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Cancellation Notice:

**DUE TO RESTRICTIONS SURROUNDING
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**THE FOREST HEALTH MEETING
Usually held in May is
CANCELLED**

Message to our members:

In this unprecedented environment we are in with the Covid-19 Pandemic, I hope you and yours are keeping well.

Please continue to follow the directions of our Public Health officials, and keep your social distance and stay home as much as possible.

At our Board of Directors meeting held April 14, 2020 it was decided to cancel our Forest Health Meeting usually held in early May because of the present pandemic restrictions. We want to keep our members safe.

Please let a member of the Huronia Chapter board of directors know your nomination for the White Pine Award being held in November 2020.

Check the Huronia Chapter web site www.huroniawoodlandowners.ca for current updates as they develop. Our next function is the Fall Field Day, and the Board will make a decision on that event depending on conditions as the date approaches.

Hopefully this abnormal time we are living in now will soon improve.

Together we will manage to deal with the situation we are in, if we all do our part. So stay safe and healthy.

Enjoy your forest, Jim Marchand, Editor

HWOA 2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Submitted by Mark Scharf

HWOA'S \$500 Scholarship winners for 2019 were Naomi Butterfield and Jordan Killing.

The winners were announced at the HWOA Annual Meeting held at the Simcoe County Museum on the

outskirts of Barrie on February 29, 2020. The caliber of the applications for the scholarship this past year was outstanding, so picking winners was difficult for the committee made up of Cam Douglas, Mark Scharf and Chris Ellesmere.



NAOMI BUTTERFIELD is a third year student at the University of Toronto who has undertaken studies comprising a double major in Forestry Conservation Science and International Relations, with a minor in Political Science. As appears from the courses chosen for study by her, she has a long term goal to enter a position where she is able to influence, or at the very least be involved, in international environmental governance. Her interest in this area was sparked by two summers planting trees in northern British Columbia. Her interest was deepened after attending COP25 in Madrid in December 2019, due to the frustration she experienced at the stalling and slow progression of international governance. She hopes that her degree provides her with enough of a background to play a role in enhancing the conservation and utilization of forests in positive and effective ways. She plans to remain in Canada for the time being to pursue the TRANSFOR-M Master's degree, an international two year forestry program which allows students to fully experience

two different forest systems. Following this she wishes to deepen her engagement with the Canadian forestry industry and work in a position that promotes sustainable forest practices.



JORDAN KILLING is a second year student at Lakehead University in the Honours Bachelor of Science in Forestry program. She chose this program because of her love of the outdoors and her appreciation of how trees contribute to that love. Through her program she hopes to increase her knowledge of tree growth and development, forest disturbances, and succession involving such things as climate change, and human interaction in forests. She hopes to pursue a Master's program in forest disturbances. She hopes to ultimately work for an employer where she can do research combined with field work.

AROUND MY WOODLOT

by Neil Craig

At the northwest corner of my farm, where the fields end and the woodlot begins there is a high ridge now covered with 12-20 inch hard maples and towering 4 foot white pines.

Through this ridge is a narrow ravine that looks like it could have been a spillway from the time of glaciers. It was in this ravine that my father showed me where the old "Lime Kiln" had been. In pioneer times lime kilns were operations where Limestone rocks were piled up with a heap of hardwood logs and a large fire was kept going for 3-5 days to heat the stones. A constant temperature of approximately 750 to 1000 degrees F was needed to drive out the carbon dioxide and convert limestone, [calcium

carbonate] into chalky white slaked lime [calcium oxide]. An old family story from the 1880's tells of sitting down in the ravine at night time keeping the fires going and looking up in the glowing light at a cougar yawling down at them.

The slaked lime was mixed with sand, mortared brick chimneys and chinked crevices in log dwellings. It was used for exterior rough cast and interior white washing and wall plaster. In the early days of this county the pioneer had to use the local resources of wood and stone when there was no store bought goods available.

Editors note:

Many thanks to Neil for sharing this story of his property.

It is exactly what our members want to hear, so keep these articles coming in everyone.



HWOA Board of Directors (left to right) Jim Marchand, Jack McFadden, Doug Frost, Neil Craig, John Crawford, Cam Douglas and Chris Ellsmere.

Through the Knothole, Jim Marchand, Editor

We need articles from our members. Our membership has repeatedly requested to have articles about our members and their properties and projects. Please consider sending me an article, from you or a friend.

Submission deadlines for articles:

Winter: Jan 10 - Spring: April 10 - Summer: Aug. 10 - Fall: Oct 10

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