



# Woodlot Owner Review

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## Nova Scotia Woodlot Owner of the Year Award

Provincial Winner



**Provincial & Central  
Region Winners-  
Tom and Lori Miller  
Greenhill,  
Pictou Co.**

### Field Day - October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005

Tom and Lori Miller definitely deserve recognition for the way they manage their woodlots in Greenhill and Earltown.

Both woodlots have detailed management plans and are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). The woodlots contain a range of species and ages, with the overall goal to restore Acadian Forest ecosystem structure. The harvest system best suited to each stand is used. Legacy trees, snags, coarse woody debris and a protected area are kept for wildlife.

Tom and Lori are also interested in non-timber and value-added forest products such as Christmas trees, Canadian Yew (Ground Hemlock), and blueberries as well as using their woodlot for recreation and education.

## Regional Winners



**Western Region -  
Dwight Sanders New  
Ross, Lunenburg Co.**

### Field Day - September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005

(A joint field day with the Lunenburg County Christmas Tree Producers Association Annual Trade Show)



**Eastern Region-  
Jeremy Frith  
North River, Victoria Co.**

### Field Day - September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Check out our website for more information on the winners and the field days:

[www.gov.ns.ca/natr/extension/woya/field.htm](http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/extension/woya/field.htm)

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## Conferences & Workshops

### Upcoming events

#### **Celebrating Our Forests 2005, Fredericton, NB, August 17 - 20, 2005**

Designed for Woodlot Owners, Maple Producer, & Christmas Tree Growers. Information on planning, growing, and marketing your products. Workshops, field tours, competitions, and a trade show! A registration form is attached. Call: 1-877-450-8787 or check out: [www.infor.ca](http://www.infor.ca) for more information.

### Past events

#### **Private Woodlots and the Conservation Challenge - Debert, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Hosted by the Canadian Model Forest Network this workshop focused on the role of private woodlands in landscape level initiatives. This was a great workshop with a lot of energy, enthusiasm, and a demonstrated willingness to work together to meet current and future challenges facing the forestry industry.

#### **Woodlot Owner Conferences, Spring 2005**

Woodlot Owner Conferences were held for Western, Central, and Eastern Nova Scotia in March and April, 2005. The conferences were organized by the Department of Natural Resources, Nova Forest Alliance, Regional Development Authorities, and members of the forest industry. The conferences focused on forestry related issues in each area



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and were a great success! Thanks to all who participated! If you missed out on this years conference don't miss out next Spring!

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## Current Issues

### Wildlife Habitat and Water Courses Regulations on small woodlands

The provincial Wildlife Habitat and Watercourses Regulations went into effect in 2002 and apply to all woodland in Nova Scotia. Random audits on private woodlands have identified problems with implementing these regulations. If you are having difficulty interpreting the regulations or applying them to your woodland please contact us for more information. The Department has also established a number of demonstration sites to help explain the requirements of the Regulations. Visits and tours of these sites can be arranged.

[www.gov.ns.ca/natr/forestry/strategy/wildl\\_hab.html](http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/forestry/strategy/wildl_hab.html)

## Certification

### What is certification?

Certification is when an independent third party audits a woodland or forest operation and guarantees that it is managed according to a set of requirements.

Certification options in Canada include the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), the Canadian Standards Association (CSA), the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), the International Standards Organization (ISO), and the Pan Canadian Woodlot Certification Program.

### Why certify?

More and more buyers are demanding that the wood they purchase is harvested sustainably. In response to this demand several forest certification systems have been developed to certify land, companies or contractors. Certification means access to the market.

### What about small, private woodlands?

The cost of certification has been a barrier for small, private woodland owners. Several programs are underway that make certification accessible to woodland owners with small landholdings such as FSC group certification, the Pan Canadian Woodlot Certification Program, and a CSA program for small woodland owners is currently being developed. Options for logging

contractors include the Master Logger Certification Program and the SFI program for logging contractors.

### Want more info?

[www.woodlotinfoshop.ca](http://www.woodlotinfoshop.ca)

[www.CertificationCanada.org](http://www.CertificationCanada.org)

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## Home Study

### Update!

Module 1: Introduction to Silviculture has been revised with better silvics and tree ID information! Contact us for a copy!

Our modules are now available on CD. If you would like a CD of a complete set of modules let us know.

Please remember as you work through your modules that support is available by phone, fax or email. Feedback is also always welcome!

### New Publication

Mapping Nova Scotia's Terrestrial Ecosystems: An Ecological Land Classification - Info Leaflet FOR-8

### E-mail List

Do you have email? Drop us a line and we'll put you on our list. You'll get more frequent updates on events, courses, etc.. If you are willing to view our newsletter online let us know - it will help us save \$ on postage!!!

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## How to reach us:

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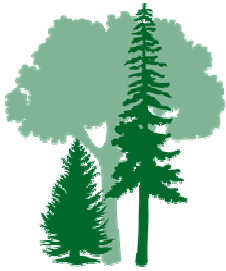
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**CELEBRATING OUR FOREST 2005**

1350 Regent Street, Fredericton, NB E3C 2G6

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

**Conference and Workshop Registration Form**

One (1) registration form per attendee.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

You are interested in this conference as a:

Private Woodlot Owner     Christmas Tree Grower     Maple Producer     Other \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - attending meeting \$ No Charge

Full Registration (includes banquet) - \$175.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Discount Rate for private woodlot owners, Christmas tree growers, Maple producers and students (includes banquet) - \$100.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Only - \$40.00 (includes Isaac & Blewett entertainment) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Only - \$40.00 (does not include banquet) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Only - \$50.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Companion Program - \$75.00 (does not include banquet or entertainment)  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Banquet tickets - \$40.00/person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Entertainment Tickets- \$10.00/person x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(By: Isaac & Blewett)

HST (15%) + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$  

**FIELD DAY TOURS (please select only ONE tour):**

TOUR 1 – Mactaquac Headpond/St. John River Valley

TOUR 2 – Boiestown Area

TOUR 3 – Grand Lake/Sussex Area

**PRICES WILL INCREASE BY 20% AFTER JULY 1, 2005.**

Allergies or Disability Needs? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please forward cheques to the address above and make payable to: Celebrating Our Forest**

## Conference Registration Policy

1. All fees are quoted in Canadian dollars. Please use a separate registration form for each attendee.
2. Cheques are to be made payable to: **Celebrating Our Forest**.
3. Send all cheques and registration forms to the following address:

**Celebrating Our Forest 2005**

c/o INFOR Inc.  
1350 Regent Street, Room 222  
Fredericton, NB  
E3C 2G6

4. Payments can be made by Company Cheque, Personal Cheque, Money Order and Cash.
5. Full-time student registrants will be required to present a valid student ID card when paying.
6. There will be no refunds after August 1, 2005
7. Receipts will be issued upon confirmation of payment.

**Late Registration:** \$210/person (Full Registration), \$120/person (Full Registration - Private woodlot owners, Christmas tree growers, maple producers and students), \$48/person (Thursday and Friday only), \$60/person (Saturday only), \$90/person (Companion program).

Questions concerning registration, please contact Lisa LeBlanc at INFOR Inc.:

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