



NYFOA
New York Forest Owners Association

Annual Statewide Meeting
April 22-24, 2022
Finger Lakes Community College
Canandaigua, Ontario County, NY

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hotel: Microtel Inn & Suites

Address: 1299 State Route 332, Farmington, NY 14425 just off the NYS 90 Thruway.

Phone: 585-788-6124

A special room rate of **\$99.00** plus tax per night has been arranged for NYFOA members.

REGISTRATION:

Early Bird Registration: \$30.00 per person postmarked by April 4th.

Late registration: \$40.00 per person postmarked April 5th-14th.

Please complete and mail the registration form. No registrations after April 14th and no walk-in registrations please.

The registration form can be downloaded from the NYFOA website:

<https://www.nyfoa.org/events/statewide-events/nyfoa-statewide-meeting>

To request the form be sent by mail, please contact the NYFOA office:

Email at info@nyfoa.org or call 1-800-836-3566.

MEETING LOCATION:

Finger Lakes Community College - Canandaigua Campus: 3325 Marvin Sands Drive, Canandaigua 14424

Building: Main Building (Main Entrance marked #1 on the campus map right off the parking lot)

Rooms: The Cafe and Stage 14

Parking: Parking Lot B

A campus map can be downloaded with the other statewide meeting documents from the NYFOA website.

COVID PROTOCOL:

NYFOA is required to ensure that all attendees adhere to the FLCC's Covid protocols. At the present time, that means that all attendees on entry ***must show proof of vaccination or a negative covid test within 72 hours and must wear a mask during the event.*** Campus security may deny entry to anyone refusing to comply with their policy. The policy may change by the time of the event; the latest requirements will be posted on the NYFOA website for the event.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

State Board Meeting: 2:00-5:00 pm - Microtel Inn & Suites

Happy Hour: 7:00 pm - Eddie O'Brian's Grille & Bar 5975 Route 96, Farmington, NY 14425

SATURDAY APRIL 23, 2022

9:00-9:30 am **Registration and continental breakfast**

9:30-10:00 am **Welcome**

10:00-11:00 am **General Session: The North American Beaver** – Conrad Baker. Conrad will explain several common land and woodlot management conflicts associated with beavers, why these conflicts usually happen, and common mitigation methods, and common ways that beavers benefit land and woodlot management.

Conrad is a Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator based in Geneseo, NY and Outdoor Educator for Letchworth State Park. He has mitigated human-wildlife conflicts for 15 years, starting at age 12, and leads educational hikes on land that has been managed for beavers in many ways over hundreds of years.

11:00-11:10 am **Break**

11:00 am-12:00 pm **Morning Breakout Sessions:**

Breakout #1 **Birdsong Identification** – Steve Kinne. Steve will share his experience managing his CNY woodlot for birds through an NRCS funded habitat management project and how that influenced his birding skills. He'll also share how he got started with birding by ear, how that experience has opened a new world of birding to him, some techniques, tricks, and aids for birding by ear, and an audio demonstration of common bird songs/calls and some additional interesting bird songs/calls.

Steve is a NYFOA member and retired in 2006 from the US Air Force after serving 23 years as a physician, commander, and educator with degrees from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry and Upstate Medical School. He is a Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Naturalist. He is a member of Audubon and teaches a Birding by Ear course and leads birding hikes. He also leads nature/birding hikes for the North Country Trail Chapter and Great Swamp Conservancy.

Breakout #2 **Life after EAB – Restoring Biodiversity in Your Woodlot** – Jim Engel. Jim will discuss how you can use natural processes and native seed to increase biodiversity in your EAB impacted woodlot or any piece of degraded land. You will learn how to collect seed of native trees, shrubs, and forbs, clean it, store it and plant it to increase species diversity and abundance in your forest.

Jim is the owner of White Oak Nursery a native plant nursery, located south of Canandaigua. He has operated the nursery full time for over 20 years. He fills a special niche in the nursery industry between bare root seedlings and large caliper sized street trees by growing plants that are affordable, easy to plant and can survive the rigors of transplanting under natural conditions. Over the years he has perfected this system with thousands of trees sold and planted each year. He grows the full complement of trees and shrubs native to NYS and the northeast and the majority of his plants are propagated on site from seed locally collected. He freely shares his knowledge of native plants, their use for enhancing wildlife habitat, land stewardship and how to propagate plants on his website whiteoaknursery.biz.

12:00-2:00 pm **Lunch Break**

1:15-1:45 pm

Ash Liability Issues – Garrett (Gary) Koplun. Gary will be leading a discussion about the progression of ash decline & mortality throughout WNY and the Western Finger Lakes regions; the fragile nature of dead ash trees, specifically those killed by Emerald Ash Borer (EAB); hazards presented by dead ash trees, especially those along roadways; who is responsible for dead ash trees along the roadway; and what can be done about dead ash trees along the roadway.

Gary is a private lands Service Forester for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, providing forestry program services to Orleans, Genesee, Monroe, and Wayne County. He assists private landowners plan & develop good forest management; aids communities with urban forest management; provides education & outreach opportunities; and educates about the control & management of invasive forest pests & diseases. He is a native of Canandaigua with degrees from the SUNY ESF Ranger School and SUNY ESF in Natural Resource Management. He's been with the DEC since 2011.

1:45-2:00 pm

50/50 Raffle & End of Silent Auction

2:00-3:30 pm

Afternoon Breakout sessions:

Session #3:

Forest Resiliency Scorecard - Kristina Ferrare. The Keep Forests Assessment and Scorecard was released in 2019 as a tool to assist landowners, both new and not so new, with looking at their woodlots through the lens of resilience. Our woodlots face a myriad of pressures from extreme climate conditions to invasive pests to interfering vegetation. Kristina will present the scorecard and discuss how landowners could use it to identify issues to discuss with their forestry professional with an eye towards long term resilience and recovery from more frequent disturbances. Keep Forests Healthy Assessment: A guide to walking your woods with resilience in mind

Kristina is a Forestry Program Specialist for the Onondaga County Cornell Cooperative Extension. She holds an MS in Forest Resources Management from the University of Massachusetts and a BS in History from Hamilton College. Her graduate work focused on developing a data management and reporting system to evaluate best management practices on timber sales for the U.S.D.A. Forest Service. Before coming to CCE, Kristina worked on private forest landowner outreach and education as well as land conservation programming for the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. Her current work has a land conservation and forest legacy focus. Kristina is interested in the human dimensions side of forestry and forest management.

Session #4:

Make & Take Outdoor Tutorial– Dick Starr. Taking measurements in the woods can require several instruments including tape measures, hypsometer, lumber volume chart, and a basal area gauge. In this session participants will make a tool capable of estimating tree height, tree diameter, log length, log diameter, lumber volume, and basal area. All this with a single tool patterned after the Biltmore stick. Join Dick and learn how to make and use this marvelous device when cruising your wood lot.

Dick is a native New Yorker. He has been a member of NYFOA and the Western Finger Lakes Board of Directors for many years. He often contributes articles for the WFL newsletter and has authored in other publications as well. He spent 32 years teaching secondary earth science and physics and believes in the hands-on approach to education. In the words of Albert Einstein, "Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything learned in school." Dick and his wife enjoy traveling and have visited every state. He likes keeping the woodshed well stocked with firewood and there are few places he'd rather be than playing in the woodlot. One of those places is their off-grid cabin in the Allegany hills. He likes to read and enjoys music.

Session #5: White Oak Nursery tour – Jim Engel. The tour is limited to 8-10 cars maximum. Please carpool to maximize the number of people who can participate.

White Oak Nursery, 4350 Kipp Road, Canandaigua, NY 14424

SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2022

9:30 am-12:00 pm

High Tor Wildlife Management Unit Woods Walk – Emily Bonk. Emily is a Forester from the DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlife and will provide a presentation about the recent logging activity performed in High Tor. She will discuss the goals of the work and a little history of the property.

The tour will start at the Pavilion of FLCC's East Hill Campus - 6486 East Hill Road, Naples, NY 14512, and will require a short walk to the "Four Corners" in Hi-Tor. There will also be an option to drive to the presentation via the Basset Road parking area. A map of the Hi Tor labeled for this event can be downloaded with the other statewide meeting documents from the NYFOA website or a link to map of High Tor can also be found at the DEC website:

https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/highormap.pdf