman Rita Hammond, I volunteered to accept the responsibilities of chairman for the Niagara Frontier Chapter. We have formed a Steering Committee and have had two reorganizational meetings. Details of the progress we are making are included in this Newsletter.



Bob Glidden is a great listener with a love of forestry.

Let me introduce myself.

I am Bob Glidden and have been a NYFOA member for 20-plus years, and for the past two years your delegate to the State Association. My wife Pat and I are Rural Landowners residing on 30 acres in Northeastern Niagara County near Barker.

I have been a MFO since 1995, our property is certified under the Tree Farm Program, and we have participated in many WHIP programs through the USDA.

We are currently following a Management Plan for the enhancement of song birds, turkeys and pheasant habitat. We have established a Blue Bird trail along with hiking trails. There is a bass, bluegill and koi pond (1/2 acre) and also a 1 acre duck and goose marsh with adjacent grasslands and we just finished a 3 acre grouse habitat area in 2014.

As you can see we keep very busy and, as you well know from the time and effort you spend on your properties, nothing comes easy, but the enjoyment is endless.

Please note in this newsletter a listing of your new Officers and Steering Committee members. If you have anything of interest please contact any one of us for follow up. If you would like to write an article for upcoming newsletters please let Mitch Banas know ASAP for coordination with our editor Barbara Tucker.

We are currently looking for someone or a couple to serve on the board as State Delegate.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Steering Committee let me know. You will not be pressured to serve on a specific committee but just another voice to be heard at the Committee meetings.

Hope you all survived the November and January snows and had a Happy Holiday Season and looking forward to a great New Year.

Bob

NFC Steering Committee

The following NFC members have agreed to be part of the 2015 steering committee. Feel free to contact any committee member with suggestions or ideas to keep the Chapter strong. If you have an email address that you can share to save our Chapter postage, send it along to wgtbt@aol.com. Note NYFOA as the subject.

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Good Food, Great Speaker Mark Annual Potluck Luncheon

Although it seems far from Spring, warmer temperatures and forsythia, they are coming as is our annual **Potluck Luncheon and Spring meeting**.

This year's fun affair will take place at noon Saturday, March 28 at the Oakbrook Condominiums Community House, 100 Oakbrook Drive, Williamsville (off of Maple Road, between Hopkins and Youngs).

Thanks to Dave Preston for arranging for this wonderful, warm, inviting venue which we have used in the past — always with enthusiasm and great comments.



Our featured speaker will be Kim Sherwood, who will be giving us a quite timely update on the recent hydrofracking developments in the State (yes, there still is something to talk about even though Gov. Cuomo has made the decision to ban hydrofracking in the state.)

We will also be presenting the Chapter's 2014 "Volunteer of the Year Award" to immediate past president Rita Hammond, in recognition of her many years of dedicated service to the Chapter.

As in the past, we ask that you bring a dish to pass. The chapter will supply plastic ware, plates, cups, coffee and pop.

For more information, call Dave Preston (688-4921) and we're hoping to see you all there!

More plans on the way for our summer enjoyment!

NFC Steering Committee members Deb and Vic Bandinelli will be the proud hosts of our chapter's **Spring Woodswalk** on Saturday, May 30 at their 37-acre family forest in Bliss, New York.

Deb's parents bought the property in 1968, which Deb and Vic have owned since 2001. The mostly pine woods was reforested from farmland in the mid-1940s and is now turning over to hardwoods.

Come hear Deb, Vic and their forester Eric Stawitzky talk about how they started with just a fire lane in 1968, have erected a barn, built, moved and expanded a cabin, dug a pond and expect to soon build a new homestead!

We will gather at their property at 3978 Telegraph Road, Bliss around 10 a.m. and start the woodswalk once we get any preliminaries out of the way, with lunch to

follow.

The Bandinellis say that there are portions of the property that can be wet depending on the weather, so they recommend that any of you "city folk" leave the flip-flops and sneakers at home in favor of boots.

If you have any questions, call Deb at 622-9646. Come join what will no doubt be an educational and fun woodswalk!

NYFOA NFC 2015 Calendar

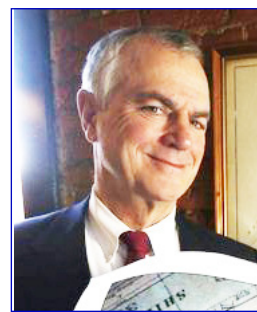
* **March 28:** Annual Pot Luck Luncheon, noon at the Oakbrook Condominiums Community House Meeting Room, 100 Oakbrook Drive, Williamsville (off of Maple Road between Hopkins and Young Roads). Contact Person: Dave Preston, 688-4921.

* **May 30:** Spring Woodswalk, 10 a.m. at Bandinelli Woods, 3978 Telegraph Road, Bliss. See write-up above for details.

* **Sept. 12:** Fall Woodswalk, 10 a.m. at DeLellis Woods, 7911 Trall Road, Freedom. Details to follow in our next newsletter.

NFC NYFOA member lauded for renewal efforts

David Colligan, a long-time active NFC NYFOA member who has devoted his time to timber theft, was the focus of an article in a recent Buffalo News article.



Four years ago, when he was an Erie Canal Harbor Development Corp., board member, he proposed the idea of digging a historically aligned canal at the old Aud site, now a new skating destination, according to Buffalo News reporter Robert Kirkham.

The article notes how David came up with the idea and how at that moment in 2010 that he knew Buffalo's past would become it's future.

Many of our chapter members will recall David's enthusiasm and commitment to the Olmsted Parks Conservancy and Re-Tree Buffalo in addition to his focus on forests and forestry.

In the past, he welcomed NFC members at his woods, even hosting a pancake breakfast at his sugar shanty.

As far as his latest accomplishment, one only has to look at the TV news to see how many skaters and ice bikers have already glided across the ice, which in spring will melt to bring the water-front inland.

Congratulations to David and let's hope he is able to join us at the Spring potluck luncheon.

**Editor's
Corner**



FRIGID! Hope I never hear that word again this winter.

This newsletter is full of new information, not the least of which is a new chairman, Bob Glidden. I'm sorry to see Rita Hammond (my sister) retire because if it wasn't for her, I would not be doing the newsletter — after all the only trees I own are the six around my home.

Thanks to the efforts of Mitch Banas who sent along so many great articles. He's very committed to NYFOA and will be invaluable on the steering committee.

If you have ideas, photos or suggestions for the newsletter, email them to me at wgtbt@aol.com or mail to 849 Delaware Road, Kenmore NY 14223. — Barbara Tucker

Stumpage Price Report

This report is for the Western/Central Region, DoyleRule. Price paid to owner for standing trees. Listing is most common price and low-high, (median) per thousand board feet. This report is latest report — Winter 2014 The next report will be in late January.

Species	Low Price Range (Median)	Average Price Range (Median)	High Price Range (Median)
Ash, white	50-400 (250)	150-600 (400)	250-800 (550)
Aspen	10-50 (25)	25-80 (40)	25-100 (50)
Basswood	50-150 (100)	50-250 (150)	100-375 (200)
Beech	20-150 (30)	30-100 (50)	50-200 (90)
Birch, white	NR	NR	NR
Birch, yellow	25-250 (100)	50-375 (195)	100-500 (300)
Butternut	100-250 (150)	100-380 (200)	100-420 (325)
Cherry, black	50-775 (400)	300-1000 (650)	500-1400 (870)
Elm, American	NR	100 (100)	NR
Hemlock	50-200 (30)	35-110 (50)	50-125 (100)
Hickory (spp)	50-200 (100)	50-300 (150)	100-500 (250)
Maple, hard (sugar)	50-700 (450)	435-925 (650)	535-1000 (850)
Maple, red (soft)	50-300 (150)	150-400 (265)	200-500 (400)
Oak, Chestnut	50-200 (150)	50-350 (200)	125-500 (300)
Oak, red	50-700 (400)	300-900 (580)	475-1000 (750)
Oak, white	60-300 (200)	130-400 (300)	200-750 (400)
Pine, red	45-85 (55)	50-200 (80)	70-150 (100)
Pine, white	25-100 (50)	50-120 (90)	60-200 (125)
Poplar, Tulip	50-200 (100)	50-300 (150)	100-4000 (245)
Spruce	45-135 (90)	50-185 (100)	100-240 (145)
Walnut, black	200-900 (500)	500-1200 (800)	100-1500 (1000)
Firewood	2-14 (7)	5-17 (10)	10-20 (15)

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Congress Slashes Conservation

By Traci Bruckner,
 Center for Rural Affairs

When thinking about the \$1.1 trillion spending bill passed by Congress last month, one might ask, what does Congress have against conservation?

They made huge cuts to conservation programs, such as the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) that supports conservation practices on cropland, pasture land and rangeland, totaling \$402 million over 10 years. This cut means 2.3 million fewer acres enrolled in the program.

This anti-conservation spending bill also cut the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) by \$136 million for this fiscal year.

While the CSP is designed to reward

farmers and ranchers who have a history of integrating conservation, EQIP will help them develop a conservation practice for the first time.

Both programs support practices such as cover crops, diverse cropping systems, as well as rotational grazing practices on pasture, rangeland, and cropland restored to a grass-based system.

These are the conservation-based farming practices we need more support for, not less. This is especially true in the face of climate change impacts on agriculture, and the increased need to protect and restore water quality.

So while they cut the conservation programs that help farmers and ranchers integrate risk management through

conservation-based farming practices, they left intact the unlimited federal crop insurance premium subsidies and farm program payments that encourage risk taking and agriculture consolidation by the nation's largest and wealthiest farms.

This is an anti-farmer, anti-conservation bill that is representative of crisis-driven legislation stemming from a dysfunctional Congress. Join us and fight for annual spending bills that are forward-looking, and create opportunity.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

Workshops, Farm Show, Conference Highlight State Activities

Feb. 26-28: NYFOA will again have a presence at the New York Farm Show on at the State Fairgrounds in Syracuse. New this year is an "Ask a Forester" feature. More information can be found at <http://ccecapiitalregion.org/calendarevents>.

March 7: Cornell Cooperative Extension's 2015 Rural Landowner Workshop will take place at Pioneer Central School in Yorkshire. As anyone who has attended knows, this is a "no-miss" event for those seeking to get the most out of their forests. More information can be found at <http://allegany-cattaraugus.cce.cornell.edu/events/2015/03/07/rural-landowner-workshop>.

May 15 and 16: The Foundation for Sustainable Forests' annual Loving the Land Through Working Forests conference will take place in New York for the first time – and in Chautauqua County at that. Friday night will feature guest speakers at the Chautauqua Institute, and Saturday's program will feature in-field sessions at a woodlands near Sherman, New York. Details will be announced on FFSF's website at <http://www.foundationfor->

Restore American Chestnut Goal of TACF

The mission of The American Chestnut Foundation is to restore the American chestnut tree to our eastern woodlands to benefit our environment, our wildlife, and our society.

TACF is a 501(c)3 conservation organization headquartered in Asheville, NC. To learn about TACF and its national breeding program, visit www.acf.org. To join the effort to restore the American chestnut tree, visit www.acf.org/join.php.

The Ten Thousand Chestnut Challenge has started to raise much-needed funds to produce 10,000 blight-resistant transgenic American chestnut trees; second, to get the public engaged in our American Chestnut Research & Restoration Project; and third, to promote the idea that biotechnology can be a useful tool for solving environmental problems. Please click this link: www.esf.edu/chestnutchallenge

Please donate if you are able (no amount is too small). If you can't donate, that is OK, but please click the support button under the donation button. Insert the link and a short note explaining the Ten Thousand Chestnut Challenge Campaign into NYFOA's website.

Dr. Charles Maynard

Co-Director, American Chestnut Research and Restoration Project

Great Reading Material for a Cold Winter's Night

My Land Plan: Don't know where to start managing your woodlands? Try <http://www.mylandplan.org/>. You're just one click away from mapping, planning, recording, and other tools to help you both enjoy and profit from your forest.

2014 Tax Tips: The USDA's flyer "Tax Tips for Forest Landowners for the 2014 Tax Year" is now available and can be found at <http://www.timbertax.org/developments/TaxTips2014.pdf>.

DEC: The DEC's website has a wealth of information helpful to forest owners, including how to find a forester (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5230.html>), timber harvesting (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5242.html>), and additional topics and resources (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/93912.html>).

Master Forest Owner: Program: Need to know more about New York's highly successful Master Forest Owner's Program, sponsored by the USDA Renewable Resources Extension Program, NYSDEC, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and our own NYFOA? Go to <http://www2.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/mfo/>.

Cornell ForestConnect: Many of you know of the excellent resources available at Peter Smallidge's Cornell ForestConnect website <http://cornellforestconnect.ning.com/>, but do you know about his monthly one-

hour webinars which each month highlight some important aspect of forest ownership? You can register for the webinar emailings at <http://www2.dnr.cornell.edu/ext/forestconnect/web.htm>.

Penn State Extension: Just like Cornell, Penn State has a wealth of resources available to forest owners on its website at <http://extension.psu.edu/natural-resources/forests>.

Hemlock Woody Adelgid in Zoar Valley: To learn more about this menace to our local hemlock trees, see the Dunkirk Observer's article at <http://www.observertoday.com/page/content.detail/id/604689.html>.

LAST MINUTE NOTE

Woodlot owners are drawn to wildlife, wildlife they can see and knowing they are providing useful habitat. They say beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and that certainly is the case when it comes to wildlife habitat. Animals, unlike people, tend to prefer messy surroundings that provide good places to hide and abundant food items. Woodland owners and forest managers can play active roles in assuring woodland have a variety of habitats to support a diversity of wildlife species. Learn about the steps you can take to create better wildlife habitat and increase biodiversity, and how looking at your woodland as part of the surrounding landscape can help you make important management decisions.

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