

# NEW YORK FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER WINTER 2013 NEWSLETTER

## **ANNUAL POT LUCK DINNER SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> !**

Don't miss our most popular event of the year. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Enjoy a great meal, followed by a top notch program. This year's speaker will be Professor Kevin McGowan, from the Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology. Dr. McGowan has served with Cornell for 24 years as a teacher, curator and researcher. Currently, his main research concern is the social behavior of birds in general, and the American Crow in particular. Dr. McGowan is also interested in tropical mammals and has employed his tree-climbing skills to participate in research on canopy mammals in Panama and Costa Rica. He is an accomplished wildlife photographer and some of his photos and additional biographical information can be found on his website at <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/crows/> Dr. McGowan co-edited the "Second Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State", and his talk will cover the 20 year research and surveying effort that led to its publication.

This event will be held in the Community Hall at the Town of Chenango Office, 1529 NY Route 12 (Upper Front Street), in Binghamton.

Directions can be found at [www.townofchenango.com/directions.htm](http://www.townofchenango.com/directions.htm)

Doors will open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:00 and the program will start at 7:00. The Chapter will provide beverages and a sheet pizza to supplement the food brought by attendees. Bring the kids and grandkids, but call to make a reservation so we can plan for seating and beverages. (607) 648-2941.

## **FROM THE CHAPTER CHAIRMAN - STEPHEN KUTNEY**

Temperatures are unusually warm as I write this in December. Warm winter weather can be an opportunity for landowners if your plans include cutting firewood or constructing trails. Warm weather will also make it easier to attend some of the events that are taking place this winter.

I'm a fan of listening to the forestry and wildlife webinars by Penn State University. It's a great winter time activity. <http://extension.psu.edu/private-forests/tools-resources/webinars>

One of these webinar's mentioned the name of a blog that Penn State Extension hosts. You will find comments on everything from stacking wood to selling Christmas trees. <http://gowood.blogspot.com/>

The New York State Farm Show is scheduled for February 21-23, 2013 at the New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY. You can expect to see at least 400 exhibitors in the five buildings that house the show. Much of the show has a farm orientation as you would expect but you will also find displays of wood burners, chainsaws, sheds and tractors. Directions to the event can be found at:

<http://expromoter.com/goto/event/107524/>

Each year at the NY Farm Show, free forestry programs are presented by NYFOA with Cornell Cooperative Extension, the State Department of Environmental Conservation and the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, with support from others including the New York Farm Bureau, Audubon New York, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service of the USDA.

Visitors to the Farm Show are invited to meet with experts and to bring your questions. Speakers are knowledgeable in forest and rural land subjects and come from university, government, private industry, and volunteer organizations. Free materials are available.

Programs are held in the Somerset Room on the lower level of the Arts and Home Building at the NY State Fairgrounds in Syracuse. Programs start on the hour and allow time for questions and discussion. Reservations are not needed. The list of workshops follows:

### **New York Forest Owners Association: 2013 Farm Show Workshop Schedule, Syracuse NY**

Thursday Morning: February 21

10:00 Legislators Need To Know Your Needs

Jeff Williams - Manager of Government Relations, New York Farm Bureau, Albany

11:00 Protecting your Timber from Fraud and Theft

David Skeval - Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Onondaga County

Thursday Afternoon: February 21

1:00 Smart Timber Management Creates Good Bird Habitat

Mike Burger - Conservation & Science Director, Audubon New York

2:00 Fostering Bird Habitat in Open Fields

Andrew Hinickle - Conservation Biologist, Audubon New York

3:00 Getting Financial Help to Improve Your Woods

Mike Fournier - Resource Conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service, USDA

Friday Morning: February 22

10:00 Conservation Easements Can Protect Your Woodlot Legacy

Donald Fisher - President, Pomeroy Associates, Syracuse

11:00 Coping with Insects That Destroy your Valuable Trees

Kim Adams - Instructional Support Specialist, SUNY College of Env. Sci. & Forestry

Friday Afternoon: February 22

1:00 Bringing Your Woodlot Back to Growing Valuable Timber

Peter Smallidge - NYS Extension Forester, Cornell University

2:00 Managing Your Woodlot for Timber and Deer

Gary Goff - Sr. Extension Associate, Dep't of Natural Resources, Cornell University

3:00 A Woodlot as an Investment: Experiences and Lessons

Carl Wiedemann - Retired Forester, NYS Dep't of Environmental Conservation

Saturday Morning: February 23

10:00 Property Taxes and Your Woodlot

Sloane Crawford - Forest Stewardship Coordinator, NYS Dep't of Environmental Conservation

11:00 Successful and Profitable Tree Planting

Brett Chedzoy - Resource Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Schuyler County

Saturday Afternoon: February 23

1:00 Consulting Foresters Can Help You and Your Woods in Many Ways

Susan Kiester - Consulting Forester, Wayland, NY

2:00 Portable Sawmills for the Woodlot Owner

David Williams - Experienced Mill Owner-Operator, Bainbridge, NY

3:00 Legislators Need to Know Your Needs

Hugh Canham - Emeritus Professor, SUNY College of Env. Sci. & Forestry

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### **WELCOME TO NEW SOUTHERN TIER CHAPTER MEMBERS**

Robert Atten, Bainbridge; David Bloom, Sarasota, FL; Ron Frisbee, Greenwich; Don Greenmun, Binghamton; Robert Jensen, Richford; Jeanine & Stacey Kazacos, Reston, VA; Helen & John Salig, Delhi; Ken Semanovich, Binghamton; Gary Sergio, Unadilla; Robert Slavicek, New Berlin; Gary Tennant, Harford; Ken Wildenstein, Unadilla; Paul Yevtukh, Binghamton. Hope to see you all at our Pot Luck Dinner!

**NYFOA ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>**

This year our ANNUAL MEETING returns to Marshall Hall, on the campus of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, 1 Forestry Drive, in Syracuse. As in past years, the program will feature several outstanding speakers, presenting subjects of great interest and importance to private forest owners. Advance registration is required and the \$20 registration fee covers the cost of the Annual Awards Banquet. At the conclusion of the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to take a guided tour of new facilities on the forestry school campus. The schedule and registration form follow:

- 8:15 Registration and Coffee/Tea/Juice/Donuts. *NYFOA in Nifkin Lounge*
- 9:00 Welcome: Jim Minor, President, NYFOA
- 9:10-10:00 Family Forests: are they Productive, Sustainable, and Resilient? Dr. Rene' Germain
- 10:00-10:10 Restoring New York's Woodlands Initiative, Peter Smallidge, PhD.
- 10:10-11:00 Rehabilitating Cutover Stands in New York: Perspectives for Landowners Dr. Ralph Nyland
- 11:00-11:15 Break
- 11:15-12:00 What's happening at DEC Lands & Forests Private Forestry Bureau, and the US Forest Service Cooperative Forestry Program (State & Private Forestry) Sloane Crawford
- 12:00-1:30 Luncheon and NYFOA Annual Awards Banquet Nifkin Lounge
- 1:30-2:20 Agroforestry and Silvopasture Opportunities for Landowners Brett Chedzoy & Peter Smallidge
- 2:30-3:15 NYFOA Annual Meeting
- 3:30-5:00PM NYFOA Board of Directors Meeting/ or SUNY ESF campus tour – Rich Taber

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**Registration Program DETACH, COMPLETE, MAIL by MARCH 18**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please find my check for registration at \$20 each, (\$15 students) made out to NYFOA.

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mail to: Liana Gooding, PO Box 541, Lima, NY 14485**

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**RESTORE NEW YORK WOODLANDS (RNYW) Woodswalks Scheduled for May, 2013.**

The last two issues of The New York Forest Owner have described NYFOA's campaign to address the critical lack of regeneration in most of our state's woodlands. The campaign has been named "Restore New York Woodlands" (RNYW) and will include simultaneous woodswalks throughout the state during the weekends of May 11-12 and May 18-19. Your Southern Tier Chapter Steering Committee and area Master Forest Owner Volunteers are planning separate woodswalks for Broome, Chenango and Delaware Counties. Members of other organizations with an interest in natural resources, politicians and the media will be invited to attend so they can learn about the threats to our future forests and the RNYW campaign. Full details on the May woodswalks will be covered in our April newsletter.

We need volunteers to help us with preparations for these woodswalks and with logistics during the events themselves. If you can lend a hand, please call a member of the Steering Committee and volunteer. Remember: **"It's all about the trees" !**

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**For Sale:** Stakes for use with five foot plastic tree shelter tubes. These stakes are seven foot long, 1/2' diameter rebar (steel). Good for use on rocky ground with a stake pounding tool (borrow mine if you don't have one). Can be used over and over again. \$1.00 each. Call Jerry on (607) 648-2941.

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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