

### President's message February 2013

In just a few weeks we get together for our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in the Delhi German home. This year we were able to move the date to the first Wednesday in March. No guarantees for better weather. The board is preparing to make this AGM yet another informative event. Again there will be a great variety of displays and a great variety of door prizes. The key note speaker will talk about Forest Certification and developing ways to sustain and manage our forest resources. Another presentation is about Species at Risk and how we have learned that MNR has very limited data on where most species occur on or near member's properties.

The members attending this year's event get the opportunity to help protect the Eastern Flowering Dogwood. Last year Dogwood seeds from a local resource were put in the ground. The seedlings grew over the summer and were transplanted in 3 gallon pots. Their value is approximately \$15.00. Attending members can buy such a tree for \$5.00. They will receive a coupon that can be handed in at the St. Williams Interpretive Centre on a day in May. There they will receive a tree including a handout with planting instructions and a bucket for summer watering. Eastern Flowering Dogwood should be planted in an open area, in a tree line or on the forest edge. There this tree will receive good sunlight and have sufficient air circulation to grow healthy. Planted species do not count as Species at Risk, but at the same time these trees do add to the number of trees available in our county.

On account of the Great Tree Hunt we have contacted the Ontario Forestry Association (OFA). They are keeping a list of great trees. It turns out that quite a few of the great trees of Ontario grow in Norfolk County. The list can be found on the website of OFA [www.oforest.ca/honour\\_roll/trees.php](http://www.oforest.ca/honour_roll/trees.php). The list of Norfolk County's Great Tree Hunt can be found [www.norfolkwoodlots.com/great-tree-hunt](http://www.norfolkwoodlots.com/great-tree-hunt).

On another note we encourage you to invite a friend to become a member of the NWOA. Please give this a moment of your time. I realized I know at least four people who own a woodlot but are not a member. I will invite them to join. Also people who do not own a woodlot but who are interested in Norfolk County forests can become an associate member.

On Wednesday March 6 I hope to see you at the Annual General Meeting. Please don't hesitate to ask any question or bring forwards any concern. It will be our objective to find the right answer.

If you have any suggestions or interests that you would like to learn about you can let me know by phone (519-428-1421) or by email ([vankleef@kwic.com](mailto:vankleef@kwic.com))

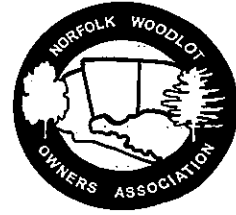
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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Delhi German Hall  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association



Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 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!  
& WIN A CHANCE AT A SPECIAL DRAW FOR A CHAINSAW!**

**DEADLINE – APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED AT  
NORFOLK FORESTRY 95 CULVER ST. BY March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 NOON**

A little more information about the Annual General Meeting;

Last years applications for 2008 **Aerial Photos** of NWOA members properties will be available for pick up. For those which did not purchase an updated 2008 aerial photo the NWOA will be working with Norfolk County to see if we can negotiate copies for those members at last years price of \$5.00 per property.

### MEMBERSHIP BONUS

The first 250 ATTENDEES at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
will be offered a *Eastern Flowering Dogwood* certificate for \$5.00.



Certificate holders can redeem their coupons next spring at the St. Williams Interpretative Centre and adopt a potted Eastern Flowering Dogwood for their own property.

The Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association has dedicated funds to subsidize the purchase of an Eastern Ontario Flowering Dogwood for the majority of their members.

Some members have expressed an interest in purchasing more than one Eastern Flowering Dogwood – if after the Annual General Meeting there is trees left they will be made available to those with a certificate on a first come, first serve basis on the assigned pickup days this spring at the St. Williams Nursery and Ecology Center.

Your participation in this planting will hopefully conserve a species which is slowly being lost within our woodlands across Norfolk and southern Ontario. Your care of this tree will be a testament to the ability of woodlot owners to work collectively together in conservation!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Do you own a horse?

Do you like to trail ride with your horse but are unsure of where you can ride?

Would you like to meet fellow horse owners who enjoy trail riding?

Norfolk County in partnership with Ontario Trails Council is hosting an evening meeting open to all horse enthusiasts on;



**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 ~ VITTORIA COMMUNITY CENTRE ~ 7PM**

Purpose of meeting is to explore the community interest in re-establishing a Norfolk County Horse Trail Riding Club

~ for those who have been longer in the saddle will recall a club back in the 1950s and early 60s

For more information please contact Mark Boerkamp at Norfolk County 519-426-5999 x 2215

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## Ontario Woodlot Association Annual General Meeting & Conference Our Forests - Sustaining Our Forests for Tomorrow

Saturday March 23, 2013 in Acton, Ontario Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Keynote speaker is Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, who will speak on Climate Change and the Impacts of Forest Biodiversity.
- Prescriptions for Managing Ash Woodlots & Emerald Ash Borer – Terry Schwan, Forester, Ministry of Natural Resources
- Ticks & Lyme Disease in Ontario – Dr. Curtis Russell, Program Consultant, Public Health Ontario
- New Approaches to Afforestation – Al Corlett, Program Manager, Trees Ontario and Paul Gagnon, Lands & Waters Supervisor, Long Point Region CA

Conference registration is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. You must register and pay in advance. Your registration fee includes lunch and refreshments during program breaks. Registration closes on March 8, 2013.

To register, call Rhonda at 613-258-0110 ext. #221 or visit the "[Home](#)" page on the OWA website (go to the "One Time Payment Option" link found in the lower left hand corner of the Home Page). Payment can be made by cheque, Visa, MasterCard or PayPal.

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**WEBSITE OF THE MONTH**

[www.ont-woodlot-assoc.org](http://www.ont-woodlot-assoc.org)

The **Ontario Woodlot Association** is a non-profit organization with a network of regional chapters located across the province. The OWA brings woodlot owners together to share ideas and learn about forest management. We promote sustainable forestry practices in private forests to ensure the viability of these forests for future generations.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 9th & 10th 2013**

The great outdoors moves indoors for two days at the **"Norfolk Wildlife Festival & Adventure Show"** in Simcoe, in the heart of Ontario's South Coast. This two-day event is the kick-off to Spring Break :)



**Come celebrate nature.** See wildlife up close and experience fascinating nature shows. The Wildlife Festival offers outdoor enthusiasts a chance to see nature at its best. **Families and children** of all ages can participate in many fun and educational hands-on activities, demonstrations and browse through a variety of exhibits.

This year you can make a bird house, create "your" waxed hand, learn about the Girl Guides, and all the great things to do at the Long Point Region Conservation Parks, Plus, have your chance to milk Bessie the cow!

### **Three NEW shows this year.**

"Zoo to You" will be joining us with their 30+ animals which may include; an American alligator, hissing cockroaches, a rose hair tarantula, snakes, black tailed prairie dog plus much more!

Alex from "Club Rex" will be bringing their pieces of Prehistory, you will get a chance to see prehistoric dinosaur bones, teeth and claws!

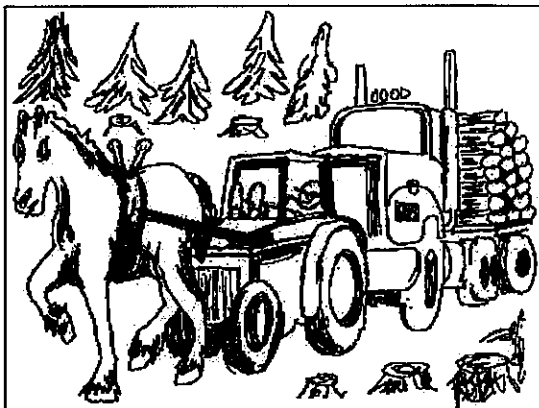
"Elephant Thoughts" will be providing us with an Interactive Science Show where you can participate in hands on experiments with dry ice and other cool stuff!

"Canadian Canine College" will be returning with their fun, lovable, laughable dog show :)

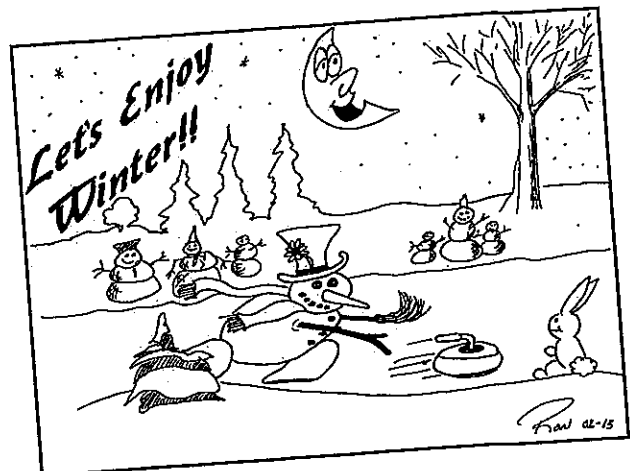
The fan favourite is returning - the **24 foot climbing wall**, sponsored by Scotiabank. If heights scare you, we have something for you... a 10 foot Planetarium, where inside you will be amazed with the light show about Ancient Greek History and complete adventure with glow in the dark slime, this show is sponsored by Hald-Nor Credit Union.

**Check us out on facebook for up to date details and chances to win some awesome prizes.**

## FORESTRY FUNNIES



It sure beats the high cost of fuel & insurance



**Win a Chainsaw!**

Return Your 2013 membership form  
along with payment by:

**March 1, 2013**

And we will enter you in the draw for a

**BRAND NEW CHAINSAW!!**

## **Chainsaw safety course**

Sign-up list for a one day workshop.

**Learn:** Chainsaw maintenance  
Safety and protective gear review  
Tree felling procedures  
Bush dangers and concerns

-We are taking names of those interested in participating in this one day workshop

-Workshop date will be set if there is sufficient interest.

**Invest in Yourself !**

Learn the basics or get a "refresher "

Contact: Ron Tchorek at 519-426-5708 or [tchorek@kwic.com](mailto:tchorek@kwic.com)

### **Chainsaw Maintenance and Safety Equipment Workshop**

**When:** March 20, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Where:** Norfolk Tractor, 3503 hwy #3 West,  
**What:** Chain saw maintenance review  
Safety equipment and how to use it properly  
**Cost:** No charge for this event

This an indoor workshop, dress for a shop environment  
If you have specific questions regarding your saw, (any make), bring it with you for assistance.

Contact : Ron tchorek 519-426-5708 or [tchorek@kwic.com](mailto:tchorek@kwic.com)

# NWOA Directors – 2012

\* year indicates the term the year expires, the (number) indicates the number of terms served

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## WANTED DIRECTORS and VOLUNTEERS

A **BIG** thanks to our retiring directors;

- Ron Tchorek, our NWOA cartoonist, Ron has been with us for two terms and has agreed to stay on as a volunteer with his Forest Funnies and coordinating training opportunities for NWOA members, like the chainsaw training events!
- Martin Perrin, our NWOA Secretary, is stepping down from the Board and has been instrumental in stick handling improvements on our website which should be completed and functioning in the next few months. His continued support on this project is greatly appreciated.
- Tom Bradstreet, our connection to the Nature Conservancy of Canada, is also stepping down but I am sure we will continue to cross paths as he leads the NWOA on various upcoming tours of the various NCC properties. The NCC has appointed a replacement to act as advisor on the NWOA Board rather than as a Director and in the next newsletter we will have a profile of our new partner advisor.

**NOW** if you want to become a Director please contact Angelle before the Annual General Meeting.

**OR** if you want to volunteer on working committees, such as the website, event and seminar organization, training workshops, communications (photographer needed), forest health, forest certification.... Please let Angelle or a Director know as we need help to make your organization work for you!

PLEASE VISIT ONE OF OUR LOCAL SWEET ESTABLISHMENTS THIS SPRING....

**Chambers Pure Maple Products & Pancake House** Contact: Marvin & Judy Chambers

R.R. #3, Waterford, NOE 1V0 Phone: (519)443-8561 Fax: (519)443-5794

Open Weekends 8-2:30 for 8 consecutive weeks starting February 28. Syrup sales daily. 235 Villa Nova Rd. S. 5 minutes SE of Waterford. Mid-week group bookings by appointment.

**MapleRidge Syrup & Pancake House**

Contact: Gary & Stella Watt

90 Con 11 Townsend, RR3, Waterford, NOE 1Y0 Phone: (519)-426-5516 Fax: (519)-426-7754  
Maple Ridge Syrup & Pancake House is located north of Simcoe, off Hwy 24 on Conc 11.



Serving pancake meals beginning the first weekend in March for six consecutive weeks. Maple syrup, maple products and giftware are available year round.



WOODN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW.....

Q. What is a cavity tree?

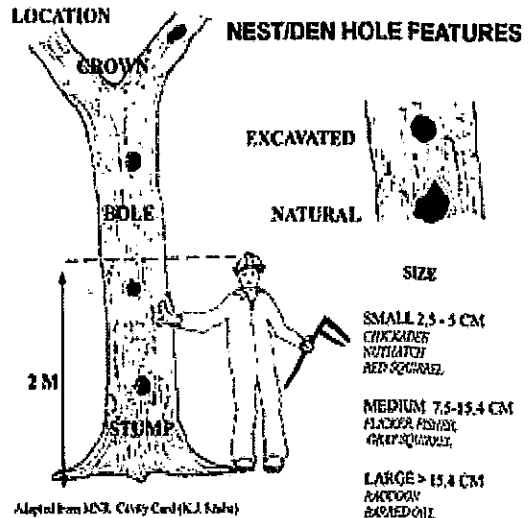
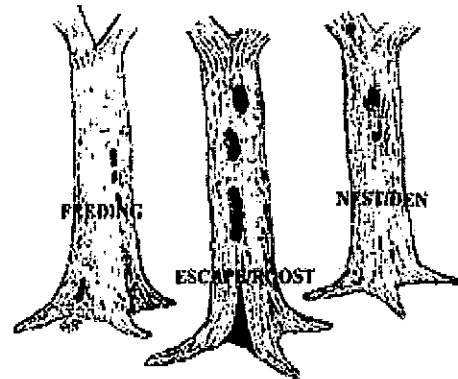
Cavity trees are dead or dying trees that contain one or more holes or cavities that could be used by wildlife for a variety of purposes -- nesting and raising young, denning, roosting, resting, feeding, caching food, escaping predators and hibernating.

In central Ontario, there are about 50 species of birds and mammals that use cavity trees. These cavity users can be divided into two broad groups - primary cavity users and secondary cavity users.

Primary cavity users are able to make (excavate) their own holes for nesting or roosting. Woodpeckers, chickadees and the red-breasted nuthatch fall into this category.

The majority of wildlife species that use cavities cannot excavate their own holes and rely on those created by primary cavity users or on holes that form naturally. This group is called secondary cavity users. The kestrel, some owls such as the saw-whet and barred owls, ducks such as the common goldeneye and wood duck, and songbirds like the eastern bluebird, great-crested flycatcher and white-breasted nuthatch are all secondary cavity users. Many mammals are in this category too. These include deer mice, red squirrels, grey squirrels, flying squirrels, weasels, and raccoons.

CAVITY DESCRIPTIONS



## CAVITY TREES (continued)

***Once you've seen one hole, you've seen them all, right? Wrong.***

Holes in trees are extremely variable in terms of their size, shape, orientation, location in the tree and value to wildlife.

Cavities can be divided into three main types based on their use by wildlife: nest, den, or roost cavities; escape cavities or feeding cavities.

**Nest or den cavities** are hollows that are surrounded by relatively sound wood and can be used by birds or mammals for nesting or denning.

All woodpeckers create similar types of cavities, although the size of the cavity reflects the size of the bird. In general, a primary cavity user will use a hole for nesting only once but may return to the same tree to nest for a number of years.

Some primary cavity users prefer to create nest holes in living trees (e.g., the yellow-bellied sapsucker). Other cavity users prefer dead trees (snags) or dead parts of living trees (e.g., downy woodpecker), while still others will use either living or dead trees (e.g., pileated woodpecker).

Once a primary cavity user has abandoned a nest hole, secondary cavity users may make use of it. Species like the saw-whet owl, wood duck, grey squirrel and marten will use an old pileated woodpecker hole for nesting or denning.

In addition to nest cavities, pileated woodpeckers will also create **roost cavities**. They will excavate numerous egg-shaped holes (up to a dozen) along the length of the bole of a hollow tree. At night, they enter the hollow tree through one of these holes and cling to the inside and sleep. They create many holes so that they have numerous exits in case a predator tries to trap them in the tree. Roost trees may be used by pileated woodpeckers (and other animals) for many years, so they are important to wildlife.

Not all holes in trees make good nest, den or roost cavities. Some just provide temporary shelter from the elements or from predators. These are called escape cavities.

Escape cavities have value to wildlife, but are generally not as valuable as trees that contain good nest, den or roost cavities.

Woodpeckers excavate holes in trees in search of food such as carpenter ants or the larvae of wood-boring beetles. Creating **feeding cavities**. Feeding excavations vary greatly in size and shape.

Nest holes are typically very regular in shape, have clean edges and surfaces and appear dark because they lead into a cavity. Small circular feeding holes are more typically irregular in shape, have rough edges and surfaces and usually appear light because they do not have an associated hollow chamber.

Trees with feeding excavations are valuable components of wildlife habitat. However, feeding holes themselves will rarely be used by wildlife for nesting, denning or roosting. Thus, cavity trees with only feeding holes are not as valuable as those with nest, den or roost cavities.

So next time you're out and about your woodlot take the time to see the value in those trees with cavities.