



Through The Knothole

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HURONIA WOODLAND OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Upcoming Event:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FOREST HEALTH

Topic: What is a healthy forest?

**Tuesday June 6th, 2023
from 7 to 9 pm**

Location TBA

FALL FIELD DAY

**Saturday in late September
2023**

from 9 am to 3 pm

Location TBA

WHITE PINE AWARD

Saturday in November 2023

from 1 to 3 pm

Location TBA

**Watch your email and the HWOA
website for updates**

**STAY TUNED FOR PLANS FOR LAST MINUTE
UPDATES POSTED ON THE
HURONIA CHAPTER WEBSITE**

THANK YOU



We wish to thank Vermeer Canada Inc.
for supporting the Huronia Chapter
of the Ontario Woodlot Association
by supplying the refreshments we have at our
meetings throughout the year.

Huronia Chapter (HWOA)

to Host the

2024 OWA Conference

Volunteers Needed!

The annual OWA provincial conference and AGM is scheduled each year for two days in late April. All members should have received information from the OWA about the 2023 conference which is being held in Niagara. While the past few conferences have been held fully or partially on ZOOM, we will be back in person in Niagara. It sounds like a great event and we would encourage Huronia Chapter members to attend.

The OWA has asked the Huronia Chapter to host the 2024 conference. We have formed a small organizing committee that will be holding its initial meeting on May 2. The committee could use a few more members and will also be seeking volunteers to assist with the program

(tours, speakers, billeting and general logistics). Planning details and requests will be communicated to members via the Knothole and the website

www.huroniamwoodlandowners.ca

If you are interested in helping out on the organizing committee or have questions, please contact Doug Frost at doug@forksinthetrail.com or by phone at (705) 487-5723

Thanks, Doug

JACK O'HARA FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**Lillian McDaniel and
Seamus Connor Scime**

Submitted by Mark Scharf

Trees are not just trees. Forestry is not just about trees. This theme underlies the studies and thinking of our two scholarship winners for 2022.



Lillian McDaniel

Lillian McDaniel is in her fourth year of studies at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Where she is in the Environmental Management program with a specialization in Wildlife Conservation and Management. She advises that these courses allow her to take an almost 50/50 split between wildlife focused and forestry based courses.

She advises that growing up she was always fascinated by wildlife. She hopes that her studies can give her the skills she will need to work managing wildlife in a forestry context in

Ontario. Her goal is to search for a position either with the Ministry of Natural Resources or a forestry authority.

She says that the biggest stressor throughout her university studies has been finances, and accordingly appreciates the help this scholarship provides.



Seamus Connor Scime

Seamus Connor Scime is in his second year in the Forestry Technician program at Sir Sandford Fleming College.

He advises that throughout his childhood he developed a respect and appreciation for the living things around him. He has become completely involved in his studies and has gained a thorough understanding of environmental issues, ecosystem science, plant identification, and wildlife observation.

He says that the HWOA scholarship grants him additional financial security to be able to continue his studies.

It goes without saying that not only are these two winners academically outstanding but are also the hope for the future of our forests and wildlife within them.

OUR NEWLY ELECTED DIRECTORS OF THE HURONIA CHAPTER BOARD:

**DAVID BOWDEN and
DAVID HAWKE**

David Bowden is a Senior Clean Tech Advisor in the MaRS Discovery District supporting start-ups and teaching Business and Entrepreneurship programs to entrepreneurs at innovation incubators and universities across

the province. As well, for the past decade, he has consulted in strategic growth management and business process improvement for both commercial and not-for-profit clients. David has held executive roles as President at Sprint Canada telecom, SVP at Direct Energy, founding President of Empori.com, VP at Bata and country manager for Labatt. David spent more than 10 years working internationally in Latin America, Europe and the USA. More recently, he has held interim executive roles for Strategic Business Transformation at various clients including Sears, CIM, IceGen and Cavet Technologies.



David Bowden P.Eng, MBA

An active community volunteer, David is an elected Governor of the University of Toronto, spent 12 years as a Director and Board Chair with Habitat for Humanity in Canada, an international volunteer strategy Advisor at CESO and a Director of the Bata Museum. In 2013, David completed the ICD (Institute for Corporate Directors) NFP Governance program. He has been an off-road motorcycle instructor and completed the final part of his Rotman MBA in Spanish in Chile. David has owned a Managed Forest Woodland in Oro-Medonte for 15+ years. Other Hobbies include long distance motorcycling, snowshoeing, travel, hiking and construction projects. He

holds an undergraduate Industrial Engineering degree.

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David Hawke

David Hawke has been a well known naturalist and outdoor educator for 45 years, working in both the private and public sector.

David has demonstrated excellent woodland and plantation management as we saw first hand when he and Julianna hosted the 2022 Fall Field day at their MFTIP enrolled property. He has promoted the values of woodlands to landowners through the giving of time and resources.

David and his wife Julianna were the winners of the 2022 Huronia Chapter White Pine Award. Writers of Canada.

He has worked as a wildlife technician at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre and the Tiny Marsh Provincial Wildlife Area. Recently he was with the Couchiching Conservancy Land Trust as their Stewardship Manager and Ecologist, involved with 51 properties (totaling 13,500 acres) spread across the Lake Simcoe watershed.

Submitted by Jim Marchand

Brief Synopsis for the
Huronia Chapter

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at the
ORO-MEDONTE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Saturday February 25th, 2023 at 1 pm

Thirty-eight attendees enjoyed an afternoon of friendly networking, business, updates, with the meeting being chaired by Doug Frost. Cam Douglas was the secretary and technical guru, manning the computer for the minutes while projecting the agenda and all the presentations of the screen.

John Crawford presented our Financial Statements.



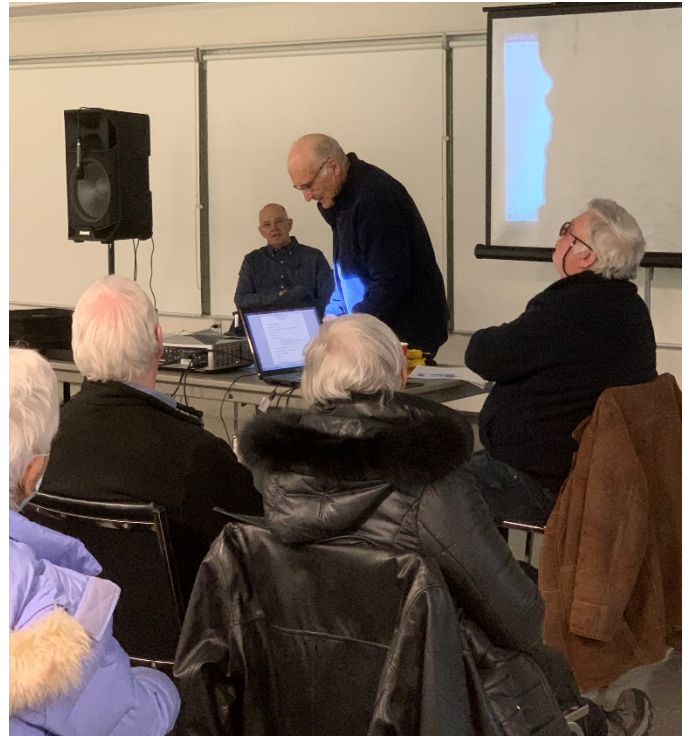
L to R: John Crawford, Cam Douglas, Doug Frost



*Doug Frost Chairing the meeting
Cam Douglas at the front right directing screen visuals*

Jim Marchand gave a brief synopsis of the Huronia Chapter's perspective within the OWA. The highlight being the rise in membership over

the last five years as a Chapter of the OWA increased to 138 members as of that day.



Jim Marchand on "Where the Huronia Chapter is Today"

Mark Scharf announced this year's Scholarship winners.



Mark Scharf announcing the Scholarship winners

Following a break, with refreshments donated by Vermeer Canada Inc., there was a very educational presentation by Ben Gwilliam, of the OWA staff.

At the close of the meeting, there was lots of time to renew friendships, network and update the news of the past year.

Below is a quick BIO and info on Ben Gwilliam and his presentation.

Submitted by Jim Marchand

PRESENTATION BY BEN GWILLIAM

OBTAINING LIDAR DATA, ANALYZING THE IMAGES, AND HOW IT CAN BE ACCESSIBLE AND USEFUL FOR ALL OF US



Ben Gwilliam, our featured presenter

Ben Gwilliam is the Private Lands Inventory Analyst for the OWA and a recent graduate from the Masters of Forest Conservation Program at UofT.



His background is in computer science, GIS, and forestry and he currently leads the private lands inventory project working with LiDAR data to produce enhanced forest resources information across non-Crown lands in Ontario.

This presentation showcased the use of advanced measurement and data gathering techniques being employed by the Ontario Woodlot Association to develop an enhanced private lands forest resource inventory over non-Crown land in the Province and how it will benefit landowners and forestry professionals.



More information about Ben and the work he does is in Issue 109 of the The Ontario WOODLANDER beginning on page 58. See the link below.

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IN MEMORY OF

JOHN CAMERON

Long time HWOA Member and former HWOA Director

Submitted by

Earl Dertinger and Ken Ewens

On March 17, 2023 we lost another good member, John Cameron. John was a retired chemical engineer and moved to the farm in Oro Medonte with his wife Nancy in 1999.

After moving to Oro Medonte John became involved in the community, serving on the board of Orillia Power, Orillia Soldiers Memorial

Hospital and the Hospital Foundation boards, both as a member and as Chair. John and Nancy, family and friends made maple syrup for 15 years. John was a member of the Simcoe and District Maple Syrup Producers and hosted a first tapping event one spring. He was an active member of the woodland owners, served as a director for three years from 2006 -2008. And participated in our Maple Tree Planting program. John and Nancy hosted a fall field day in 2019.

John also found time to play golf and he attended the Masters tournament. John was also a neighbour and friend. Ken Ewens and I, both neighbours recall stories of John's golf experiences. I remember one story involving placing your chair at approved locations along the course at the Masters. John would get one of his grandsons to rush in when gates were opened to get a "good" spot for their chairs. John of course was not a young man at this point but the grandson was!

John will be missed by many, many people including our association.

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Left to Right:

Chris Ellsmere, David Bowden, John Crawford,
Cam Douglas, Doug Frost, David Hawke,
Jim Marchand, Jack McFadden and Craig Drury

Through the Knothole, Jim Marchand, editor

Our members would like to see stories about our members, their properties and projects. Please consider sending me an article, from you or a friend.

Send submissions to: jimmarchand5@gmail.com

Submission deadlines for articles:

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Fall issue: Oct 10

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Directors Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month except June, July and December.

The Huronia Chapter of the OWA (HWOA) has a 50 year history of involvement in good forestry guidance, management and practices.