

NEW YORK FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER

Woodswalk Scheduled For September 24th, at 9:00 a.m.

This is a return visit to Dana Benjamin's Whitney Point woodlot, which is being managed for wildlife habitat. The property features large numbers of wild high-bush blueberries, viburnum, and American Holly, all of which are very attractive to birds and other wildlife. Since we visited the woodlot four years ago, Dana has planted several chinquapin trees, a relative of the chestnut, which are already bearing fruit. Also, since our last visit, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission has installed three "potholes" on the wetter parts of Dana's property. These relatively small, shallow ponds support wildlife of every specie, and are an excellent use of otherwise limited acreage.

In addition to our focus on wildlife habitat, CCE Educator Kevin Mathers will lead a discussion on management of invasive species, some of which will be observed on Dana's property. Samples of some additional invasives will be available to help us with identification, and participants are invited to bring samples from their own properties for Kevin to identify. If you do bring a sample, please secure it in a zip lock plastic bag; we don't want any seeds getting loose on Dana's property.

Directions: From Whitney Point, drive south on Route 26 for 1.8 miles. Turn right on Tiffany Road and drive 1.4 miles to the "T" intersection. Turn left on Linwood Road, go .1 mile downhill and turn right on Lamb Road. Go .9 mile up the hill to the parking area on the left. We will be walking approximately a mile and a half, through a few patches of high vegetation, and some wet areas. Waterproof boots are recommended.

Firewood Transport Regulations Enforced By DEC

We should be well-aware by now that it is illegal to transport untreated firewood into New York State, or for more than 50 miles **within** the state. What is less understood is that transporting firewood for personal use **within 50 miles** requires a document entitled "Self-Issued Certificate For Transport and Possession of New York Sourced Firewood for Personal Use". The DEC has begun imposing fines (\$350) to individuals moving firewood without this certificate. You can download a copy from the following website:

www.dec.ny.gov/animals/28722.html.

Fourth Annual Woodlot Owners Field Day, September 17, From 9 a.m. -1 p.m., Cook Park, Greene, NY

This annual event is presented by CCE of Broome and Chenango Counties. Topics this year include: Emerald Ash Borer update, soils and soil testing for wildlife plantings,

edible woodland plants and woodland management for bird habitat.
Registration fee is \$15 for the first family member, \$5 for each additional member.
Call CCE Chenango for additional information or to register (607) 334-5841.

CCE Small-Scale Woodlot Management Workshop To Be Offered In Chenango County On October 1st.

Your NYFOA Southern Tier Chapter co-sponsored this excellent workshop with Cornell Cooperative Extension in Broome County last May. The thirty participants felt it was one of the most informative workshops they had ever attended. We are pleased to co-sponsor the same workshop with CCE of Chenango County from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. on October 1st. It will be held in New Berlin and NYFOA members will receive a \$10 discount from the \$15 registration fee. To register, call CCE Chenango County (607) 334-5841, or Email chenango@cornell.edu.

New Chapter Officers Elected, Volunteers Needed For Open Positions

Dan Price has served as Chapter Chair and Chapter Delegate to the NYFOA State Board of Directors for three years and has asked to step down. We thank Dan for his service and many good ideas regarding programs. Our Chapter Steering Committee has elected Steve Kutney to replace Dan as Chair. Steve has been an active member of the Chapter for about 20 years and has served as Treasurer for the last 10 or so. Dana Benjamin has agreed to continue as Chapter Vice-Chair and Larry Lepak has been elected to serve as Treasurer, replacing Steve. Many will remember Larry, who previously served as Chapter Chair for several years.

Your Steering Committee strongly encourages newer NYFOA members to join the committee and share your ideas concerning programs you would like to see the Chapter provide, either directly or in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension. The committee generally meets a couple of times a year, so the duties are not burdensome.

We also need volunteers to fill two open positions, as follows:

1. Chapter Delegate to the NYFOA State Board of Directors. The State Board meets two or three times each year, usually in Syracuse or at Cornell's Arnett Forest in Spencer. The State Board concerns itself with growing and serving the total NYFOA membership, with the content of our magazine "The New York Forest Owner", and with defining issues of concern to private forest owners and advocating on our behalf in Albany. Our Chapter Delegate is responsible for communicating our Chapter's input on these matters to the full Board.
2. Newsletter Editor. Your Editor has been doing this job for 20 years and this will be his last issue. We do 3 or 4 issues per year and mail them to about 250 members. Please call Jerry Michael on (607) 648-2941 for additional details.

Call any listed officer to volunteer for the Steering Committee or State Board Delegate.

The NYFOA Southern Tier Chapter (SOT) includes Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware and Otsego Counties. SOT sponsors several workshops and woodswalks each year, usually in cooperation with county CCE associations. SOT publishes a Fall, Winter and Spring Newsletter to announce programs and other educational information for members.

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