

NEW YORK FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER FALL 2006 NEWSLETTER

LENNOX FOREST TOUR PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 14

Join us and see fourteen different silvicultural treatments along a two-mile trail in the Lennox Memorial Model Forest, near Delhi in Delaware County. Owned by CCE of Delaware County, the Lennox Demonstration Forest was completed in 2001 and has hosted hundreds natural resource managers and forest owners from around the world. In addition to silvicultural treatments, we will observe best management practices (BMP's) for erosion control and numerous deer exclosures to test the effect of browsing on regeneration. Our woods walk will be led by Forester Collin Miller, from the Watershed Agricultural Council Forestry Program. We will meet to form car pools at 8:00 a.m. in the rear parking lot at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 840 Front Street, Binghamton (just North from I 81 Exit 5, next to Applebee's). The tour will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and you might want to bring a bag lunch to eat at Lennox before we return. If you will be driving yourself, here are directions:

Lennox Forest adjoins 4H Camp Shankitunk, 2420 Arbor Hill Road, Delhi.

From Walton – Take Rt.10 toward Delhi. Go through Hamden and turn right on County Rt.2 to Delancy. Turn left on Arbor Hill or Back River Rd. Camp is 1 mile on the left.

From Delhi- Go about 1 mile on Rt. 28 toward Andes. Turn right on Arbor Hill Rd. and go about 4.5 miles. Camp is on the right.

From Andes- Take Rt. 28 toward Delhi. About a mile from Delhi, turn left on Arbor Hill Rd (by a golf course). Go about 4.5 miles to Camp on the right.

Please advise Kevin Mathers if you will be attending so that we can plan accordingly (607) 772-8954, extension 130, or kjm8@cornell.edu. Wear appropriate footwear and a parka if appropriate. We plan to hold this woods walk rain or shine. For additional information on Lennox Forest, see their web site at http://nycwatershed.org/edu_model.html. Click on "Press" in the Lennox Forest window.

FOREST INSECT PROGRAM PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 8

Worried about the increasing populations of Gypsy Moth and Forest Tent Caterpillar in our region? Feeling threatened by the relentless march of the Emerald Ash Borer in our direction from the mid-west? Come and learn how to identify forest insect pests at various stages of their life cycle, how they threaten your forested property or landscape, and what you can do about it. Other insects to be covered will include Eastern Tent Caterpillar, Peach Bark Beetle (attacks black cherry), & Sirex Noctilio (wood-boring wasp). Our speaker will be Kim Adams, from the Environmental and Forest Biology Faculty at Syracuse University. Program will be held in the auditorium at CCE Broome County, 840 Front Street, Binghamton. Doors open at 6:30 and the program will begin at 7:00. Public is welcome, bring a friend. Put this on your calendar now; there will not be another notice.

CHAPTER PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR WINTER & SPRING 2007

The Fall 2006 and Winter/Spring 2007 programs were selected with input from the SOT Steering Committee and members surveyed by Email. Future programs will include:

1. Markets For Low-Value and/or Small-Quantity Harvests.

This will be a panel discussion including a DEC Forester, a Consulting Forester and experienced forest owners. January or February.

2. Saw Mill Tour, probably on a Saturday in March.

3. The Application of Crop Tree Management in Firewood Harvests, a Saturday program in April or May.

Details on these programs will be provided in our **Winter 2007 Newsletter**

NOTE: Due to declining attendance, we have not scheduled our usual Pot Luck Supper meeting in the spring. If anyone feels strongly about keeping this event on the schedule, and is willing to handle the arrangements, call or Email Dana Benjamin.

GET WIRED FOR FORESTRY !

Give us your Email address and receive this newsletter a few days early online (we'll still send a copy by snail mail). You will also receive reminders about meetings and programs (we only do the mailed newsletter three times a year). We'll also forward late-breaking forestry news from Cornell and other sources that you might not want to wait up to three months to hear about. Send an Email to Membership Chairman Bob Lunt and ask him to put you on the Email distribution list. We promise not to give your address to spammers or anybody else! Bob's Email address is woodsman@nep.net.

AN OUTSTANDING WEB SITE !

Go to www.ForestConnect.info for Cornell University's Extension Forestry web site. You will find links to many educational articles and current news and, by clicking on the "Calendar" link, a schedule of programs throughout the state for several months ahead.

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 20-24 MASTER FOREST OWNER VOLUNTEER TRAINING CLASS

Want to bring your knowledge of forest management to a higher level? Want to share your knowledge and experience with others? Training is conducted at Cornell's Arnett Teaching & Research Forest in Van Etten, NY. Call (607) 255-2115 for information.

TIMBER TAXATION WORKSHOPS OFFERED

Not sure how to report timber income on your federal tax return? Want to learn how to structure your woodlot for appropriate deductions? Join Cornell Cooperative Extension, the IRS, and the US Forest Service in a daylong workshop to learn about how to manage your timber and forestland-related tax liabilities. The workshop is open to the public, but is designed for Foresters, CPA's, tax preparers and business-minded forest owners. Presented on November 7th in Lowville, NY, and on Nov. 9th in Acra, NY. Registration information is available at www.ForestConnect.info via the Calendar link, or call Diana Bryant, Cornell University Department of Natural Resources, (607) 255-2115.

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BLUESTONE TOUR A GREAT SUCCESS

Participants in our Chapter's June 10 tour at Tompkins Bluestone Co. in Hancock felt it was one of the most interesting events we have sponsored in recent memory. The current issue of the NY Forest Owner magazine carries a story and photos of our tour on page 10. Attendees and others who would like a three-page handout on bluestone mining can call Kevin Mathers at CCE on (607) 772-8954, Extension 130.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED!

We still need a volunteer to serve as Editor for this newsletter. The job involves typing it up, getting it copied (usually at CCE), and attaching mailing labels and stamps. It goes to about 225 people, usually three times a year. If willing to help, call Dana Benjamin on (607) 723-2958.

GOT CONIFERS?

We received an Email from a Leo Covell, with Evergreens Unlimited. He is looking to purchase live conifers for transplanting as landscape trees. He wants Norway, Colorado, Serbian and white spruce, Douglas and concolor fir, and hemlock. Trees must be 7' to 18' tall, full-skirted and branched to the bottom. He says he pays top dollar for quality trees. His contact numbers are: Office (732) 777-1175, FAX (732) 777-1154, CELL (732) 684-4080.

GOT MUSHROOMS? GOT BIG OAK TREES?

NYFOA-SOT members whose properties include significant stands of white or red oak, beech or hemlock are invited to contact mycologist David W. Fischer, author of Edible Wild Mushrooms of North America, and coauthor of Mushrooms of Northeastern North America. Fischer, who moved to the Binghamton area from Syracuse six years ago, is impressed that the Southern Tier is a hotspot for several different species of edible wild mushrooms (particularly chanterelles and black trumpets) which fruit primarily in July and August. For many forest owners, this could be a significant annual harvestable resource.

In addition, forest owners whose properties include even just a few oak trees with diameters of three feet or more should watch from mid-September through late October for the large Hen of the Woods mushroom (also known as Maitake and Sheephead) at the base of those big oaks.

Fischer is willing to assist with mycofloristic property assessments, identification, and/or marketing. He can be reached at (607) 771-0495, or by Email at mycology@aol.com. He has a great web site at AmericanMushrooms.com.