



# Through The Knothole

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**HURONIA WOODLAND OWNERS' ASSOCIATION**

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Spring 2022

**Upcoming Event: MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

## **FOREST HEALTH**

**Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
from 1 to 3 pm**

**Oro Station Community Hall  
31 Ridge Road East in the village of Oro Station.**

## **FALL FIELD DAY**

**Saturday Sept 24  
from 9 am to 3 pm**

At David Hawke's Tree Farm in Oro-Medonte

## **WHITE PINE AWARD**

**Saturday Nov 5  
from 1 to 3 pm**

at the Elmvale Legion as usual

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

At the time of this newsletter, we are hoping for an in person live event like in the age before Covid-19. All COVID protocols in place at the time of the event will apply, so a ZOOM meeting may become necessary.

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

*A WORD FROM CRAIG DRURY:*

**OUR NEWLY ELECTED MEMBER OF THE  
HURONIA CHAPTER  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Article Respectfully Submitted by Craig Drury



*Craig and Grand-daughter at his sugar shack*

"I am excited to be a part of the leadership of the Huronia Woodlot Association. I have lived in Oro-Medonte all my life growing up and living on

the Drury Farm that our family has been proud to be on for the past 200 Years. My wife Sandie and I have a daughter Sarah who is married to her husband Nathan and have three kids and our son Ryan.

I have been connected with woodlots all my life from cutting wood with my Dad to heat our house, to working with Barret Muir on his sawmill and cutting wood in the Hendry Forest. I have a love for the bush spending time on ours all 4 seasons. We tap about 100 trees each year for Maple Syrup just on a hobby scale which provides another perspective of our bush.



Craig with his wife Sandie

We are also privileged (my son Ryan's word) to be a part of a family that has supported woodlots for generations. In fact we are part of the celebrations of Simcoe County's 100 year County forest Program. My Great- Grandfather, EC Drury and Ontario's head forester EJ Zavitz acted on a vision that is now the forests in Ontario that we all enjoy now.

My real job is the Vice President of Operations for Vermeer Canada. With our Arbourist and Forestry Equipment Support which also keeps me connected to our Woods in a constructive way.

Through all of these experiences and now taking an active part in the Huronia Woodlot Association I can hopefully give back to a resource that has been so good to me. Learning best practices from all of you will no doubt enhance my woodlot as well as others.

Thank you for this opportunity and please feel free to reach out to me anytime."

## OUR NEXT EVENT

# FOREST HEALTH MEETING

Our next get-together is for the annual Forest Health meeting.

It will be held this year at the Oro Station Community Hall, located at 31 Ridge Road East, just East of Line 7 South, in the village of Oro Station.

Our guest speaker for June 25 is Natalie Heyblom with Forests Ontario. Natalie will be speaking on a general "state of Ontario's Forests " review and then focus in on specific forest pests that we should be aware of in this area and how to control them.

Date: **Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Time: **1 to 3 pm**

Submitted by Jim Marchand

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## 2022 FALL FIELD DAY

Our annual Fall Field Day get-together is planned again this year. It will be held at Valk Valley Farms.

David Hawke and his wife Julie have graciously offer to host the event at their tree farm, which they inherited when Matt Valk passed away. Long-time members will remember having the Fall Field Day on that property about 10 years ago, hosted by Julie's father, Matt Valk.

Date: **Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Time: **9 am to 3 pm**

More information to follow as we approach the date.

Submitted by Jim Marchand

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# Huronia Chapter of OWA holds Successful AGM

Submitted by Jack McFadden

On April 30, 2022 the Huronia chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association (aka Huronia Woodland Owners Assoc – HWOA) held their first in-person AGM in 2 years. Only fully vaccinated members could attend, N95 masks were provided and social distancing was in place. Even with these restrictions over 26 members attended at the Oro-Medonte Community Centre.



Following the approval of the Agenda, Acting Chair Jack McFadden called on Chapter Secretary, Cameron Douglas to review the Minutes of the last AGM and these were approved.

A Financial Report was provided by the Chapter's Treasurer, John Crawford. Despite a moderate deficit in operating expenditures in 2021 due to pandemic-related reductions in advertising, donations and membership revenues, the balance sheet shows a net positive bottom line of over \$30,000 going into 2022.

Board member Doug Frost provided an outline of activities and actions undertaken in 2021, which were limited by Covid19 restrictions but did include a virtual AGM meeting, a Fall Field Day at Jack and Janet McFadden's property and 3 meetings of the HWOA's Board of Directors.

Chapter Secretary Cameron Douglas then held elections for the 2022 Board of Directors. Long

time Board member and HWOA supporter Neil Craig identified that he was retiring from the Board and Craig Drury was nominated from the floor to fill that vacancy. Craig was elected to the Board and Doug Frost and Chris Ellesmere were re-elected to another 3 year term on the Board.

A message from Neil Craig was read that provided a background on the White Pine Award which is awarded each fall to recognize outstanding contributions to forest conservation. Members were encouraged to think about neighbours and contacts who have undertaken activities that improve forest health in our area or contribute to better awareness of the value of forests to our economy and to our climate. Please contact any member of the Board to make a nomination. The White Pine Award will be presented at a special meeting on Nov 5, 2022 in Elmvalle. More details to follow as the date gets closer.



Mark Scharf made a presentation on the Jack O'Hara Scholarships which are provided to university or college students who are pursuing forest related education. Two award winners were announced, each of which will receive a

\$500 cheque from the Chapter. The winners for this year were Caitlin Zvanovec and Rainer Dinkellman who provided a short video outlining their background and expressing their appreciation for the scholarship.

The keynote speaker for the meeting was Jim Eccles from Eccles Forestry who spoke about the Huronia Forest Cooperative Pilot Project, of which he acts as Project Manager. In introducing Jim, Doug Frost provided background indicating that the OWA has a similar pilot project in the Kawartha Chapter and that the genesis for the initiative was largely to facilitate the proper management of untended small plantations that otherwise were too small to interest commercial operators. Jim spoke about the 2 properties in Huronia that had work done over the past winter and indicated that 4 others had landowner agreements in place and many others were being evaluated for potential inclusion in the pilot project. He used an excellent Powerpoint presentation to outline the project and also what good forest management should look like.

At the end of this presentation the meeting Chair reminded members of the Forest Health meeting on June 25 at the Oro Station Community Hall. Members were encouraged to check the Chapter's website and elsewhere in this Knothole.

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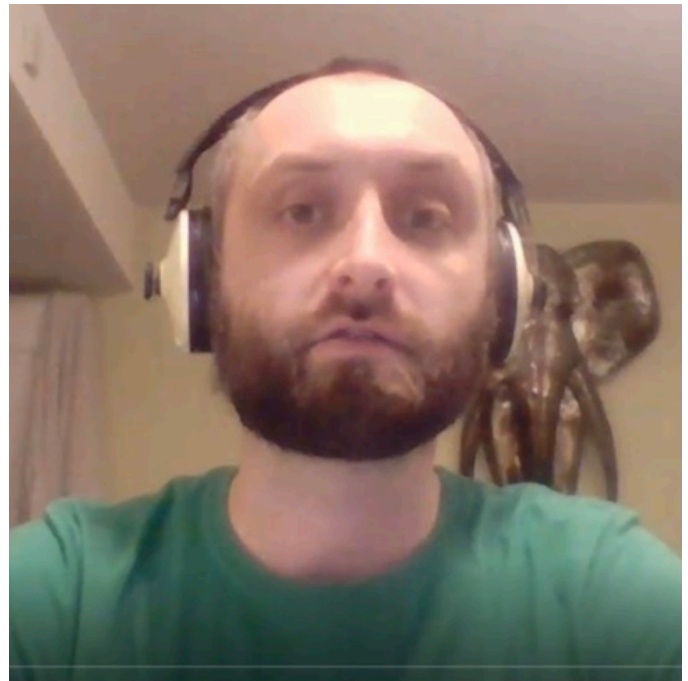
**2021**

**HURONIA CHAPTER  
JACK O'HARA FORESTRY  
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

If wars, pandemics, and humans' genetic dispositions to otherwise destroy the planet and its occupants don't succeed in that outcome there is hope that trees will survive. If trees survive so will forestry. Forestry in one form or another is critical to our lives, whether for the air we breathe, the wood we build with, the paper we use, the mental health it provides for us when we are in a forest, etc. Forestry workers are not just tree cutters, but also now more than ever, promoters of forest health, and growth, in many ways. In short they are

becoming professionals that we need to maintain our health and quality of life.

For those reasons it is reassuring to me to see the calibre of students in today's forestry and forestry related courses of study. This year again despite Covid related difficulties we received seven applications for our scholarship from four different colleges and universities. Of those seven four clearly merited a scholarship, however, our committee was obliged to pick only two. It took some doing, however, our committee consisting of Cam Douglas, Chris Ellsworth, me, Mark Scharf, and honorary consultant, Bruce Keeling, an early promotor of the scholarship, ultimately chose Rainer Kurt Dinkellmann and Caitlin Zvanovec. Both are mature students who had worked in other fields before seeing the light and enrolling in forestry courses.



**Rainer Kurt Dinkellmann**, Master of Forests Conservation Program, Fleming College

Rainer Dinkellman is a student in the Master of Conservation Program at the University of Toronto with a wife and child. His aim is to obtain an RPF designation as soon as possible and practice forest management. If his grades portend his work ethic I am sure he will be successful in his intended career.

Caitlin Zvanovec is a student at Fleming College in the Forestry Technician with Coop

course. She also has done extremely well in her studies and has been accepted as a student at the University of Northern British Columbia in the Forestry Ecology and Management Program which she will start in September 2022. After graduating from this program she hopes to find work in Eastern Ontario particularly in the Canadian Shield area which she loves.



**Caitlin Zvanovec**, Forest Technician Program, Fleming College

As I have said in the past it is gratifying to know that the Huronia Woodland Owners Association by its modest contribution to the lives of such students is helping them advance in their career goals. Our scholarship fund is fast depleting. Please give serious thought to keep it going by making a financial contribution to it.

Submitted by Mark Scharf

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## **Thank you to NEIL CRAIG who has retired from the Huronian Chapter Board of Directors**

Neil Craig, long-time member of the HWOA, and served many years on the Board of Directors, has retired from the Board.

Neil felt that after 13 years on the Board of Directors, it was time to let others have a chance to contribute.

Neil will be greatly missed on the board. He is a valuable resource and contributor to the board. We continue to look forward to his helpful comments at the member meetings.

Thanks so much for your time on the Board.

Submitted by Jim Marchand

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## **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](mailto:jimmarchand5@gmail.com)**

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### **Submission deadlines for articles:**

**Winter issue: Jan 10**

**Spring issue: April 10**

**Summer issue: Aug. 10**

**Fall issue: Oct 10**

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