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WFL PICNIC AND ANNUAL MEETING

by Mike Seager

In a departure from our traditional annual dinner, this year we will be having a fall picnic for our annual meeting. Dave Swanson and his family have offered to host the WFL chapter on Saturday, September 25, at their Osage Farm near Mt. Morris.

The Swansons' Osage Farm is a crop and former dairy farm that includes a substantial woodlot. The woodlot contains, among other attractions, some giant oak trees, a spectacular gully, and an osage orange grove that gives the farm its name.

The day will start with a board meeting at 10:00 am. All members are welcome to attend this meeting.

If you can't bear the excitement of a board meeting, plan to arrive around 10:30 – 11:00 am and spend some time socializing with other members and old friends before we have lunch at noon. Bring your own lunch – something cold, or something to cook on the wood-fired grill. Also bring a lawn chair or other seating. The chapter will provide a variety of non-alcoholic drinks.

Around 1:00 pm we will start our annual meeting. This usually takes only 10-15 minutes and consists of electing a new board of directors and drawings for a Stihl chainsaw with a package of protective equipment, and another for a pair of Dryshod boots. Note that, unlike our past annual dinners, we will not be giving out door prizes this year.

Tickets for both the raffles are available on the NYFOA web site, in our print newsletter, at any of our events prior to the picnic, and at the picnic. You need not be present at the picnic to win.

Following the business meeting we will begin a tour of some of the highlights of the farm. Participants can walk, or ride in the tractor-drawn wagon. Dave will surely prove to be an entertaining host.

For the adventurous among us, there is room to pitch a tent or park a camper and spend the night.

WHAT: WFL picnic and annual meeting

WHEN: Saturday, September 25, 2021.

WHO: All WFL members and their families are welcome. There is no charge for this event.

WHERE: Osage Farm, south of Mt. Morris, NY. The picnic area is on the north side of Swanson Road, between Begole Road and Creek Road. Look for NYFOA signs along the side of the road.

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WFL Consult to The Genesee Valley Conservancy at Little Mill Creek

by Mike Seager

The Genesee Valley Conservancy is a land trust based in Genesee whose mission is to protect the habitat and open space of the Genesee Valley region. In addition to conservation easements on private land, the conservancy owns several parcels that they manage as nature preserves and which are open to the public. Their most recent project is to create a nature preserve on a parcel on Little Mill Creek between Wayland and Dansville.

GVC's first step is taking stock of the property and putting together a management plan. As part of this process, they have requested input from various people and organizations who have helpful expertise. One of their contacts was our chapter, and last May several WFL members met with GVC staff to visit the property and offer what suggestions we could.

What we saw was a beautiful 20 acre parcel. The Little Mill Creek cascades over several waterfalls. Its



photo credit Greg Lessord

The waterfall on Little Mill Creek is one of the things that makes this future GVC nature preserve a beautiful parcel.

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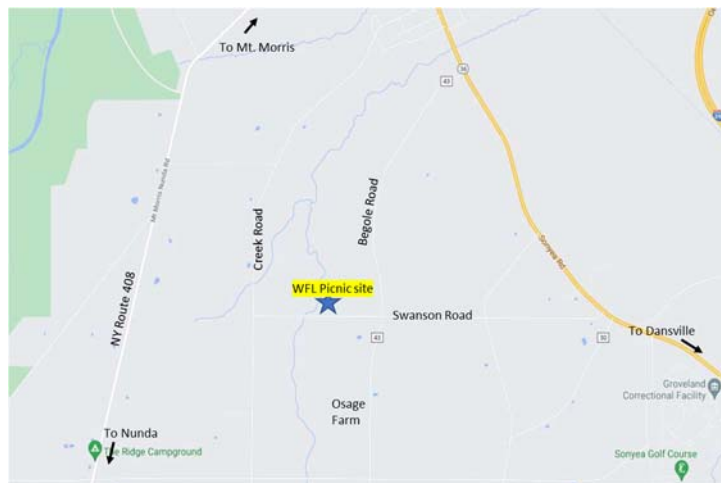
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COST: Free.

BRING: Your lunch, and a chair. WFL will provide beverages.

SCHEDULE:

- 10:00 am – WFL board meeting. All members are welcome to attend.
- 10:30 am on – arrive for social time with other members.
- 12:00 noon – lunch. Bring your own food, a cold lunch or something to cook on the wood-fired grill.
- 1:00 pm – business meeting begins.
- 1:30 pm – tour the highlights of the farm with host Dave Swanson.



WFL Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, September 25 is scheduled as our next designated WFL chapter board meeting. This will be an in-person meeting for the WFL board. The Annual Business Meeting is going to be at 1:00 p.m. followed by two raffle drawings: Stihl Chainsaw with complementing safety equipment and a pair of Dryshod USA boots of the winner's choice. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time or at the picnic. (see above) This picnic is being held at the Swanson's Osage Farm. *Please keep in mind that the Covid-19 rules and restrictions continue to unfold daily. Use your discretion for mask wearing and social distancing. Hope to see you there!

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Membership is open to anyone interested in understanding how to manage a woodlot. NYFOA membership can bring returns in the satisfaction of growing quality timber, stabilizing forest industries and markets, providing permanent jobs, increasing the value of your woods, enlarging areas of natural beauty across the state, and leaving behind a monument in living trees to bless the tomorrows for the youngsters of today. For information on becoming an NYFOA member, contact Liana Gooding, NYFOA Secretary, NYFOA, P.O. Box 541, Lima, NY, 14485 or at 1-800-836-3566. Annual membership is \$45 and includes: subscriptions to this newsletter; to the bimonthly NYFOA state-wide publication, The New York Forest Owner; attendance at chapter meetings; and to statewide meetings. Membership at the Contributing level \$50-\$99; Sponsor level \$100-\$249; Benefactor \$250-\$499; and Steward \$500 or more are also offered. For more information visit www.nyfoa.org.

Readers are encouraged to submit articles for publication in this newsletter. Articles should be mailed or e-mailed to: Richard Starr at the address to the left. Electronic submissions are preferred. Any letters should be sent to the Chair for consideration.

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Note: The deadline for Winter 2021 issue is November 15

GAME OF LOGGING

MILL CREEK NATURE PRESERVE

May 24, 2021

by Peter Muench

The WFL Chapter has cosponsored the Game of Logging (GOL) with the New York Center for Agriculture Medicine and Health (NYCAMH) over the last few years and after a twelve-month COVID delay we are now back on track. The Genesee Valley Conservancy provided the Mill Creek Nature Preserve in Wayland as a site for a Level 1 GOL in 2020, and we completed that training on May 24th. Not quite on time but definitely on budget.

The weather was a classic Finger Lakes spring day, perfect for outdoor training. Seven students attended this program with Bill Lindloff of the GOL focusing the students in chainsaw protective equipment, the saw itself, and evaluating the hazards of felling trees with each student successfully dropping a 14" to 16" tree under Bill's direction. The emerald ash borer provided numerous dead white ash trees with no leaves for the students to work on. Those empty crowns with better visibility made evaluating the potential hazards and creating felling plans a little easier.

The photo below shows the entrance to the Mill Creek Preserve on Rt. 21 south of Wayland. The other photo shows a student learning to cut an open face notch of 70 degrees, and to bore cut to create the hinge and a trigger on the back of the tree.



It was nice to have other chapters represented at this GOL. Two members from the Allegheny Foothills Chapter and one from the Niagara Frontier Chapter were in this session.

The GOL training is subsidized by NYCAMH and they will be sponsoring games in other parts of the state. Information on those games is at www.nycamh.org or at 1-800-343-7527. Information on this and other training with the GOL, can be found at their website, www.gameoflogging.com or at 1-800-252-2502.



No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

by Colette Morabito

To keep our sloped, excavated paths from last summer's construction viable, we recently bought 150 lbs. of clover/grass seed mix to spread on the trails. Spreading this seed will help with erosion control and offer "other" edibles to our forest friends. Although many grasses/sedges, oak/ash tree saplings, tender raspberry vines, multi-rose flora sprouts, and numerous forest flowers all seem to be thriving in the newly exposed sunny areas, the shaded spaces however are completely bare of seedlings. It is prudent to negate any future erosion to have a more solid base of plants formed along the whole trail. Establishing root structures on these sloped and bare surfaces is a management practice that we value. The weather called for light rain later in the evening, so the timing was right.

We took that afternoon to accomplish the task of spreading the grass seed. We tried to manage this job without motorized equipment so that we would not leave any ruts in the path that might deteriorate the trail from water runoff with the summer rains in the forecast. I wondered whether the birds would consume most of it, a free meal and all that. But clearly, they would not be able to consume 150 lbs. of seed. This started out as a heavy load up and down the trails. However, there is so much to see when you are looking down for hours. Mushrooms of every variety, fossils, animal tracks, feathers, scurrying bugs and so much more to make you smile. Soon after we had finished and were removing our muddy boots, and scratching our bug

bites, there was an unexpected, unanticipated weather event.

Rain fell with a fury. Flooding began to occur almost instantly. We were dumbstruck at the power that cascading water down a mountainside could create. The drainage ditches were at capacity and beyond. Muddy, bubbling, and seed filled swells poured down in front of us! Down, down the rain came. All the seed washed away in a 15-minute torrential downpour. We just hung our heads. Where would all that seed end up anyway? We are located within the Genesee River Watershed, perhaps one seed made it that far. Do fish eat grass seed? It is kind of spectacular to think about where all our seeds will find their happy place to settle in and grow! Sadly, it will not be on our trail.

Heading back into the house soaked and defeated, I wanted to have one positive note on which to end the day. Under a light-misty rain, there in front of me as I approached our open, wooden slats to the steps which lead up to our porch, a Goldenrod shoot was boldly sticking out between the steps. It was clearly teasing me. With the ground so wet, it would easily pull right out of the ground. I went to pluck it out. Yes...my weeding chore would be accomplished for the day. As luck would have it, the plant was well established and unforgiving as I pulled on it, even yanked on it, several times in fact. A nearby yellow jacket that found these actions to be rather threatening and perhaps even menacing to his well-hidden hive, stung me. Guess who has a wasp venom allergy! And, so the story of the happy woodlot owner goes.

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banks are covered mostly by majestic mature hemlock trees, with some hardwoods such as sugar maple, beech and yellow birch mixed in. The understory consists of beech and hemlock saplings. The land is fairly steep in most areas, which makes for interesting hiking but limits access by vehicles. The pure water in the creek is home to trout and also supplies drinking water to the Village of Dansville. Protecting the water quality is a major objective, and the Village of Dansville has also been providing help to the Conservancy in developing their management plan.

On closer inspection, some problems are evident. The property is often used as a hiking and picnic area. This is in accordance with the current owner's wishes, and the Conservancy will keep the property open to the public, but along with that comes a fair amount of litter. There are also some paths that have been widened and are subject to erosion. But the biggest threat is the hemlock wooly adelgid, a parasite already infecting many of the stately hemlocks which could kill them in the coming years.

Litter can be cleaned up and trails can be repaired, but saving the hemlocks from the adelgid is an expensive and uncertain process. GVC is currently working with adelgid experts to determine the best treatment options. Even though treating the trees will be difficult, losing the hemlocks would dramatically change the character of the area and put the stream quality – and thus Dansville's drinking water supply – at risk.

We made some recommendations regarding thinning some trees where the stand is overstocked and offered to help in other ways as their planning process proceeds. We have also offered to provide some labor when the time comes to begin implementing the resultant plan. By partnering with GVC on this and other projects, we help fulfill NYFOA's mission of protecting New York's woodlands for future generations.



photo credit Dick Starr

Little Mill Creek. Note the preponderance of hemlocks on the banks. If these trees are lost to the hemlock wooly adelgid, the water quality of the stream is at risk.

Thank You Peter Muench and . . .

A well-run board of directors certainly can have its many diverse members and constant changes. For WFL, this is the year! We will have to say "adieu" to yet another significant member of the WFL board, namely Pete Muench. We can all agree that Pete is a wonderful person with whom to work, a great sense of humor, generous, and thoughtful in his decision making. He was the Outdoor Activities Coordinator par excellence. With his easy-going demeanor and many life experiences, Pete consistently offered his ideas with WFL's best interests at the forefront of his decision making, shared his many contacts graciously, and had our membership's varied interests in mind with his extensive planning of events/trainings/gatherings.

Several years ago, Pete and his wife, Georgi, offered a basket weaving class at their home. What an artistic adventure that was. Whoever said basket weaving is simple was mistaken. You probably do need a college degree in Basket Weaving to accomplish the amazing creations that are possible.. Georgi is an accomplished artisan and a very patient teacher! My family has strict rules to keep their hands off my trophy basket! Thanks again to Georgi for my beautiful and prized possession as well as for sharing Peter with the WFL organization for so many years.

Again, Pete, thank you for so many great years of devotion to our chapter. I did find Pete mentioned as an active member of the WFL board as far back as 2013. He took over as Outdoor Activities Coordinator in 2015 and received the Chapter Service Award in 2016. Now that is dedication. We were sorry to hear that the gypsy moths have been beating up your wood lot. Lots of stress on you, your forest, and your summer fun in your woods. Just know that you are not alone in this trouble!



Georgi and Peter

... Welcome Eileen Schaefer

Eileen Schaefer has generously offered to take the position as Outdoor Activities Coordinator for retiring Peter Muench. She is an enthusiastic member of WFL who never shies away from volunteering to make our programs and general meetings more comfortable. Specifically, Eileen has been coordinating our meeting location as well as the wonderful creature comforts she provides. For example, organizing snacks and hot coffee! Always quick with a smile, Eileen has great organizational skills, she is very prompt in her responses to questions and concerns, always generous with her time, respectful, and cheerful. We look forward to the new perspective she will bring to the WFL board and your summer fun in the woods. Thanks, Eileen!

by: Colette Morabito

Petrified

by Dick Starr

Petrified can mean extremely frightened or vegetative matter converted into a stony replica through the process of mineralization. It's the later we address here. Many places in the world have ancient trees turned to stone as dissolved minerals slowly replace the wood cells. One such place is on the Greek island of Lesbos, also spelled Lesvos.

The petrified forest of Lesbos is a unique and protected UNESCO site. Twenty million years ago a volcanic eruption buried a 150 square kilometer subtropical forest. Over time the trees became petrified and preserved. A recent discovery at the site exposed a 62 foot tree complete with branches, roots and leaves. The discovery was pure luck as workers were about to add asphalt to this stretch of road through the park.

Professor of geology Nikolas Zouros states, "Finds like

these are a window into a particular past, a greenhouse, hot house world." The tree with branches still attached is a rarity and will provide a snap shot of a forest community which will allow us to assess its biodiversity at one point in time. It permits a look at an ancient ecosystem. Not long after 150 more logs were found nearby one atop another.

For more information place "Lesbos fossil tree" in your search engine. For a virtual video tour of the site log into You Tube and enter the same in the search window.



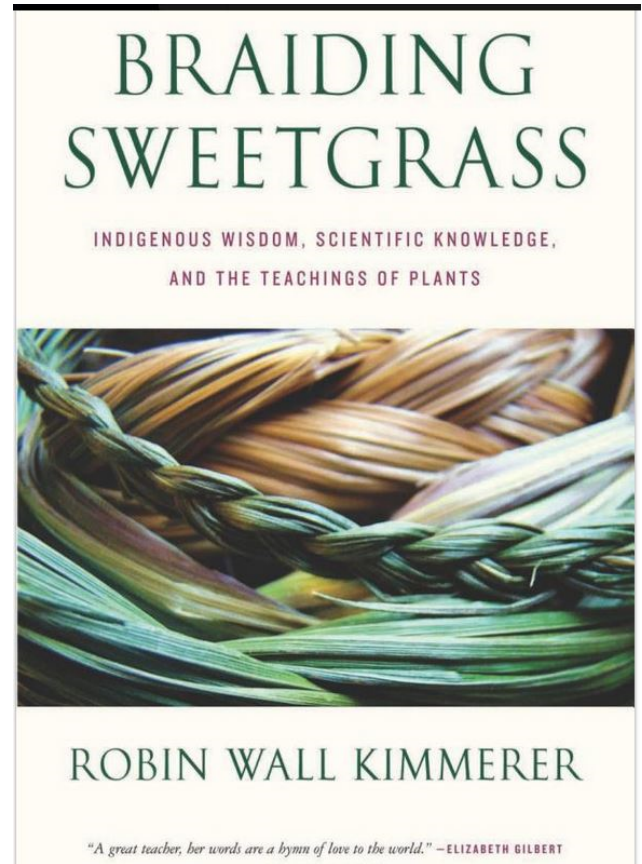
The recently discovered petrified tree of Lesbos.

Book Suggestions by Colette Morabito

Braiding Sweet Grass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

A book written by an indigenous woman who is a mother, scientist, and teacher/professor. She weaves a most incredible and thoughtful message about the generosity of the earth. Ms. Wall Kimmerer manages to take you through many natural relationships and how they simultaneously support and maintain one another. She is an artful writer. This book allows you to look at nature through a different lens altogether. So differently in fact, that you will begin to see newfound gifts from Mother Nature in the simplest things. My reaction to the natural world around me upon reading this book is gratitude—both to nature and for having read this book!

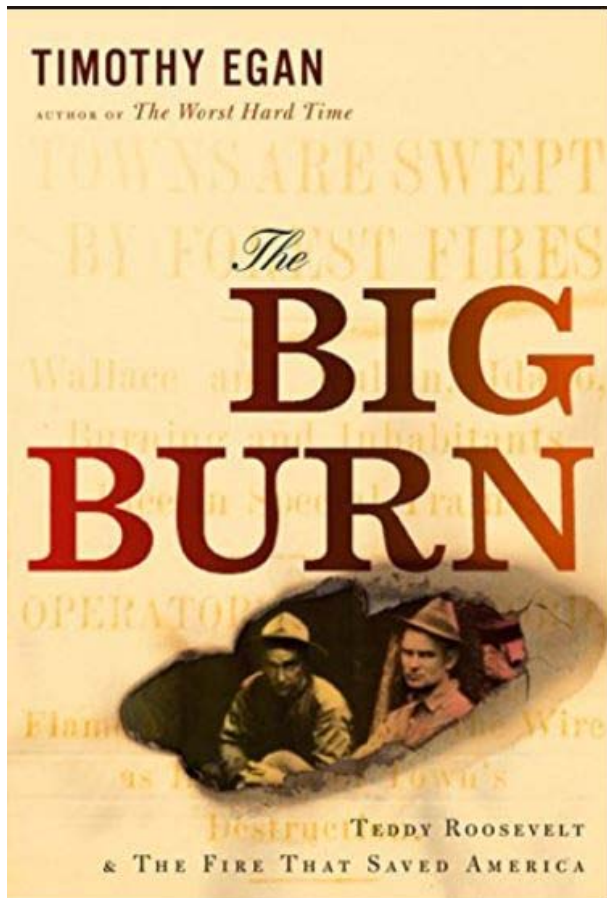
This book is available on Audio. I did read this book with my ears! The author is the narrator of the book which gives it the tender and splendid reaction that I am sure she was trying to impart.



The Big Burn by Timothy Egan

A story culminating in what was America's largest forest fire in 1910. Over 70 people died in the fire which burned nearly 3 million acres across the states of Washington, Idaho, and Montana. The story centers on both Teddy Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot. Gifford Pinchot basically created the science of forestry management in America. Roosevelt and Pinchot, albeit friends, ultimately partnered together with the newfound idea of conservation along with setting aside public lands to be shared by every citizen. A timely read with the present forest fires raging out West.

A thoughtful presentation on the environmental history of the time. Egan's raw description of the intensity of fire and smoke as well as the montage of courageous fire fighters was truly thought provoking. This book made me grateful to be living in Upstate New York with our plentiful water resources and consistent rain.



Raffle # 1 of 2: DRYSHOD BOOT RAFFLE

Returning Corporate Sponsor (And Raffle)

by Greg Lessord

DRYSHOD USA (dryshodusa.com) is the maker of waterproof footwear. Their line includes women's and men's hunting, lawn and garden, farm and ranch, outdoor and work boots plus kid's outdoors. Men's sizes available up to 16, women's up to 11 and kid's in children's to 13 and youth to 04.

Some of the key features are athletic shoe sizing for a better fit, waterproof, insulated, easy on / easy off design, breathable airmesh linings are nonabrasive and hypoallergenic. They feature a larger toe bumper for maximum protection and a heel kick and rigid heel protection.

Former Muck Boot Company founder and owner Jim Donahue says "DRYSHOD was developed to bring great waterproof footwear to hardworking farmers, hunters, gardeners and outdoor enthusiasts everywhere. With the goal of becoming the # 1 brand in waterproof footwear".

The WFL board has elected to **hold a raffle**. The winner will receive the voucher which will be good for ANY pair of his / her choice. And there are a LOT of choices.

Tickets are **one chance for \$5.00 or three chances for \$10.00**. Winning ticket will be drawn at the September 25th Annual meeting at the Swanson Osage Farm. Winner need not be present to win.

To enter, fill in your information and send your ticket(s) along with your **check payable to NYFOA** to:

NYFOA/WFL Raffle Coordinator

Director Greg Lessord

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Southern zone big game seasons & dates per the DEC website.

- Bow/archery = 10/1 - 11/19 and 12/13 - 12/21 and 12/26 - 1/1/2022
- Regular firearms = 11/20 - 12/12
- Crossbow = 11/6 - 11/19
- Black powder = 12/13 - 12/1 and 12/26 - 1/1/2022

Some useful tinyurl's:

- For the latest information on NYS stumpage prices, go to <https://tinyurl.com/DEC-Stumpage>
- For NYFOA's Facebook page, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/NYFOA-FB>
- For our Western Finger Lakes chapter's page on the NYFOA website, go to <https://tinyurl.com/NYFOA-WFL>

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Raffle # 2 of 2: Stihl Chainsaw Raffle

STIHL CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Chainsaw Raffle

by Pete Muench

Stihl Chainsaws have provided corporate support for the WFL Chapter of NYFOA for many years by providing Stihl equipment free of charge. The equipment is to be raffled off at our Annual Meeting with the proceeds benefitting WFL programs. The Territorial Manager for Northeast Stihl, Dan Ras, has generously encouraged this sponsorship, and for 2021 has furnished a new Stihl chainsaw.

The drawing will be held at the September 25th Annual meeting at the Swanson Osage Farm, and the winner will receive a voucher good for the saw..

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A second raffle with the same drawing date, as discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, is for DRYSHOD boots. Take a look.

GOOD LUCK

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STIHL CHAINSAW RAFFLE TICKET

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Drawing at September 25, 2021 Annual Meeting

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Classifieds

Wanted: Woodlot and Related Activity Photos. We're building a small collection of photos for publicity and similar NYFOA purposes. If you have photos from woodswalks, woodlot activities, NYFOA activities, etc. and are willing to share, please e-mail them to Jim Minor, jcminor@rochester.rr.com.

Tree Tubes for Sale - Member(/Non-Member) price: 4' w/o stake (\$5.50/\$6.00); 4' w/ stake (\$6.50/\$7.00); 5' is special order... please call (585) 880-1799 or (585) 367-2847 for price quote. Proceeds benefit WFL chapter.

For Sale: 73 surveyed acres on Holliday Road in Granger, Allegany Co. Moderately lying land with 2 or 3 beautiful streams and a small waterfall. The timber has not been cut in 20+ years. Good road frontage with utilities available, 6 miles east of Fillmore (Rt 19), 1 mile from village of Short Tract. Asking \$1500/acre with 10 year owner financing at 7%, or make offer to <TLTowner@aol.com>.

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∞ Upcoming Events ∞

Note: For possible updates to these meetings and to learn about events in neighboring chapters and across the state go to our NYFOA website's EVENTS section at

<https://www.nyfoa.org/events>

General Meetings

We look forward to the resumption of general meetings. Enjoying some educational opportunities one-on-one will be enjoyable as we have some great speakers lined up. There are many outdoor activities planned for the remainder of this year. Please consider joining with other NYFOA members at any of these events. Your attendance will be greatly anticipated.

Genesee Country Village and Museum— Saturday September 18, 2021

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 18, 2021 - Smithsonian Day at the GCV&M. It is a free admission day as well as WFL's opportunity to share NYFOA's message with the many passersby from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. NYFOA is most excited to be displayed in the John L. Wehle Gallery.

We are grateful to Mike Seager, Ron Reitz, Greg Lessord, and Colette & David Morabito for the gift of their time to interact with the public that day. Handing out all manner of forestry brochures, answering questions, signing up new members to NYFOA, as well as encouraging visits from Master Forest Owner (MFO) volunteers, will be just some of their contributions.

The GCV&M is a wonderful location to enjoy a day full of nostalgia from yesteryear. But be sure to reserve some time out of your day to come by the Wehle Gallery to experience the exhibit called Nature's Chain: The Land and Our Place in It. The WFL booth will be set up in the museum; please stop and say hello. As you know, we are proud that NYFOA is an integral part of the exhibit. This is a great opportunity for WFL to meet with the public again after so many months of isolation. We do anticipate having a speaker or two scheduled for discussions at the noon and 2 p.m. hour at the museum location. There are food and drinks available for sale at the GCV&M; however, you are welcome to bring your own picnic to enjoy at the village. As always, please be sure to respect the NYS Covid-19 restrictions that may be in place at the GCV&M at that time.

Website for GCV&M: www.gcv.org

2021 PICNIC AND ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Please see pages 1 and 2 for more information.

SCENES FROM GENESEE COUNTRY VILLAGE AND MUSEUM...



Welcome New Members

Anthony	Roides	Fairport
Jeff	Koppars	Honeoye Falls
Chris	McCarthy	Pittsford
Paul	Thomas	Corning
Jonathan	Stadt	Prattsburgh
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- September 25—WFL Picnic and Annual Meeting*

* See inside for details

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The John L. Wehle Gallery

Site within Genesee Country Village and Museum where WFL members will present information about NYFOA to the public on Smithsonian Day, September 18th. Please see page 11 for details.