

# Treelines

Winter 2021-2022



## Upcoming Chapter Events

### SOT Annual Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, January 19, 2022  
Doors open at 6:00 pm  
Cornell Cooperative Extension  
840 Upper Front Street,  
Binghamton, NY

### Game of Logging

Level 1 class, March 31 2022  
Level 2 Class April 2, 2022  
Port Crane, NY

### Family Science Day at the Farm

Saturday, June 4, 2022  
Woods Ravine Farm  
Norwich, NY

### Shiitake Mushroom Workshop and Woods Walk

Saturday, October 22, 2022  
The Uplands Center  
Walton, NY

## "Safety in the Woods"

About 20 SOT Chapter members attended the October 20th program presented by Jim Carrabba of the NY Center for Agricultural Health and Medicine, and I think everybody heard something important and new to them. Tractor rollovers often happen when skidding too many logs at one time, or hitched too high, or when the logs are tree-length. If

your tractor does not have ROPS installed (roll bars) you can apply through the National ROPS rebate program for a subsidized installation on your machine. And remember, a ROPS does no good unless you also use the safety belt. On the subject of pesticide use, the most common point of entry to the human body is through the skin, so the most important piece of PPE (personal protection equipment) is a pair of gloves approved for the particular application. Another common cause for serious pesticide accidents is using non-original storage containers or application equipment that are not clearly labeled as to their contents. Hard to believe, but people have died from drinking toxic chemicals that had been put into an innocent-looking water bottle for convenience in carrying small quantities. Of course chainsaw safety was discussed at some length and we were pleased to hear that NYCAMH offers a tuition subsidy for a limited number of Game of Logging courses throughout the state each year. NYFOA is currently looking into how our membership may be able to take advantage of these.

Following the NYCAMH Presentation, NYFOA member and consulting forester Mike Blasko discussed current markets for hardwood stumpage. Demand is still highest for lighter woods like Hard and Red maple, and White ash (when it is still healthy), but prices for Black cherry and Red oak have also recovered somewhat from 2019 depressed levels.

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### *Potluck Dinner Returns !!!*

After missing a year due to Covid, the popular annual Potluck Dinner will return on Wednesday, January 19th. The program will feature Master Luthier Kevin LaDue, whose custom-made acoustic guitars are in great demand. Kevin utilizes a wide variety of locally-grown hardwoods as well as Sitka spruce and cedar from Alaska in his guitars, which are works of art as well as fine musical instruments. He will bring some finished instruments and explain the process of converting a log into a potential Stradivarius. Kevin and a former apprentice luthier Jesse Lapadula will then entertain us with a few songs to demonstrate their craft and their musical talents. Here is a link to a short video interview with Kevin in his shop, where he eloquently describes his passion for the transformation of a tree into something beautiful and entertaining.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tk8pIHqca8>



As always, the Pot Luck Dinner will be held in the auditorium at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 840 Upper Front Street, Binghamton. Everyone attending is asked to bring a dish to share. Outlets are available for crock pots or warming trays. Beverages are provided, although members are encouraged to bring any non alcoholic favorites they wish to share. Please bring your own plate, eating utensils and drinking cup or mug. The entrance to the auditorium is at the rear of the CCE building. Doors will open at 6:00 and dinner will begin at 6:30. Please call 607 648-2941 and let us know how many are coming so we can set up enough tables.

### **Game of Logging**

Level 1 class, March 31 2022

Level 2 Class April 2, 2022

Bill Lindloff's ProCuts partners will conduct a level 1 class on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and a level 2 class on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. These classes are being offered through the Bassett Healthcare Network New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health. Participants are limited to 10 individuals per class and must be 18 years or older (younger with parent/guardian permission slip). The cost of the class is \$25.

To participate you will need to call 800-343-7527 or email [chainsawsafety@bassett.org](mailto:chainsawsafety@bassett.org).

You will need to provide your full name, phone number, mailing address and which class you would like to attend.

**You must take Level 1 before you can qualify for Level 2**

The indoor classroom training is scheduled to be held at the Town of

Fenton Hall, 44 Park Street, Port Crane, NY 13833. The outdoor training is scheduled to be held on the property of Stephen Kutney which is located at 460 Hunt Hill Road, Port Crane, NY 13833.

Other classes are being offered at different locations within New York State. Visit NYCAMH's website at [nycamh.org/programs-and-services/game-of-logging.php](http://nycamh.org/programs-and-services/game-of-logging.php) for more information.

### **Family Science Day at the Farm**

Saturday, June 4, 2022

9 am thru lunch

Woods Ravine Farm

Norwich, NY

This is a free family event with programs suitable for children from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade into middle school, but all ages are welcome. Activities will include science comic book, free tree give-away, plant/animal identification, among other activities to be determined.

Bird capture and banding - Audubon

Aquatic insects and amphibians - Binghamton University Biology Dept.

Woods Walk emphasizing bird friendly habitat - Audubon

Farm History and Tour - Woods Ravine Farm

The American Chestnut Foundation will provide Chestnut seedlings and there will be a native NY plant sale.

Sponsors include: Woods Ravine Farm, WSKG, Audubon, BU Biology, American Chestnut Foundation, and NYFOA. More information will be available in the spring newsletter.

### **Shiitake Mushroom Workshop and Woods Walk**

We are currently organizing a shiitake mushroom workshop and woods walk to be held at The Uplands Center in Walton, NY on Saturday October 22, 2022. This all day event will start at 8:30 am with registration and light refreshments. Participants will be divided into groups so all are able to go through the steps of inoculating logs and enjoy the woods walk, which will focus on foraging and wild mushroom identification presented by Tracey Testo of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties Agroforestry. Lunch will be included, or you may provide your own.

There will be a fee, which has yet to be determined, with a discount for NYFOA members.

There will be more information in the spring newsletter.

### **Message from the Chapter Chair**

Many landowners are not just interested in growing timber, they enjoy locating wild mushrooms and other edibles on their property. Learn your Land at [www.Youtube.com/c/LearnYourL](http://www.Youtube.com/c/LearnYourL) and is an excellent source of information about mushrooms and other edibles. Adam Haritan runs the channel. He lives in western Pennsylvania. Much of what he talks about applies to the Southern Tier of New York. You will be amazed at his knowledge of edible plants that can be found in the forest. The play list on the channel includes videos on Medicinal plants, Edible plants, Medicinal Mushrooms and Edible Mushrooms. Adam's website is [www.learnyourland.com](http://www.learnyourland.com).

I'm in the process of doing a timber stand improvement (TSI) project on my property. Trees cut during a TSI project often make good bolts for growing shiitake mushrooms. Popular species for shiitake cultivation include, sugar maple, all oak species, American beech, ironwood, and hop hornbeam. The best time to cut trees for mushroom production is during the dormant season from December to February. They should be stored in a shady spot and used within a month of harvesting. The bolts should be from 36" to 40" long and from 4" to 8" in diameter.

It seems to me that you should be able to get \$5.00 per log. On Facebook marketplace you will find recently inoculated logs selling from \$10 to \$55 per log. Craigslist or Facebook marketplace could be a good places to advertise your logs.

In my mind July to leaf drop is the best time for TSI projects in order to prevent the trees from resprouting. If you harvest bolts from December to February you may need to revisit the site in the future.

Bolts used for mushroom production are exempt from the 50-mile limit for moving firewood.

We hope to have a shiitake workshop in the fall of 2022.

Steve

For information on becoming a NYFOA member visit [www.nyfoa.org](http://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, the bimonthly NYFOA state wide publication, The New York Forest Owner, attendance at chapter meetings and statewide meetings.

### Welcome New Members

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Thank you for your thoughts going forward, and your considerations in our efforts to increase the awareness in matters that concern the NYS forest owner.

### The Steering Committee (SOT)

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