



Through The Knothole

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Summer 2022

Upcoming Events:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FALL FIELD DAY

**Saturday Sept. 24
from 9:30 am to 3 pm**

At David Hawke's Tree Farm in Oro-Medonte

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Saturday Sept 24 during registration
at the Fall Field Day**

**We need a minimum of 3 members to
help direct cars to parking spots.**

To volunteer for this important task, please
contact Jim Marchand at:

705-835-0094

or email: jimmarchand5@gmail.com

Thank you for your assistance

WHITE PINE AWARD

**Saturday Nov. 12 from 1 to 3 pm
at the Elmvale Legion**

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

2022

FALL FIELD DAY

**at VALK VALLEY FARMS
(3490 Line 6 North, Oro-Medonte)
Hosted by Dave and Julie Hawke**

Date: Saturday September 24th.

Time: 9:30am to 3 pm

Rain or Shine, so dress appropriately for the weather. Bring you folding chair, a picnic lunch and plenty of water if it is a hot day.

Our annual Fall Field Day get-together is planned again this year and 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.

More information to follow as we approach the date. An email blast will be sent out, and also check the HWOA website for the latest updates.

Submitted by Jim Marchand

FOREST HEALTH MEETING

Submitted by Doug Frost

Nathalie provided a general overview of the forest cover in Ontario and the extent of recent damage caused by both natural events (storm damage) and invasive species (such as emerald ash bore and gypsy moths).



Director Chris Ellsmere presented Nathalie with a bottle of his very own maple syrup as a token of our appreciation.

On June 25th, the HWOA held its first Forest Health meeting since 2019 at the Oro Station Community Hall. We had approximately 24 members attending and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to catch-up in person.

Many thanks to our newest director, Craig Drury, who graciously provided refreshments and cookies on a very warm afternoon.

Our presenter for the meeting was Nathalie Heyblom, a Forestry Advisor with Forests Ontario. Nathalie has a Zoology degree from the University of Guelph and a Master's degree in Forest Conservation from the University of Toronto. Upon completion of her work requirements, she became a Registered Professional Forester. In addition to working part-time for Forest Ontario, she acts as a private woodlot consultant in the Bancroft area.

She also provided us with some management ideas to deal with these issues, while acknowledging that those with larger properties must adapt. The best way to do that is through biodiversity. Replace that dead ash with a sugar maple. A variety of tree species is your best defense.

A video recording of Nathalie's presentation is posted on the Speaker Presentations of our Education on the HWOA website.

WILDERNESS FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE

Submitted by Marian Petelycky,
Limestone Chapter

The course is 2 days long (Sept 10th and 11th)

This First Aid Course is being held at the Quinte Conservation Authority Offices in Belleville, ON.

The course includes certification for:

1. Standard first aid and CPR which is provided by the Emergency Care and Safety Institute and is recognized by Industry Canada to comply with National workplace safety standards and
2. Wilderness First Aid Certification

The course is a great learning or refresher for standard first aid combined with remote first aid skills where 911 services are hours away.

The course normally costs \$235 if taken with CWMT but we are providing it to our members at a discounted price of \$169.50 (**before Aug 15th** - early bird pricing) or \$189.50 (**after August 15th**).

If you could kindly let your members know about this great offer and course.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

mpetelycky@hotmail.com

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:

Winter issue: Jan 10

Spring issue: April 10

Summer issue: Aug. 10

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.