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Niagara Frontier Chapter

New York Forest Owners Association [www.nyfoa.org](http://www.nyfoa.org)

## Annual Potluck Luncheon hosted at Reinstein Woods

*Buffalo New columnist and educator Gerry Rising will be the guest speaker*

**G**reetings and Happy New Year to all!  
I hope the past year was a good one for you and that 2011 will be even better.

Our Woodswalks last year were fun and educational, in my opinion. There's always something to be learned when walking through woods.

We will have two or more woodswalks this year and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

**But first: we will be hosting our annual Potluck Luncheon** and we all look forward to it.

Again, I have arranged to have it at Reinstein Woods, 92 Honorine Road, off Como Park Boulevard in Depew at *noon Saturday, Jan. 29.*

Please come — bring family and friends. There will be lots of good food, perhaps a movie and our guest speaker, Gerry Rising, who writes a weekly column for the Buffalo News and who also is an educator.

Of course, there's no charge, just bring a dish to pass and your eating utensils. NFC chapter will provide beverages and paper products.

There'll be some exciting and fun door prizes, as well.

For more information, call Rita Hammond at 937-0744.

### Join Us:

**What:** NFC NYFOA Potluck Luncheon.

**Where:** Reinstein Woods

**When:** Noon Saturday, Jan. 29

## President's Report

*State loses DEC Commissioner*

Greetings Friends,

As you probably know, New Yorkers have lost our dedicated, knowledgeable DEC Commissioner, Pete Grannis.

If you met him you know what a loss this is.

As this was a decision of former Governor Paterson, we can only hope our new Governor Cuomo will provide us with a progressive, professional such as Pete, or restore him to the Department of "Environmental Conservation.

*Rita Hammond, NFC Chairman*

## Woodswalk shows off Colden property



Thanks to the hospitality of Andy Wiencek, his wife and family, members, NFC Chapter members enjoyed an afternoon of fun, education and great food.

Andy hosted our summer Woodswalk at his summer home in Colden.

In addition to wonderful handouts, he led a very worthwhile and interesting walk on his property.

In addition to the trees and plants that he has well documented, the property boasts of a beautiful spring-fed pond. The day was perfect, whether one just sat and enjoyed the view or went with Andy on the woodswalk.

Any member who would like to host a woodswalk is welcome to do so. Call Rita Hammond at 937-0744.

## NYFOA state board report

Fred Thurnherr, an active and knowledgeable member of the NFC chapter, is on the state board of NYFOA.

He reported that at the last meeting, the group completed grants, making arrangements with the College of Forestry and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

The Capital District will host the state-wide meeting for NYFOA members, with more information forthcoming after the next delegates meeting in late February in Syracuse.

Fred said plans are being laid for a state woodswalk day in 2012.

## Remember the MFOs

Master Forest Owners (MFO) role is to help landowners link up with those persons who can help them with their forest objectives.

They are the first line of information, They can aid in forming objectives for your land, ehlp think thorough what you wnat to do on your land.

MFOs ecan identify rresources, help develop a master lan and recommend a professoanal ofrester.

They provide a gfree, objective resourcde to poeple who are concernd about thier land and forest.

Please encourage any landowner that you know to call an MFO with thier questions and concerns.

If you would like assistance or want to discuss features of your woodlot, please call any of the M.F.O.s listed below.

Rita Hammond -937-0744

Fred Thurnherr - 941-3248

Bob Preston -- 632-5862



### Quote to Remember

*"It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men's hearts, as for that subtle something that quality of air, that emanation from the old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit."*

*Robert Louis Stevenson:*

*NFC Chapter,  
New York Forest Owners Association*

**Rita Hammond, President — 937-0744**

**David Preston, Immediate Past President — 688-4921**

**Ed Janulionis, treasurer — 847-1289**

**Barbara Tucker, Newsletter — 874-4074**

**Fran Harrison, Photographer**

**Fred Thurnherr - Chapter Delegate — 941-3248**

## Coming Up

**MARCH 5** -Rural Landowner Workshop will take place at Pioneer Central School in Yorkshire.

Applications will be available soon.

The workshop is sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension in Cattaraugus County.



**FEB. 2, 3** - First ever Western New York Farm Show at the new Showplex at the Erie County Fairgrounds in Hamburg. Free educational workshops on relevant subjects. The show will attract farm owners, nursery growers and landscapers from the area. For more information, call Alan Butzer at 548-1863 or e-mail [abutzer@evansagencyins.com](mailto:abutzer@evansagencyins.com).

**MARCH 16-20**- Canada Blooms, Canada's largest flower and garden festival will take place the Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto, For information, call 416-447-8655 or visit, [www.caadablooms.com](http://www.caadablooms.com)

### Get out, get involved, enjoy nature

There are many reasons people have an interest in and/or own forests: Wildlife concerns, recreation, privacy, timber production, preservation, firewood, hunting, environmental issues, investments.

So let's encourage these people to become actively involved by attending forest-related activities, subscribing to magazines such as "Northern Woodlands," joining NYFOA, volunteering at a state park such as Reinstein Woods, writing an article for the newsletter and just getting outdoors in every season.

The New York Forest Owners Association is a not for profit organization which supports sustainable forestry practices and improved stewardship on privately owned woodlands. Annual dues are just \$30 for an individual, or \$35 for a family.

Let's all try to be helpful and supportive of one another in our efforts to conserve our woodlands.

### Some helpful Web sites

**For NYFOA: ..... [www.nyfoa.org](http://www.nyfoa.org)**

For free topomaps: [www.topozone.com](http://www.topozone.com)

U.S. Forest Service tree info database:

[www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/plants/tree](http://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/plants/tree)

To learn the legal framework of Timber Trespass: [www.NYS-TimberTrespassLaws](http://www.NYS-TimberTrespassLaws)

For information on NYS DEC: [dec.ny.gov/lands/4972.html](http://dec.ny.gov/lands/4972.html)

For information on Woodland Owners Forum: [forestconnect.info/forum](http://forestconnect.info/forum)

*For newsletter ideas, articles, suggestions - [wgtbt@aol.com](mailto:wgtbt@aol.com). Please put NYFOA in the information line.*

## Stumpage Price Report

Summer- Fall 2010

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.

Species	Low Price Range	Average Price Range	High Price Range
	(Median)	(Median)	(Median)
Ash, white	100-300 (150)	150-424 (250)	225-600 (325)
Aspen	20-50 (30)	25-100 (50)	40-150 (55)
Basswood	50-150 (100)	50-200 (150)	35-325 (200)
Beech	20-100 (50)	25-140 (50)	45-175 (100)
Birch, white	NR	NR	NR
Birch, yellow	60-175 (100)	75-225 (200)	150-350 (250)
Butternut	50-200 (100)	100-300 (190)	100-400 (250)
Cherry, black	245-700 (450)	400-1000 (625)	420-1600 (900)
Elm, American	NR	NR	NR
Hemlock	20-100 (30)	25-140 (60)	60-150 (80)
Hickory (spp)	50-175 (100)	50-250 (150)	200-375 (250)
Maple, hard (sugar)	25-600 (400)	400-900 (620)	545-1280 (800)
Maple, red (soft)	100-300 (150)	150-375 (235)	250-550 (305)
Oak, Chestnut	100-400 (150)	150-500 (225)	250-600 (310)
Oak, red	100-665 (300)	150-700 (450)	200-900 (680)
Oak, white	100-400 (150)	200-500 (250)	250-600 (320)
Pine, red	30-205 (50)	25-310 (85)	80-410 (130)
Pine, white	25-100 (60)	25-150 (100)	100-250 (115)
Poplar, Tulip	80-200 (100)	75-300 (150)	120--350 (215)
Spruce	30-95 (50)	25-130 (90)	100-175 (150)
Walnut, black	300-600 (500)	550-1200 (700)	700-1500 (900)
Firewood	3-10 (7)	5-15 (10)	8-21 (12)

## Carbon Sequestration: What Is It and How Does It Affect Forest Owners?

Carbon sequestration is a naturally occurring taking up of atmospheric carbon dioxide by forests, oceans and grasslands during photosynthesis. Most terrestrial carbon storage is in tree trunks, branches, foliage, and roots which is often called biomass. Carbon is also deposited directly into soils.

Sustainable forestry practices are known to increase properly managed forests' ability to store or sequester atmospheric carbon while improving soil and water quality and the entire ecosystem.

According to the USDA Forest Service, "Planting new trees and improving forest health through thinning and prescribed burning are some of the ways to increase forest carbon in the long run. Harvesting and regenerating forests can also result in net carbon sequestration stored in wood products and new forest growth."

### What is a Carbon Sink?

Many natural and artificial processes can act as atmospheric sponges that absorb carbon dioxide. Oceans, forests, most plants and algae collect carbon through the photosynthetic process. This capturing of atmospheric carbon by a healthy ecosystem is called a "carbon sink". A carbon sink can be created naturally or using man-made reservoirs that gather and store carbon dioxide for an indefinite period. The collection of carbon sequestration in forests and locked up in wood products helps to offset sources of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. Deforestation, forest fires,

and fossil fuel emissions are common examples of sources of carbon dioxide and which is suspected as harmful to the environment.

### What is a Forest Carbon Offset?

A forest carbon offset is a financial tool, used by CO2 polluters, to offset their emissions of greenhouse gases. One carbon offset (or credit) represents one less metric ton of greenhouse gas that otherwise would have been released into the atmosphere. Commercial operations who are increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide can offset their pollution by buying carbon credits from reputable auditor/broker registries.

By purchasing carbon offsets, companies invest in projects that reduce carbon dioxide emissions in one location to compensate for their own emissions in another. Conservation International suggests that "More and more companies are becoming convinced that reducing their carbon footprint through internal emissions reductions supplemented with offset purchases because they believe it's the right thing to do."

The National Forest Foundation has developed a Carbon Calculator to help estimate your carbon footprint, or the amount of carbon dioxide that your daily activities release into the atmosphere through the combustion of fossil fuels. Plug your numbers into the Carbon Calculator to see how you compare to the average American.

By Steve Nix  
Forestry Guide,

## Take the 'Flights of Fancy' challenge from Cornell Ornithology

### *Get inspired by bird flight, enter, and win prizes*

The Celebrate Urban Birds project at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology invites you to submit photos, artwork, video, and other types of entries showcasing flying birds for its "Flights of Fancy" contest.

"Go outside and capture the wonder of flight," said Karen Purcell, Celebrate Urban Birds project leader.



"Notice the way birds take off from a branch, fly in flocks, hover, dive, frolic, and land."

One of the classic sights of winter is an undulating flock of starlings dancing in the sky.

The Mourning Dove's feathers make a twittering noise as it flies.

How about that Canada Goose making a smooth landing on the water? Just like us, some birds are more graceful than others.

Share your observations of bird flight by submitting a photo, create a dance, do some artwork, shoot video, write a story or a poem, or create a sculpture.

Entries will be featured on the Cel-

brate Urban Birds website.

Winners will receive prizes that include bird feeders, nest boxes, sound CDs, guides, posters, and a copy of the fantastic new Bird Songs Bible, featuring a built-in audio player with recordings of more than 700 species. We'll send the first 50 entrants a copy of our "Corvid Behaviors" poster.

**Deadline for entries: February 1, 2011**

E-mail your entry to [urbanbirds@cornell.edu](mailto:urbanbirds@cornell.edu)

1. In the subject line write Flight-Your First and Last Name-Your City and State in the subject line.
2. In the e-mail, you **MUST** include your name, mailing address, and location where photos were taken.
3. Tell us why you submitted your entry to the contest.
4. Choose your best/favorite entry and send just that one, please!
5. Read the terms of agreement.
6. If you agree to the terms above, send us your entry before Feb. 1, 2011.

Visit the Celebrate Urban Birds website for more information.

Project Contact: Karen Purcell, Project Leader, (607) 254-2455, [urbanbirds@cornell.edu](mailto:urbanbirds@cornell.edu)

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a membership institution dedicated to interpreting and conserving the earth's biological diversity through research, education, and citizen science focused on birds. Visit the Cornell Lab's web site at <http://www.birds.cornell.edu>.

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159 Sapsucker Woods Road  
Ithaca NY 14850  
Call toll-free (800) 843-BIRD (2473)



Minute by minute the days are getting longer — what a good thing!

At the same time, and not a second too soon, the tree, plant and seed catalogs will arrive. They are such a joyful relief from the dozens of gift catalogs that jammed my mailbox before the holidays.

Watch your mailbox for these real harbingers of Spring.

**If you have e-mail**, it would be helpful to have it, as every newsletter we send by e-mail saves the chapter money. So, if you would like to be on our e-mail list, just send an e-mail to Barbara Tucker at [wgtbt@aol.com](mailto:wgtbt@aol.com) and we'll be glad to oblige.

If you have any ideas of places to go and things to see related to the woods send them along.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual luncheon **January 29 at Reinstein Woods**.

Our speaker will be outstanding and the door prizes will add fun to the event.

See you there!.