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Woodlot owner of the year award 2011 celebrated!

WESTERN AND PROVINCIAL

The Nova Scotia Woodlot Owner of the Year Award has recognized outstanding woodland stewards since 1990. The award promotes landowners who practice sustainable stewardship of their land with the goal to encourage other woodlot owners to practice sustainable forestry, and to increase public awareness of the importance of small private woodland in Nova Scotia. This year the Provincial winners were Eldon and Lucille White of the western region, Steve Keddy and family for central region, and Peter and Candace Christiano for the eastern region.



Eldon and Lucille White receiving the trophy scoring axe donated by Earle Tanner, from Natural Resources Minister, Hon. Charlie Parker

Despite wet weather, about 100 people attended the field day celebrating Eldon and Lucille White and their family as the 2011 Provincial Woodlot Owner of the Year. The event held on October 1st, attracted people from all walks of life including woodlot owners, political leaders, forest service providers, industry professionals and the general public.

The White family philosophy over the years has been to improve the health and quality of the forest stands – while also protecting sensitive environmental conditions. As the owners and operators of Richfield Forestry since the early 1980s, they have shown that an active forest is a healthy forest.

Hon. Charlie Parker, Natural Resource Minister, presented the award to the White family and congratulated all the winners, their family members, and their employees. He also congratulated all nominated candidates for all the great work they've done over the years to support and promote sound management of our natural resources.

Visitors had the opportunity to meet the Whites and learn about wildlife habitat, various silvicultural treatments, and old growth forest, on the beautiful 520 acre property.



Hon. Charlie Parker, Minister of Natural Resources, and Eldon White planting a Red Oak tree to commemorate the International Year of Forests.



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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES VISION: NOW AND BEYOND 2020.

Nova Scotia is rich in natural resources, including biodiversity, forests, geological resources, and provincial parks.

Individuals and groups interested in our natural resources work with government to manage these resources wisely.

All Nova Scotians benefit from the natural health and wealth of the province.

CENTRAL REGION

Central WOYA Field Day – September 24, 2011



Steve Keddy's family accepting the woodlot sign.

More than 200 people attended the field day on September 24, 2011 in Meadowvale, near Upper Stewiacke, Colchester County.

The field day events included a tour of the property, sawmill and oxen logging demonstrations, silvicultural treatments examples, and recreational opportunities including a camp site, and wildlife enhancement. It is during this event that the Network of Stewardship Woodlots, a project aimed promoting sustainable woodlot management practices by helping woodland owners network with their peers to share their experience, was launched (*see page 4 for more details*).

Steve Keddy is an advocate of the benefits available to woodlot owners by partnering with various stakeholders. He is currently serving a second year as the director of Conform LTD.

The Keddy family manages a beautiful 425 acre property that is dominated by beautiful, healthy mixed stands; an excellent example of sustainable forest management.



"Turn of the century logging camp cookhouse" for both the Friday and Saturday field days. Steve's sisters who took care of the camp shown here in 1900 clothing.

Eastern Region

Eastern WOYA Field Day - September 09, 2011



MLA Maurice Smith presenting the woodlot sign to the Christiano's family

Peter and Candace Christiano's woodlot in Middle River, Victoria County, has been in the family for many years. Their main goal is to maintain a healthy forest. Peter's careful selection of trees to harvest has increased the vigor of the forest, and resulted in almost no signs of the insect pests in his beautiful hardwood dominated woodlot.

Their family business, Finewood Flooring and Lumber Ltd., is a showcase for their ingenuity. Hardwood flooring from both locally sourced and imported lumber, biomass heating, wood pellets, and a high-energy torrefaction kiln aptly demonstrate the range of products that can come from well-managed hardwood stands.

The field day events included a tour of the Finewood Flooring factory, and a guided tour of the beautiful 75 acres property. Participants had a unique opportunity to learn from Christiano.

Approximately 100 people attended. The Christiano's were honoured for setting an excellent example of sustainable forest management, and for their contribution to the stewardship of natural resources.



Peter sharing his wisdom during the field day.

2012 Woodlot Owner of the Year: Call for Nominations

We're looking for the 2012's winners! Anyone can nominate deserving candidates for the Woodlot Owner of the Year campaign. Please note that the nomination deadline is April 15, 2012.

*For more information about WOYA program please visit:
www.gov.ns.ca/natr/woodlot/woya*

Kids in the Forest 2011 field days

Kids in the Forest, a program developed by the Department of Natural Resources, helps students become educated on a wide variety of aspects of natural resource management. This includes hunting as a recreational sport and a resource management tool, silvicultural treatments, woods survival skills, fishing, career opportunities within the realm of natural resources, camping, geocaching, common insects and diseases affecting our forests, and many more topics. The tour provided hands-on opportunities for learners to experience and appreciate the benefits from the natural world.

This year's autumn Kids in the Forest events were held on September 9 in Middle River, Victoria County, September 23 in Meadowvale, Colchester County and again on September 29 in Richfield, Digby County.



Kids enjoyed their day; stops visited included fire fighting using a helicopter.

The Path We Share: The New Natural Resources Strategy at a glance.

This new 10 year plan sets a clear direction for the future to ensure Nova Scotia's natural resources (specifically, biodiversity, forests, minerals and parks) are sustained for our collective economic, social and environmental benefit.

This strategy entails a new approach to natural resource management for Nova Scotia, and is inspired by a vision for a sustainable and prosperous future.

This strategy embraces five key values related to our natural resources: sustainability, transparency, diversity, collaboration, and informed decision making. These values will be hallmarks of future plans for managing our biodiversity, forests, geological resources, and parks.

The strategy sets 23 goals for achieving long-term economic goals while ensuring a healthy natural environment, now and for future generations. Each goal is supported by specific actions. The goals and actions commit government to an integrated ecosystem approach that involves everyone in the shared stewardship of Nova Scotia's natural resources.

Under this strategy, the government will continue to support and invest in small woodlands whose owners actively manage their forests. It emphasizes the importance of training, education, and engaging with small private woodland operators.

For more information on the strategy please visit: www.gov.ns.ca/natr/strategy



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WOODLOT MANAGEMENT HOME STUDY SERIES

This free program consists of a series of **15 easy to understand modules** on various topics relating to woodland stewardship.

By following the principles and ideas in this series, woodlot owners can turn their woodlot goals into a reality.

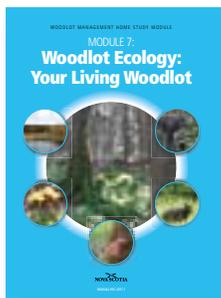
More information can be found at www.gov.ns.ca/natr/Education/woodlot/default.asp.

If you are interested in receiving any of the 15 free modules don't hesitate to contact us.

REVISED MODULE ON WOODLOT ECOLOGY NOW AVAILABLE!

The woodlot ecology module (#7) has been revised to include new information on (1) Regulations to support healthy ecosystems such as Wildlife Habitat and Water Courses Protection Regulations, (2) issues of sustainability and integrated resource management, (3) planning and managing for changes, (5) climate change related issues, (5) global warming and our forest ecosystem, (6) Nova Scotia Ecological Land Classification, and many more topics. To receive

a copy of the home study module please contact: Simon Mutabazi (see contact information) or your local DNR office.



Have you received a copy of the 2009-2010 From Our Atlantic Woods non-timber forest product directory? To order copies for yourself, or for distribution at your place of business, please contact Simon Mutabazi.

FROM OUR ATLANTIC WOODS SECOND EDITION (2012 AND BEYOND).

Call for new listings.

Are you interested in free advertising in the second print edition of the From Our Atlantic Woods non-timber forest products directory? To see if your business qualifies, or to apply, please contact:

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Toll Free (in the Maritimes):
1-877-450-8787
Fax: 506-454-0652
infor@infor.ca



CHAINSAW USE AND SAFETY COURSE.

The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources will host chainsaw use and safety courses in the Eastern, Western and Central regions in April 2012. If you are interested please register by contacting your local DNR office or Simon Mutabazi

NETWORK OF STEWARDSHIP WOODLOTS: LANDOWNERS HELPING LAND OWNERS.

With approximately 30 000 landowners in the province, and many new landowners purchasing or inheriting land each year, there is an ongoing need for new land owners to learn and share experiences with experienced landowners.

The *Network of Stewardship Woodlots* is primarily a web-based program that promotes sustainable woodlot management practices by helping woodland owners network with their peers to share their experience with woodlots.

An interactive searchable map is created and published to a webpage. Information is provided for each woodlot that allows for searchable elements such as tree species, silviculture treatments, equipment, affiliation to various land owner organizations... so that anyone can enter a query and find woodlots that possess the attributes they are interested in. The search can be done by county or specific questions such as tree species or treatment. Woodlot owner contact information is provided for each woodlot. Interested members of the public can contact woodlot owners for inquiries and/or to arrange woodlot visits.

If you would like to see who is on the network in your area, please visit: www.gov.ns.ca/natr/woodlot





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INTRODUCTION TO FOREST MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

A workshop on "Introduction to Forest Management" consisting of a one day indoor series of discussions and a one day woodlot tour will be organized by Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute at the beginning of 2012. The subjects of the discussion for two days shall include but not be limited to the following: the language of forest management, forest ecosystem classification, forest certification, the code of forest practice, management plans, un-even aged forest management, markets and value-added products, regulations, species at risk, Acadian forest restoration, forest health, and information about different resources and groups in the province. For more information about this event, please contact Benna Keoghoe at 902 682 2371 or benna.keoghoe@merseytobeatic.ca

THREE OPERATIONAL FIELD DAYS IN WESTERN REGION OF THE PROVINCE

Three, one day woodlot field days will be organized and conducted in the western region counties of Annapolis, Lunenburg, and Queens. Each woodlot field day will take place on the designated county woodlot starting at 8:00 am and ending at 4:00 pm with one half hour for lunch. Topics to be covered include: introduction to the code of forest practice, uneven-aged management principles, vegetation and soil type classification demonstration, review prescription rationale against ecosystem classification and land owner objectives, review best management practices, crop tree release, pruning, and



LANDOWNERS SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT.

selection harvesting demonstration. For more information about these events please contact Royce Ford at 902-682-2917/902-521-8361, crtrees05@yaboo.ca or Dan Pittman at 902 640 2005/902 541 0894, dan@freyaforestry.com

BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN (BOW): ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE?

Preparations for the 2012 Winter Becoming an Outdoors-woman® (BOW) Nova Scotia workshop are underway. The winter workshop will be held February 17- 19, 2012 at the Gaelic College of Celtic Arts and Crafts in St. Ann's, Cape Breton. Registration information will be available in December. For more information please contact: Pamela A. Grace, Tel: 902-424-5832, Email: bowns@gov.ns.ca, Website: www.gov.ns.ca/natr/outdoor



Enjoying the snow! Cross-country skiing, one of the many classes offered at BOW.

FAMILY WOODLOT GUIDES FOR NOVA SCOTIA

Five Family Woodlot Guides for Nova Scotia which provide an introduction to woodlot management planning, pre-commercial thinning, plantation establishment, commercial thinning and forest harvesting will be available in January, 2012. Copies of the guides will be available at all DNR offices.

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Youth Hunting Camp

Join Department of Natural Resources staff and local experts for a two day, one night hunting and trapping camp. Highlights include: making and setting snares, basic wilderness navigation, outdoor cooking, constructing survival kits, fun evening activities, dispatching and cleaning a snowshoe hare, opportunity to fire longbows, crossbows, and .22 rifles. Contact the Natural Resources Education Centre at 384-3420 or nrec@gov.ns.ca for more information.



INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION TO THE NOVA SCOTIA FOREST ECOSYSTEM CLASSIFICATION MANUAL

A step-by-step guidance in the form of a power point presentation on how to use the new Forest Ecosystem Classification manual is under review. This presentation will demonstrate how to use the new manual in the field, in order to find out what a forest contains, what's going on in the forest, and what could be done to improve conditions. Topics to be covered include: reasons for using FEC manual, overview of how the manual is organized, vegetation types, soil types, and ecosites. This presentation will be available on our DNR website.

The Woodland Conferences 2011

Hear experts and woodland owners talk about woodland issues. Learn about resources that can help you better understand and manage woodland sustainably, for various objectives such as harvesting timber, providing wildlife habitats, exploring non-timber forest products, and maintaining forest health.

Western Nova Scotia:

Saturday March 3rd, 2012, Digby Regional High School

Central Nova Scotia:

Saturday March 31st, 2012, Elmsdale

Eastern Nova Scotia:

Saturday March 24th, 2012, St. Joseph Community Centre

Cost: \$25 and includes lunch

Visit www.novaforestalliance.com or call 1-855-222-0445 to pre-register for a chance to win a GPS.

ANNOTATED GUIDE TO RESOURCES

An annotated guide to resources that will help Nova Scotia woodlot owners and other forest stakeholders manage the natural forest and maintain multiple forest benefits and uses is under review. The guide will include resources that can be obtained easily and inexpensively. Notes accompanying each listing will provide the internet address or other information to help obtain the information. The contents of the guide resource list shall include the following topics: forest ecosystem classification and ecosystem-based forest management, pre-assessment and tree marking, regenerating and tending forest stands (will include crop tree release and pruning), selection harvesting and low impact logging, Acadian Forest restoration strategies, natural succession in the Acadian Forest (will include structure and composition and natural disturbance patterns), tree identification and silvics, ground vegetation of the Acadian Forest and associated ecosystem types, soils (glacial history and topological features), riparian areas, wetlands, and other wet areas. The guide will be available in early January/February, 2012, for more information, please contact Simon Mutabazi.

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Woodlot Owner of the Year Award 2012 Nomination Form

(Please note: Deadline for nominations is April 15, 2012)

WOODLOT OWNER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Woodlot Location(s): _____

Woodlot Size: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Why is this owner a good candidate for the Woodlot Owner of the Year Award?

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

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