

NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

So far, so good ... to this point we have avoided the worst of what a Canadian winter can throw at us. I hope we continue to escape winter, at least, until after our Annual Meeting is completed.

The Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association (NWOA) Board is, full steam ahead, planning for the **NWOA Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the German hall in Delhi, March 1, 2017. The doors open at 5pm and the meeting starts at 7pm, ending at 9pm.** You should plan to attend and mark it on your calendar because it looks to be a great one! Bring a friend or neighbour because we will have many vendor and group booths with lots of information that pertains to your woodlot and the creatures that may make it their home.

We have two dynamic speakers:

Terry Schwan with a very interesting talk about a study that shows the income derived from managed woodlots, lots of eye opening facts.

Ron Casier, President of the Canadian Chestnut Council, will speak about efforts to re-establish the chestnut tree in our woodlots.

To top it off, there is coffee and Timbits, donated by our local Tim Hortons, while you catch up with other members and friends and don't forget the prizes! Especially the Early Bird prizes; if you renew your 2017 NWOA membership by February 24, 2017 you will be eligible to win a chainsaw in the first draw or an office chair in the second draw.

The generous donations, by many local businesses, enable NWOA AGM to be an annual success. Under the enthusiastic leadership of Tracey Boerkamp, AGM convenor, the members of NWOA continue to enjoy the informative booths and speakers that arm us with information to make better choices looking after our woodlots.

Many hands make the work load light! We require a diversity of opinion on our Board to better enable to serve NWOA membership. We meet 9 times a year, with July, August and December off. We would love to welcome new members to learn what is going on in Norfolk County, wood markets or learn to better manage your woodlot for whatever purpose you see it doing for you. Depending on your talents, perhaps joining our Newsletter Committee or Social Media Group would help get your creative juices flowing. Our Treasurer would love to have someone work with him and learn the ropes while sharing the duties. If you wish to volunteer for your community by becoming a Board Member and you have questions contact me or one of the Board members.

We welcome your comments, thoughts and ideas for our newsletter, workshops and Annual Meeting. You can post them on our website www.norfolkwoodlots.com or call me at 519-428-2615 or email me at [johndewitt@kwic.com](mailto: johndewitt@kwic.com)

See you at NWOA AGM on Wed, March 1, 5pm to 9pm at the German Hall in Delhi.

John de Witt

Baumann Sawmill Field Trip

Wednesday, April 19th

Join the members of the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association on a day trip to the Baumann Sawmill located in Wallenstein (30 minutes north of Kitchener), the heart of Mennonite farming country. Baumann Sawmill is a unique business in southern Ontario offering services in tree marking under Good Forestry Practises, woodlot management planning, Forest Stewardship Council Certification, and outreach to woodlot owners looking for expert advice. Baumann Sawmill produces various lumber products and millwork, as well as finished products, most notably their line of classic sleighs sold in stores across Canada. Their commitment to sustainable forestry practises and biodiversity is impressive and their slogan says it all "From Forest Management to Finished Product".

The trip is open to NWOA members whose membership fees are in good standing. The full cost of transportation is \$35.00 per person however; the NWOA will partially cover the transportation. Round trip transportation will be \$20.00 per person. Participants can pay by cash or cheque. We will meet in the north east section of the parking lot at the Delhi German Hall (443 James St, Delhi). The bus will leave the parking lot at 8:30 am sharp and will return by 4 pm.

We will stop at The Crossroads in Elmira for a buffet lunch (lunch not provided by NWOA).

Space within the Baumann Sawmill is limited so participation will be capped at 20 people on a first come, first serve basis. Please email NWOA Director Betty Chanyi at bbchanyi45@hotmail.com to register.

Baumann Sawmill Website: <http://streamridge.ca/>

The Crossroads Family Restaurant: <http://www.crossroadsrestaurant.ca/>

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Wesbite: <http://www.norfolkwoodlots.com/>

In Memory Of Harry Barrett

Norfolk County has lost its chief storyteller and one of its most important historians and conservationists.

Harry B. Barrett's life was one of learning and adventure – experiences he put to paper that became important books.

From his time in the navy during World War II to his interest in local wildlife painter William Pope and especially local history, Barrett was prolific, publishing 16 books on all these topics and more, even into his late 80s.

Barrett, who died January 26, age 94, was also influential in agriculture, education and preserving the environment.



He helped establish the Long Point World Biosphere, which advocates preserving the natural features of the area, taught agriculture at area high schools, and started the farm management program at Simcoe's Fanshawe College.

Barrett's sense of adventure started when he was a child growing up on the family farm north of Port Dover.

Excerpted from The Simcoe Reformer

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association
Wednesday March 1st , 2017 7:00 PM
Delhi German Home – Delhi**

Forestry Information Vendors & Information Displays – open at 5 pm
Over 36 Information Displays!

DOOR PRIZES

Members can enter their name for a chance to win over \$ 1000 in Door Prizes!

**SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN TODAY!
& WIN A CHANCE AT A SPECIAL DRAW FOR A CHAINSAW!
DEADLINE – APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED AT
NORFOLK FORESTRY 95 CULVER ST. Simcoe (or On-Line)
BY Noon February 24th , 2017**

RENEW TODAY!3 WAYS TO RENEW & WIN!!

1. ON-LINE, Go to www.norfolkwoodlots.com go to 'Members Tab' select Membership Renewal, and pay by PayPal or a Credit Card.
2. Mail Membership Application with payment to:
NWOA c/o of Norfolk Forestry 95 Culver St. Simcoe, ON N3Y 2V5
3. During business hours, drop off Membership Application, with payment, at Norfolk County Community Services Department, 95 Culver St., Simcoe

RENEW BEFORE FRIDAY Noon FEBRUARY 24th and YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY
ENTERED INTO THE EARLY BIRD DRAW FOR A CHAINSAW!

2016 AGM Prize Winner

David Okines of St. Williams was the lucky winner and, as you can see from the photo, he is making good use of the chainsaw.

Photo by Betty Chanyi



2017 NWOA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

- The approved membership fee for 2017 is \$25 - in order to maintain this fee we need as many members as possible to subscribe to receive their newsletter electronically. Even if you prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter we would like your email address (or any changes to it) to maintain our membership file and keep you posted with any last minute notices, updates etc.
- Please complete this form, mail or drop off with payment to the address below .. or .. Existing members can also renew online, go to www.norfolkwoodlots.com, under the 'Members Area' tab, select 'Member Renewal' .

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY MARCH 1st, 2017, Delhi German Hall

Doors open at 5:00 pm to view Displays and meet vendors General Meeting: 7:00 pm

EARLY BIRD DRAW: All membership Renewals received with payment by **Friday noon February 24th 2017**
Will be entered into a draw for a Chainsaw.

	Renewing Member	New Member
Name:		
Address:		Town
Postal Code		Phone:
E-Mail:		

Please make any corrections to the above - we need your full 911 address

<i>Preferred NEWSLETTER DELIVERY</i>	REGULAR MAIL		EMAIL
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Do You Own a Woodlot?	NO	ASSOCIATE MEMBER			
	YES	FULL MEMBER			
IF YES - IS IT A FARM WOODLOT?	YES	NO	<small>Verified Office Use Only</small>		
WOODLOT LOCATION	Former Township		Lot	Conc.	Size (acres)

TAX ROLL NUMBER	3	3	1	0													
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For additional properties please add to back of form

Please send payment to: NWOA
c/o Norfolk Forestry 95 Culver St. Simcoe, ON N3Y 2V5
 Membership Fee – 2016 - **\$25.00** (Cheques payable to NWOA)

Receipt

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association

MEMBERSHIP FEE \$ 25.00

Cash

Cheque # _____

DONATION: \$ _____

Rec'd by: _____

Thank you for your support!