



Through The Knothole

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Upcoming Events:

Huronian Chapter Annual General Meeting

**Sat. Feb. 25th, 1 pm to 3 pm
at the**

Oro-Medonte Community Centre

71 Line 4 North

Corner of Highway 11 South and Line 4 North

NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**We need your input into our activities, so
please consider becoming a board member.**

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Huronia Chapter Board of Directors, or if you would like to nominate someone, email the board at:

huroniawoodlandowners@gmail.com

RSVP It is important that we know attendance numbers to set up and for refreshment purposes so please RSVP by emailing us at the above email.

**2022 Financial Statement and 2022 AGM
Minutes are posted on our web site:**

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

The Silent Auction for the hand crafted paddle (donated by Cathy & Terry Walton) will continue until the end of the half-time coffee intermission. You will be able to bid until that time.

The recipient of the annual HWOA Jack O'Hara Forestry Scholarship will be named at the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER at the AGM:



We will have a guest speaker, Benjamin Gwilliam, staff member of the OWA. 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.

Presentation:

This presentation will showcase 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.

Hope to see you all there.

Jim Marchand, for the Board of Directors

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.

Watch your email
and the HWOA website
for up to the moment updates

**BECAUSE WE DID NOT HAVE A
WHITE PINE AWARD MEETING IN 2021
DUE TO COVID THIS YEAR WE PRESENTED
ONE AWARD FOR EACH OF THE YEARS
2021 AND 2022**

WINNER FOR 2021 WAS ADAM PARKER,
presented by Earl Dertinger



Below is a little background in his own words of Adam's involvement and interest in the HWOA over the years

"I was honoured to learn that I was selected as this year's recipient of the HWOA's White Pine Award.

My early memories of the HWOA go back to when I was a young boy and teenager

attending the meetings and field days with my father, Harold Parker, who was also the recipient of this award in 1983.

From a young age I have always had an interest in the outdoors, woods, wildlife and the natural environment. Learning what other woodland owners did on their property through the HWOA was interesting to me and I could appreciate how my parents Harold and Linda, were looking after their woodlot in Minesing at the home where I grew up with my sister, Rachel and my brother, Robert.

In the early days our home was heated with firewood, our family made maple syrup for 40 years and I have always enjoyed deer hunting each fall so time in the woods was a way of life. When I finished my schooling, I joined the HWOA Board of Directors and acted as secretary from about 1997 through 2002. I learned a lot about woodlot management during that time from the other directors and landowners. Not owning a woodlot myself I owe it all to my parents for giving me a place to enjoy and work on together with them. In recent years I was able to help my dad plan for a commercial timber harvest, done after carefully managing his woodlot for 45 years.

Over the last eight years through the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority our family had several tree planting projects done with native trees and shrubs, on some marginal land on the property at the edge of the Minesing Wetlands. It has been interesting, watching the trees and shrubs grow. Through trial and error we have learned a few tricks to protect the vulnerable silver maple from browsing deer.

In 1992 my father had a few small fields planted in Spruce and Tamarack. After 30 years, it is now time that this conifer plantation had its first thinning which was becoming a struggle to have done. Last year we heard of an opportunity through the OWA of the he Huronia Community Forest Owners Cooperative pilot project. We are hopeful through this opportunity this winter that this much-needed first thinning can be done.

The one thing I am most thankful for over the years is that the wood lot on my parents properties has given our family countless hours together in the outdoors and helped create so many good memories.”

Adam

**WINNER FOR 2022 WAS
DAVID and JULIANA HAWKE
Presented by Neil Craig**

Below is Neil's introduction of the award.



“The 2022 winners of the Huronia Woodland Owners White Pine Award are an amazing and well-known couple in North Simcoe.

David has been a naturalist and outdoor educator for 45 years, working with both the private and public sector. Juliana is a graduate of the University of Guelph and a steadfast member of the arts community in Simcoe County.

Together, they have demonstrated excellent woodland and plantation management. They have encouraged improvements to the environment by undertaking projects to improve water quality and the health of local flora and fauna. They have promoted the values of woodlands to landowners through the giving of time and resources.

David is a published author and photographer of nature. Juliana is an illustrator of nature books, brochures and displays.

This past September they hosted the HWOA chapter Field Day on their unique and beautiful property on the 6th line of Oro-Medonte. There we saw some excellent plantation management of both softwood and hardwood trees. Lots of questions were asked and answered as we toured their delightful trail system. Around each corner there was something to talk about and learn from. Perhaps the best take-away from the day was their obvious life-long appreciation of the natural heritage of that area and their cherished roles as caretakers and stewards of the land for future generations.”

Congratulations to our 2022 White Pine Aware winners: David and Juliana Hawke.

Neil Craig

Through the Knothole, Jim Marchand, editor

Send submissions to: jimmarchand5@gmail.com

**Submission deadlines for articles: Winter, Jan. 10;
Spring, April 10; Summer, Aug 10; Fall, Oct 10.**

Many people have expressed interest in knowing stories about other member's properties.

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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.