

NORFOLK WOODLOT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Feels like fall today! This resulted in undertaking the annual Norfolk ritual of turning off the AC and turning on the furnace. It's also my favourite time of year with no bugs, lots of colour and cool enough to do vigorous outside yard work without the excessive heat of the summer. Norfolk County Fair was top-notch this year. My grandkids had a lot of fun looking at the BIG pumpkins, chickens, cows and of course sitting on the tractors was a must do.

Invasive species are the bane of woodlot owners. Currently we are contending with Emerald Ash Borer, Spongy Moth (to mention a few of many more) and now it looks like we'll be inflicted with Oak Wilt. In June 2023, the first confirmed detection of oak wilt was found in Canada, at the City of Niagara Falls, Ontario. To help prevent the spread, movement restrictions are in place on affected properties. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is working with other federal, provincial and municipal governments to survey the area and determine next steps.

Please read the Oak Wilt article by the Invasive Species Centre (ISC), part of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), in this newsletter. Learn about the Dos and Don'ts when working around your oak trees.

Our next AGM will be held on March 6, 2024 at the Delhi German Home. We are canvassing for speakers and were wondering if there are any topics of interest or speakers that you would be interested in having us invite them. If you do, could you please let us know by writing, emailing or calling us at the below contact information. Thanks

A reminder to pay for your 2024 NWOA membership via OWA that became due on September 15, 2023. There is a membership renewal form with how to renew information below

Anyone out there interested in being part of the NWOA Board? Perhaps you want to properly improve your woodlot value for improved cashflow or better habitat for monarch butterflies or whatever. By joining the Board you could better influence strategies to gather and disseminate the desired information for yourself and other interested members. Think about it. We welcome team players that care about properly managing their woodlots while sharing that information with other NWOA members.

To help control cost and time spent, is it possible that we could email NWOA newsletters to NWOA members? We realize that not all members have access to internet (but not to worry, they keep promising it'll arrive next year ... for the past twenty years!) But it would save us time stuffing envelopes and cost of paper, printing and postage. Let us know. Thanks

Please note the NWOA mailing address:

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association (NWOA)

P.O. Box 1146

Waterford, Ontario NOE 1Y0

We welcome your comments, thoughts and ideas for our newsletter, workshops and AGM. We work hard to make them fun and informative, so your feedback is essential. Thanks. You can post them on our website www.norfolkwoodlots.com (Go to the 'About us' Tab then select 'Contact us " to complete the message box), direct email at membership@norfolkwoodlots.com , or call me at 519-426-2782 or email me at johndewitt@kwic.com



Invasive Species Centre

<https://www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/invasive-species/meet-the-species/invasive-pathogens/oak-wilt/>

Oak Wilt

In June 2023, the first confirmed detection of oak wilt was found in Canada.

Oak wilt has been found in the following locations:

- City of Niagara Falls, Ontario (first confirmed detection of oak wilt in Canada);
- Township of Springwater, Ontario;
- Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

To help prevent the spread, movement restrictions are in place on affected properties. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is working with other federal, provincial and municipal governments to survey the area and determine next steps.

Report any potentially infected trees to

OakWiltReportingOntario-Flétrissementduchêne@inspection.gc.ca.

CFIA Website

French Update

Oak Wilt (*Bretziella fagacearum*)

French common name: Flétrissement du chêne



Oak Wilt leaves impacted by Oak Wilt



Side by side comparison of healthy vs. Oak wilt-damaged leaves.



Bark infected by Oak Wilt

Order: Microscales

Did you know? Oak wilt kills thousands of oak trees each year in urban and natural forests.

Oak wilt is a vascular disease of oak trees, caused by the fungus *Bretziella fagacearum**. The fungus grows on the outer sapwood of oak trees, restricting the flow of water and nutrients through the tree. Some oak species are more vulnerable than others and can die within a year of infection. In some severe cases, red oaks can mortality can occur within 2-6 weeks following infection.

Oak wilt has been confirmed in 24 U.S. states, some of which border Ontario. The disease was confirmed in Niagara Falls, Ontario in May 2023, making it the first known case of oak wilt in Canada. The origin of the fungus is unknown, but it is believed to have been present in North America since the early 1900's.

*Previously classified as *Ceratocystis fagacearum*.

Oak Wilt Distribution List

The Invasive Species Centre's [Oak Wilt Wire](#) is a bi-annual digital newsletter focused solely on oak wilt news. This newsletter will highlight oak wilt in the news, interesting new research, new developments in prevention and management, community oak wilt champions, and updates from oak wilt experts. Tips and trivia are also included to keep you sharp on oak wilt knowledge! If you consider yourself an oak wilt champion in your community and would like your work to be highlighted, [please contact us](#) and share your stories!

Want to learn more about oak wilt? Check out the ISC's [Invasive Species Training Program](#) and enroll in Oak Wilt Training. This course provides participants with the knowledge and tools to identify, prevent, report, and manage oak wilt in their community and workplace.

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association (NWOA) Membership Renewal Due Date Sept 15, 2023

NWOA is now a Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association (OWA) so renewals and new memberships are paid directly to the OWA.

The OWA/NWOA membership year runs from Sept 15 to Sept 14 of the following year. The OWA will send out renewal notices in mid August, with a due date of Sept 15.

There are **3 ways** to pay your OWA/NWOA membership; (remember a portion of the OWA fee comes back to the NWOA chapter which qualifies you as a NWOA member)

1: ON-LINE - once you click on the [Click here](#). You will be directed to the OWA website.

If you already have your logon setup – just input your email and password.

If you are logging in for the first time:

- input your email and then select “Forgot Password”. The system will then send you an email, (in your regular email inbox). The email will have a link, once you select it you will be prompted to create a new password.
- once the password is created you can then log in using your email and new password. The first page will have some questions about you as a member, which you can complete or just select ‘Continue’.

You can then select your membership option and make your payment, using Visa or Mastercard.

This also is now your membership login for all Member services .

2: RENEW BY PHONE - by calling 613-713-1525. Be sure to have your credit card information ready. (Joanne is very helpful and accommodating)

3: RENEW BY MAIL - cheque or credit card

Note - to NWOA members, we will continue to operate much the same as before joining OWA.

In the past some members included a donation over and above the renewal membership fee. You can continue to support NWOA directly with a cheque or cash and mailed to NWOA at

PO Box 1146, Waterford, ON N0E 1Y0. It will be very much appreciated.

If renewing by mail, print and fill in this form and mail along with cheque to the OWA, you can also use credit card by completing form below:

OWA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Select one membership option: (hst is included)

1-year at \$ 56.50 2-year at \$ 113.00 3-year at \$169.50

1-year 1 additional Family Member at \$ 10.00

2-year 1 additional Family Member at \$ 20.00

3-year 1 additional Family Member at \$ 30.00

1-year Electronic \$45.20

1-year Student \$20.00

Cheques are to be made payable to the **Ontario Woodlot Association** and mailed to:

Ontario Woodlot Association

10 Campus Dr. unit 4

Kemptville, ON K0G 1J0

To pay by credit card

Credit card # _____

Expiry _____ 3 digit csc _____

Please complete the information below whether paying by cheque or credit card.

Members Name : _____

Mailing Address _____

town _____ postal code _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Family Member's name(s) _____

Family Member's email _____

Business Name _____

Phone Number _____

Family Members' Phone Number _____



FREE EVENT!

**GUIDED
WALKING TOUR**

HOSTED BY THE
**ST WILLIAMS
CONSERVATION RESERVE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Join the St Williams Conservation Reserve Community Council for their Fall Open House.

Local habitat management specialists will lead a 2-hour easy stroll through Pine Plantations and Oak Savannah restoration sites. Come learn about:

- Local natural history
- Vegetation management
- Various plants, birds, and insects present

Also featuring McMaster University representatives to talk about their Carbon research and work.

Visit swcr.ca for more details!

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 28**

@ 1:30PM

849 Concession 1, Turkey Point

(WEST OF TURKEY POINT ROAD)

RAIN OR SHINE

RSVP VIA WEBSITE OR EMAIL

WWW.SWCR.CA

ASSISTANT@SWCR.CA

YOU'RE INVITED
NOVEMBER 10, 2023

A PRIORITY PLACE

A FILM PREMIERE CELEBRATING THE
LONG POINT BIOSPHERE REGION

VENUE: CAPITOL 33, DELHI, ONT.

COCKTAILS AT 6:00

FILM STARTS AT 7:00

INTRODUCTION BY AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST
AND FILMMAKER GREGG MGLACHLAN

TICKETS \$50

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NWOA Site Visit

The Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association invites you to join us on a woodlot tour Saturday, November 4th from 9:30 am to noon. On the tour we will visit two unique properties: Ann and Dolf Wynia's "Woodwinds", a former tobacco farm planted with a diversity of trees from 2005 onward; and the Nature Conservancy of Canada's (NCC) Central Big Creek Block forest restoration property. On the tour you will learn about the different approaches to forest management and restoration on these neighbouring properties. Dolf will lead us on a tour of Woodwinds, where we will walk through and learn about the plantations of European Larch, Spruce, White Pine, Chestnut, etc. From there we will take a short hike to the NCC property next door where Conservation Biologist Liv Monck-Whipp will talk about the plantation

management planned for this coming winter, and the recent seeding of the fields to native trees, grasses, flowers, and shrubs.

Where: 1431 West Quarter Line Road, Walsingham

When: 9:30 am – noon

Attire: This event is rain or shine, so please dress appropriately and wear sturdy hiking boots. There will be some steep sections along the hike as well as rough trails.

Contact: Kristen Bernard – kristensbernard@gmail.com, 519 410 8605

RSVP: Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 1st

Members can renew their membership online, using the OWA website.

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

If you have never logged into your profile, enter the e-mail address that is on your account and select **“Forgot Password”**

The system will send a temporary password where you will be asked to create your own password.

Once you are into your profile, there will be an option to renew your membership.