



Woodland Owner

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Ernest (left) and Hiram Carver (right), receiving the award from Minister Zach Churchill (in the middle).

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Woodland Owner of the Year Award 2014 Celebrations!

The Nova Scotia Woodland 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 woodland owners to practice sustainable forestry, and to increase public awareness of the importance of small private woodland in Nova Scotia. Hiram and Ernest Carver, this year's western winners, also won the provincial woodland owner of the year. Richard and Carol Rowter and family received the title for the eastern region, and John and Sharon Simons and family were recognized for central region.



WESTERN AND PROVINCIAL FIELD DAY – OCTOBER 4TH

About 300 people attended the field day in celebration of the Carver family's achievement. The event attracted people from all walks of life including woodland owners, political leaders, forest service providers, various partner organizations, industry professionals, and the general

public. Hon. Zach Churchill, Minister of Natural Resources presented the award to the Carver family and congratulated all winners for their contribution to natural resource management.

In the words of Hiram, both the kids and public field days can be summarized as follows: "Yesterday {the public field day} was a great day but you know for me it was somehow overshadowed by the children on the day before. They are our future and if we are going to see leadership you will see it

from those kids not us older fogies who are pretty well set in our ways. I was just so surprised how much those children knew and how inquisitive they were. I can face the future today knowing they will be in charge for our future. They were courteous, knowledgeable, attentive and well-behaved. I will never forget seeing that little girl helping plant their tree, walking away and then slowly coming back and sort of petting it. Caring they call it”.



Sharon (left) and John Simons (in the middle) receiving the award from MLA Terry Farrell (right) on behalf of Natural resources Minister.

CENTRAL CELEBRATION – SEPTEMBER 27TH IN SPRINGHILL, CUMBERLAND COUNTY

John and Sharon Simons warmly welcomed crowds to their woodland on a perfect and exceptionally warm fall day. More than 250 people attended the field day on September 27, 2014 in Springhill, Cumberland County including MLA Terry Farrell who presented the award to the Simons family on behalf of Natural Resources Minister.



MLA Terry Farrell applauded the efforts taken by the Simons family as a positive contribution to both Nova Scotia’s economy and environment.

The field day events included a tour of the property, portable sawmill, small scale and innovative equipment, pre-commercial thinning and selection management demo, wagon rides and family activities, informative displays and local forestry and outdoor activities related businesses were on site.



Richard Rowter receiving the award from MLA Pam Eyking on behalf of Natural Resources Minister

EASTERN CELEBRATION – SEPTEMBER 20TH IN BOULARDERIE EAST, VICTORIA COUNTY

Richard and Carol Rowter hosted the eastern woodland owner of the year event at their family woodlot in Boularderie East, Victoria County. Field day event included horse logging demonstration, and information sessions on wildlife habitat, woodlot diversity, forest ecosystem classification, rapid management planning, various silvicultural treatments, and a walk in moose habitat.



Woodland Management Home Study Program

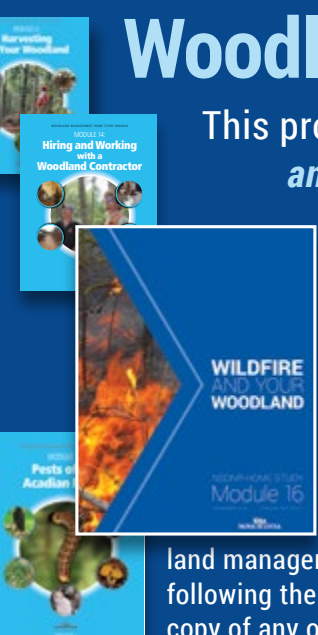
This program continues to grow! New for 2014: *Harvesting on Your Woodland, Hiring and Working with a Woodland Contractor, and Pests of the Acadian Forest.*

NEW FOR 2015

Fire and Woodland Management, this module describes the preventative measures which can be taken to reduce the likelihood of damaging woodland fires and what to do in case of wild fires. Contact us today to order your copies!

Revised Income Tax and Estate Planning, the updated version of the *Income Tax and Estate Planning* module will outline and discuss the main income tax rules and business issues that apply to woodland management and operations in Nova Scotia.

The home study program is a series of booklets on topics related to woodland stewardship and sustainable land management. Participating in the program is free and open to anyone with an interest in woodland management. By following the principles and ideas in this series, woodland owners can turn their woodland goals into reality. To request a copy of any of the modules please visit woodlot.novascotia.ca or call 1-866-226-7577.



WOODLAND MANAGEMENT VIDEOS

The Department of Natural Resources has started producing short videos related to woodland management to support the home study program. Currently, the introduction to woodland management home study program, the introduction to silviculture and woodland management planning are available. To view the videos, please visit the following link: <http://woodlot.novascotia.ca/content/woodland-management-videos>



FIELD GUIDE TO PESTS OF THE ACADIAN FOREST

This guide and the companion woodland management home study have been written in hopes of providing woodland owners, forest workers, and other interested parties information to gain better understanding of the insect forest pests they may encounter and the damage they may cause in our forests.

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE...

This fall has seen the first of several events organized to celebrate the work of some of Nova Scotia's finest woodland owners and to encourage the sharing of knowledge by those with decades of first-hand experience. Funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, the Mentorship Program aims to create opportunities for family forest owners to learn from each other, and gives experienced owners a chance to share their knowledge.



Mentorship field day at Jim Crooker's woodlot

A major goal of the program is to enhance the information provided in the DNR's Woodland Management Home Study series. The field days bring topics in the Home Study series to life in a woodland setting, allowing participants to talk with experience "mentors" about their successes and failures in woodland management.

To date, the two field days, held at Tom Millers woodlot in Pictou County and Jim Crooker's woodlot in Queens County, have proved to be a real hit with woodlot owners. Both Jim and Tom are previous winners of NSDNR's prestigious Woodlot Owner of the Year Award, and offer a wealth of experience. So far the field days offered have showcased topics such as stand establishment, silviculture, planning roads and trails, and management for wildlife. Both events attracted over 50 eager participants including a large proportion of new and less experienced landowners. More mentorship field days are planned over the next year around the province. Keep an eye on www.nswoo.ca, www.fnswo.ca, and www.merseytobeatic.ca for more events on your area.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events Calendar

FEBRUARY 28

Mentorship Program
Woodlot Tour at Pat O'Toole's
Woodlot in Carroll's Corner,
224 MacWilliams Road

MARCH 26 – 27

NS – CIF, RPF and FTA AGM,
Truro, Holliday Inn

APRIL/MAY

Basic Chainsaw Operation,
Maintenance 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 and May 2015.

These are one day courses
designed for new and casual
chainsaw users. The courses
will cover safety requirements
and safe operating techniques,
maintenance and troubleshooting,
filing and understanding chain
design, directional felling
techniques, limbing and bucking
techniques.

If you are interested please
register by contacting your local
DNR office or Simon Mutabazi

The Woodland Conferences 2015

Join us this spring at the 2015
Woodland Owner Conferences
to hear experts and woodland
owners talk about woodland
management issues and how to
resolve them. Explore various
objectives such as harvesting
timber, providing wildlife habitats,
or simply maintaining forest
health. Cost is \$25 and includes
lunch. Mark your calendars with
the following dates; more details
on location and how to register
will be available in early 2015.

Woodland Conference Dates

March 7th 2015: Western Nova Scotia, Saulnierville Legion, Saulnierville Digby County

March 28th 2015: Central Nova Scotia, Truro

April 11th 2015: Eastern Nova Scotia, Port Hawkesbury

Managing Woodlot Finances

The course will cover woodlot income and tax topics such as: commercial versus non-commercial, business structures - proprietorships, partnerships and corporations, and how the woodlot income is taxed. Record keeping and measuring income, farm losses – types and restrictions, income splitting, and claw back of benefits (OAS & GIS), the importance of a prescribed forest management plan, and estate planning including woodlot tax liability on death will also be discussed. To register please contact one the people indicated below:

Region	Area/Venue	Date & time	Cost	Contacts for registration
Eastern Region	Antigonish DNR's office, 190 Beech Hill Road, Antigonish County	Friday, January 16, 2015 1:00 - 5:00 pm	\$20.00	Simon Mutabazi at simon.mutabazi@novascotia.ca Phone: (902 424 5444) Tim Bailey at timothy.bailey@novascotia.ca Phone: (902 863 7373)
Central Region	Oxford Lions Club	Friday, January 23, 2015 1:00 - 5.00 pm	\$20.00	Simon Mutabazi at simon.mutabazi@novascotia.ca Phone: (902 424 5444) Don Cameron at don.cameron@novascotia.ca Phone: (902 8935629)
	Truro Nova Scotia Community College Truro Campus 36 Arthur Street	Friday, January 30, 2015 1:00 - 5:00 pm	\$20.00	Simon Mutabazi at simon.mutabazi@novascotia.ca Phone: (902 424 5444) Don Cameron at don.cameron@novascotia.ca Phone: (902 8935629)
Western Region	Lunenburg DNR office, 312 Green Street Lunenburg County	Friday, February 06, 2015 1:00 - 5:00	\$20.00	Simon Mutabazi at simon.mutabazi@novascotia.ca Phone: (902 424 5444) Brian Eldridge at brian.eldridge@novascotia.ca Phone: (902 648 3538)
	Lawrencetown Fire Hall 549 Main Street Lawrencetown, Annapolis County	Saturday, February 07, 2015 9:00 - 1:00 pm	\$20.00	Simon Mutabazi at simon.mutabazi@novascotia.ca Phone: (902 424 5444) Brian Eldridge at brian.eldridge@novascotia.ca Phone: (902 648 3538)

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Woodland Owner of the Year Award **2015 Nomination Form**

[PLEASE NOTE: Deadline for nominations is April 15, 2015]

WOODLAND OWNER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Woodland Location(s): _____

Woodland Size: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Why is this owner a good candidate for the woodland owner of the year award?

Please return to:

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