

NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

The Annual General Meeting will be held, IN PERSON, on March 1, 2023 at the German Home in Delhi, as usual. It will be a pleasure to be able to continue to have in person meetings, where we can exchange our experiences, have informative presentations and simply have social contact with our friends and neighbours in Norfolk County.

Doors open 6:00 PM for members to view displays and information by our sponsors and vendors,

Formal meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Glenn Prevost – from the OWA will be our guest speaker

Members and Guests are welcome

Don't miss the Tim's coffee and timbits.

Glen Prevost is the Program Coordinator for the Ontario Woodlot Association, managing their Certification Program, Carbon Offset Program, and Climate Change Adaptation Training. Glen is a Registered Professional Forester, a Managed Forest Plan Approver under the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP), and has completed the Ontario Tree Marking Course.

Glen will bring Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association members up-to-date on relevant OWA programs and initiatives. They will cover the OWA's Private Land Forestry project, forest certification and carbon offsets for private landowners, and harvesting co-ops. They will also highlight some of the partnerships the OWA uses to promote the interests of private woodlot owners.

Members who have renewed their membership will be part of the draw for a chance to win many door prizes and once again featuring the main draw for a Chainsaw – sponsored by Premier Equipment and NWOA.

If you haven't renewed yet there is still time; memberships are now paid and managed directly by the OWA .There is more information and a form that can be printed off on our website

www.norfolkwoodlots.com under the 'Join us' tab, or directly at OWA

<https://www.ontariowoodlot.com/Sys/Login>

We will also have some forms available for renewal at the AGM

We are looking for new board members. If you would like to become involved yourself or would like to nominate someone please let us know.

Due to some health issues, I am taking a leave from the regular duties as Chair for the NWOA Board of Directors. Dr. Bob Dukelow, currently Vice Chair, has graciously agreed to temporarily step in as Chair. I will return to the Chair position as soon as possible, since I enjoy working with the members of NWOA and have a commitment to promoting the best interests of Norfolk County's woodlots.

John de Witt
President
Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association

ELEMENT 5 TOUR

The Norfolk Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association organized a field tour at Element 5, a Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) manufacturing facility in St. Thomas, on December 1st 2022. The tour was attended by 14 members, mostly from Norfolk Chapter and 5 joined us from the Brant Chapter. A huge thanks to Mike Penner for setting up the tour and our host and guide Ben Horvat. The tour was well organized and each participant was given a headset (to be able to hear the tour leader). We saw much of the plant operating in production mode, taking us through the steps used to create the final product.

It is a huge facility and at just one year old they are already planning for a large expansion which will double the plant size. The production is highly mechanized and computerized and they can produce Glue Laminated Timber, Nailed laminated Timber, Box Panels, and Cross Laminated Insulated Panels.

What is Cross Laminated Timber? Simply put, CLT is a wood product made up of multiple layers of lumber held together with strong adhesives to create large wooden panels. The panels are used as walls, floors, ceilings, roofs, in new construction.

Element5's CLT is made from wood sourced here in Ontario and replaces traditional building materials like steel and concrete. They can customize panels, beams etc. per Engineering design, with panels up to 11ft wide, 52ft long and 15" thick.

Element5 is on the leading edge of innovative and sustainable building technology. Their CLT product, is being used to construct residential and commercial buildings across Canada. You can see more of their products and building projects at **Website:** <https://elementfive.co/>



Sections of panels that have had edges glued



Portion of group on tour



Sections of finished beams for a project



Finger joint - on end of lumber



View of the lumber processing equipment



Panels of glued cross laminated timber

Interested in joining the next Norfolk Chapter event? Watch for updates in your email and on the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association website: www.norfolkwoodlots.com



Canadian Chestnut Council

Request for Volunteers

Annual Nut Seeding Program

The American Chestnut tree has faced extinction since the introduction of the “Chestnut blight” to North America in the early 1900’s. Today, few American Chestnut Trees remain in the wild.

The Canadian Chestnut Council has dedicated itself to restoring the tree to its historical range in Canada. To this end, the Council has undertaken a cross-breeding program to develop a blight resistant tree.

Each Fall, under the direction of lead researcher Dragan Galic, nuts from our Chestnut tree plantations are collected and then seeded the following Spring for planting later in the year. This seeding activity is an important step in developing a blight resistant American Chestnut Tree.

This year, seeding of Chestnuts will take place at the Agriculture Research station near Simcoe, Ontario. The Chestnut Council is looking for volunteers to assist in our program. If you would like to assist in our program and learn more about the breeding program, please consider helping with this important restoration project.

Dates: February 20, 21 and 22 (2023)

Time: 9:00am to approx. 3:00pm (bring your own lunch)

Location: University of Guelph’s Simcoe Research Station

1283 Blueline Road, Simcoe, Ontario N3Y 4K3

If you can help, please contact Dragan Galic

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Previous Chair of the NWOA, Dolf Wynia making Maple Syrup on his woodlot.
