

President's MESSAGE

What are some of the issues that you are concerned about ?

The main purpose of having a woodlot owners association is to assist our members in managing their woodlots for their own purposes and in keeping with "good forestry practices". We try to make information available to help our members make their own decisions.

"Good forestry practices" are a comprehensive set of practices that are accepted by forestry professionals as including the latest technical knowledge about trees and their requirements as well as their environment. Good forestry practices differ from place to place and time to time. They could be compared to good medical practices as they change from time to time. Land owners who apply "good forestry practices" generally take pride in what they do and are happy to show their neighbours and friends.

Where formerly, our Provincial Government had an elaborate system of staff and programs to assist landowners it now encourages us to apply good forestry practices on our lands through M.I.F.T.I.P., C.L.T.I.P. and agricultural property tax reductions.

It seems, though that just as these programs are hitting some stride that other strong interests in the provincial government are nosing their way into them and trying to redefine "good forestry practices" in order to "protect species at risk", resulting in no harvesting being allowed at all. Protecting species at risk is part of the definition of good forestry practices.

As this debate develops our association does not have a seat at the table. The discussions are between the Ontario Woodlot Owners Association and the Ontario Forestry Association and the Government. This concerns me and it may concern you.

I urge all members to attend the Annual Meeting of our Association on February 3rd and pay particular attention to Wade Knight, the executive director of the Ontario Woodlot Owners Association as he explains what that association is doing to represent the interests of woodlot owners in Ontario.

Dolf Wynia, President, Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association

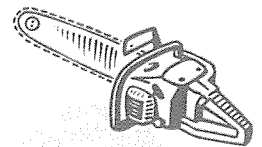
EARLY BIRD DRAW

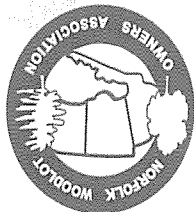
FOR ALL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITH PAYMENT PRIOR TO JANUARY 29th, 2010 – YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW TO WIN A CHAINSAW!

COMPLETE THE ATTACHED SURVEY

- BRING IN YOUR PERSONALIZED BALLOT FOR A VERY SPECIAL DRAW.

WINNERS ARE REQUIRED TO ARRANGE PICK-UP OF PRIZES. GOOD LUCK!





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association

Wednesday February 3rd, 2010 7:00 PM
Delhi German Home - Delhi

Forestry Information Forum & Information Displays – open 5 pm

Over 36 Information Displays!
With membership access a chance at \$ 1000 in Door Prizes! A chance to win a chainsaw!

SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN TODAY!
AND WIN A CHANCE AT A SPECIAL DRAW FOR A CHAINSAW!

DEADLINE – APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED AT
NORFOLK FORESTRY 95 CULVER ST. BY JANUARY 29th, 2010

ALSO DO NOT FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR SURVEY AND

BALLOT FOR ANOTHER GREAT PRIZE!

For more information call Tracey Boerkamp 519-443-8754

MEETING STARTS AT 7 PM

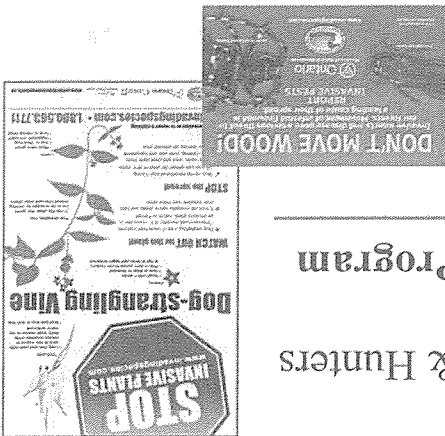
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- The NEW St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Centre
- Alternative Land Use Services
- SCOTTS Canada – what our woodlots supply to their business!



GUEST SPEAKER
Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters
Invading Species Awareness Program

In 1992 the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, established The Invading Species Awareness Program. Our objectives are to raise public awareness of invasive species and encourage their participation in preventing their spread.



FOREST FUNNIES

WEBSITES OF THE MONTH

NWOA Directors – 2009

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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A DIRECTOR?

An interest in natural resources management We meet once a month except July & August....

We need new members to keep the momentum of our associations growth moving forward.....

If interested please contact an existing director to learn more.....

Don't Move Firewood

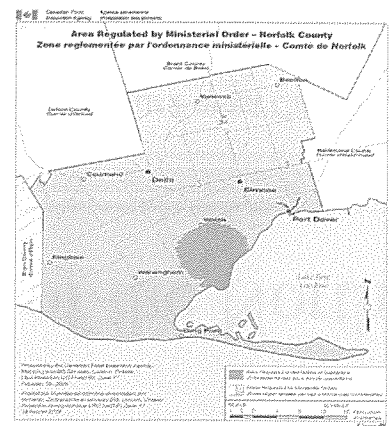
Buy Local!

Throwing a few pieces of firewood into the trunk of the car before a camping trip might seem like a good way to plan ahead, but those logs could destroy a forest.

Firewood can carry small but harmful hitchhikers that are often hidden in the bark or wood. The damage caused by invasive species such as the emerald ash borer can expand exponentially when they get rides from families on vacation—even if it is only a few kilometres away. In fact, the emerald ash borer has killed millions of ash trees across Canada.

When forests are destroyed, everyone bears the consequences. Workers who depend on the lumber industry can lose their livelihoods. Animals and birds can lose their habitat. And our environment can lose the cleaning power forests provide for the air we all breathe.

The solution is easy: leave your firewood at home and pick some up locally instead. If everyone takes care of our forests we will be able to enjoy them for years to come.



Alligators of the North

Our second publication from our Forest Capital of Canada is the new book "Alligators of the North".

ONLY \$30.00

for NWOA Members!



The publication has gone to press and will be available in March 2010. The Canadian Forestry Association has been the promoter of this project, and its involvement goes back to the early 1980s when the late Clarence Coons was commissioned to research and write a history of the Alligator. Now, with the addition of Norfolk County historian Harry Barrett, this text has been updated and emotionalized and features over one hundred images. The front cover is graced with a Tom Thomson painting of a derelict alligator. The back cover carries another Thomson as well as a painting done by none other than our forestry colleague, the late Ewan Caldwell. Enclosed with your newsletter is a copy of the front and back cover of this new publication. This book will retail at \$34.99. And will be limited in production. This book will be the one and only covering this topic in a lifetime.

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association Members will be offered this one time deal of pre-purchasing the Alligators of the North at their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday February 3rd, 2010 for only \$30.00.

If you enjoy Canadian northwoods nostalgia, forest lore and even technical innovation, this is a milestone book for your library. There are numerous references to Pembroke and other Ottawa Valley, Trent System, Georgian Bay and Québec locations, as you can imagine – but most importantly Simcoe and Norfolk County. The Alligator was a common sight in the forest operations across eastern Canada and US from the 1890s through to almost the 1950s.

Please come to the AGM with your cheque made payable to:
Canadian Forestry Association

Please contact any NWOA Director to arrange for purchase if you cannot make it to the NWOA Annual General Meeting.