



# Through The Knothole

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**Update:**

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

## **ALL CHAPTER EVENTS FOR THE BALANCE OF 2020 ARE CANCELLED.**

**A decision on the AGM meeting normally held in February 2021 will be made at a future date. Keep checking our HWOA website for the latest news as it develops.**

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### **Message to our members**

#### **ABOUT FUTURE EVENTS:**

In this unprecedented time 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, wear your masks and stay safe.

At our recent Board of Directors meeting held August 11, 2020, it was decided to cancel our Fall Field Day (usually held late September, early October) because of the present pandemic restrictions. Also cancelled is the White Pine Meeting usually held mid-November. We want to keep our members safe.

**The Huronia Chapter Board of Directors is looking for White Pine Award nominations usually awarded in**

**November. The White Pine Award is given annually to a person qualified for outstanding forest management and conservation efforts. Please send your nominations to a Board member.**

Check regularly on the Huronia Chapter web site:

<https://www.huroniawoodlandowners.ca/>

Also see the OWA Facebook page and also the website:

<https://www.ontariowoodlot.com/>

for current news and updates as they develop.

So stay safe and healthy.

*Enjoy your forest, Jim Marchand, Editor*

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**Save the date:**

### **Virtual OWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Dates:** Tues. Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> to Thurs. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Times:** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. EDT each evening

**Platform:** Zoom Webinar\*

**Moderator:** John Pineau, Executive Director

With the COVID-19 situation, all in-person events both at the Huronia Chapter level and at the OWA level have been cancelled until further notice, **BUT** the OWA Annual Conference will be held in the evenings, through Zoom Webinars.

John Pineau, OWA's new Executive Director, has been working to organize the conference in this new format and he has shared his proposed plans with me. Everything is still in the planning stages however here is a taste-tease of what is to come. The latest info will be posted on the OWA website as it becomes confirmed, so keep watching the OWA website and of course our HWOA website.

On Tuesday evening, following a welcome address from our President Paul Robertson, we will have a keynote speaker. The confirmation from the speaker is pending at the moment, but as those of us who have attended in the

past, the topic is always of current interest and informative. Later, John Pineau will present the “State of the OWA” report, followed by two speakers who will give a “Forest Health Network Overview for 2020”. The evening will end with a Q&A.

On Wednesday, the topics being proposed are an overview of the Economics Study Phase 1; Fleetwood Plantation Study update; Community Bioheat Heat Guide, and Ontario’s new Cross-Laminated-Timber Producer. As usual, the evening will end with a Q&A.

On Thursday, it is proposed to have “Stick and Cavity Nests in your Woodlot”, followed by a “Virtual Field Tour” – pre-recorded digital video with narration. There will be a Q&A prior to closing remarks.

I realize that affordable rural internet is not available to many of us, myself included, but we have time to organize ourselves within our COVID pods and circles appropriately and safely. Hopefully that way, we can enjoy these presentations, we do live in resourceful communities.

*Submitted by Jim Marchand*

The balance of this newsletter is blank, because no one has submitted any articles prior to either the deadline date or the publication date.

**IF YOU WANT BLANK SPACE FILLED IN THE FUTURE NEWSLETTERS, PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES to:**

**Jim Marchand at [jimmarchand5@gmail.com](mailto:jimmarchand5@gmail.com).**

With the present Covid-19 parameters, no meetings have been held to report on.

Keep Safe

Jim Marchand, “Through the Knothole” Editor

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## **Through the Knothole,**

**Jim Marchand, Editor**

**We need articles from our members for the KNOTHOLE.**

**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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**Next Board Meeting, Tuesday Oct. 13, 2020 at 7 pm**

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