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**NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

GREAT TREES and the ISSUES THREATENING THEIR SURVIVAL

Delhi, ONTARIO: On Wednesday February 4th, 2009 at 7:00 pm the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association (NWOA) will hosting its 12th Annual General Meeting at the Delhi German Home, James St., Delhi.

This year at the Annual General Meeting Barb Boysen, Forest Gene Conservation Association, will be speaking about the newest Species at Risk – *Butternut*. This local tree is threatened with extinction, and woodlot owners' help is needed to conserve this once abundant Carolinian species. Also John A. McLaughlin, Ontario Forest Research Institute will be reviewing his findings regarding Red Pine decline, including his studies undertaken here in Norfolk.

As part of our Forest Capital of Canada 2008 celebrations the announcement of the *GREATEST TREES of Norfolk* will be announced and awards presented to our super tree sleuths – over 103 species were documented!

Doors will open early at 5:00 pm, for registration and for interested individuals to review the over 38 displays set up by resource consultants, the forest industry, agencies and community groups - all with an interest in good forestry management. Displays will be set up and available to view prior and after the meeting – so come early!

The Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association promotes woodlot stewardship to local woodlot owners and interested parties within Norfolk County. With 300 members, this strong and growing organization is celebrating the national designation of Norfolk County as the Forest Capital of Canada again for 2009. Renewing members will be receiving a free commemorative Forest Capital of Canada pocket knife and lapel pin. New members will receive a membership sign for their property and access to an online Forest Resource Manual full of extension notes and information.

The benefit of membership includes 6 informative newsletters, free access to evening seminars and workshops, and free family oriented events. Membership for 2009 is \$20.00.

Also, all members in attendance will have a chance at over \$2100 in door prizes, including 3 chainsaws donated by local businesses! It pays to be a member – so come join us at our Annual General Meeting!

Upcoming events include an information seminar on chainsaw maintenance, emerald ash borer information – how will affect me?, managing income tax when harvesting timber, and Family Forestry Day – maple syrup tour. All these events are free to members!

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