



# Through The Knothole

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Simcoe County Museum - Room B  
1151 Highway 26, Minesing, ON L9X 0Z7  
(across from the Simcoe County District School Board offices)

**Saturday February 9th, 2019 at 1 P.M.**

As well as the usual items of an AGM, the two Scholarship Award Winners will be announced. We will also have a presentation by a guest speaker who will discuss the controlled burn and habitat creation project at the Museum Tract. Hope to see you all there.

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## **Upcoming Event:**

### **Mark your calendar**

#### **Forest Health Meeting**

Will be held May 14, 2019 at 7pm.  
Location: Edgar Hall, Edgar, ON

The guest speaker will be Svetlana Zeran RPF, Planning Forester with Bancroft Minden Forest Company. She will be speaking on Beech Bark disease and its repercussions to our forests.

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## **Constitution of HWOA as a Chapter of the OWA has been adopted**

At the White Pine Award Meeting on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 our new constitution as a chapter was

discussed, voted on and accepted. All the principles of the old constitution were covered by the new version. We are now in sync with the constitutions of the other OWA chapters.

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## **Huronian Woodland Owners' Association 2018 White Pine Award of Merit**

By Earl Dertinger

Every year the HWOA presents the "White Pine Award of Merit" to a person who has shown outstanding forest management and conservation efforts. This past November it was presented to Neil Craig, long time member, Director since 2007 as well as serving as Chairman twice.

Neil promotes wise forest use and conservation and personally practices these principles on his 6<sup>th</sup> generation (early 1800's) farm.

He works to improve the environment with respect to water, plants and animals on his property. Neil uses a sawmill to produce products for his farm; produces award winning maple syrup; has planted trees to protect a stream corridor on his farm and has established an orchard of Sweet Chestnut (species at risk) in partnership with the Soil and Crop Improvement Association.

Neil is active with Copeland Forest Friends Association. He has received the Oro Moraine Stewardship award from the Couchiching Conservancy for private land stewardship and participated in the Canadian Wildlife Habitat Program to help protect a Class 1 wetland on his farm. Many have benefited from his knowledge and learned to appreciate the woodland through his passion. Neil can always be counted on to share interesting facts, figures or news articles at our HWOA events.



We congratulate the 2018 White Pine Award of Merit recipient, Mr. Neil Craig (center in photo). Left – Cam Douglas; Right – Earl Dertinger

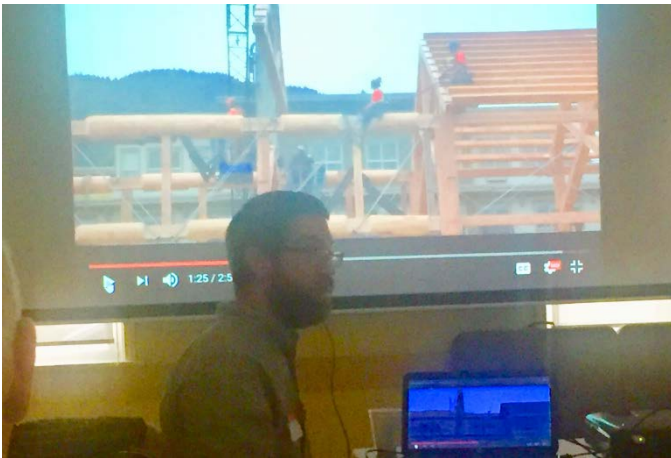
**White Pine Meeting Presentation:**

**“Raising of Clearwater Barn”**

*By Jim Marchand*

Rob Geoghegan-Morphet, Project manager for the Timber Framers Guild Clearwater Farm Barn rebuild, Owner of Black River Timber Framing, London Ontario, was the presenter this year.

Rob asked us: “How do you rebuild a 17,000 board foot Douglas fir barn frame in 7 days?” He held a very informative discussion on the design, planning and construction of the barn built in Georgina Ontario.



The Timber Framers Guild volunteers (arriving from all over North America!), who had never met or worked together before, were brought together as a team under Rob’s guidance. *(Rob is in the above photo.)*

Over the span of a week, a team of instructors worked with many students and volunteers, a mix of local trades people, community volunteers and members of the Timber Framers Guild, to process the Douglas Fir timbers to form and raise the structure. We saw slides, which showed the entire timber frame assembly, start to finish. As well as having Rob’s expertise to answer our many questions, we had Chuck Lowe at the meeting. Chuck is

a HWOA member and was one of the volunteer workers at the project. He gave us insight from the perspective of a volunteer who had not previously been involved in such a project.

**OBITUARIES by Jim Laking**

Two long standing and dedicated HWOA members:

**Dr. Edward (Ted) BEATON** passed away November 30, 2018 in Barrie, at the age of 91.

Ted’s woodland, located in Oro-Medonte, the site of a couple of HWOA field days, was a unique stand of forest. He often invited fellow members to join in the fun of a "pull day" to remove invasive Garlic Mustard. The centrepiece of Ted’s land was a beautiful log cabin relocated from the south shore of a frozen Kempenfelt Bay, across and up into his woodlot. Being ‘on call’ at the Royal Victoria Hospital (long before cell phones) a land line had to be installed. Present Director John Jenkins was the Bell installer, who hand trenched the cable for the half mile into the log house.

**Ross Hickling** passed away December 11, 2018 in Barrie at the age of 90.

Ross owned a beautiful hardwood stand in Oro-Medonte. A few years ago, he worried about arranging a thinning cut to enhance some natural regeneration, because he had a sugar shack and wanted to continue production. His concerns were unfounded, as the next year’s production was as before. Ross founded Prodomax Industrial Automation in the 1970’s. Ross served on many Barrie organizations. He was a recent recipient of the Henry Bernick Cane for Entrepreneurship at Georgian College.

**Through the Knothole Dates**, Jim Marchand, editor

Spring: about April 27 - Summer: about Aug. 24 –  
 Fall: about Oct 26 – and Winter: about Jan 25  
 Deadline is 2 weeks prior.

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