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2007 Nova Scotia Woodland Owner of the Year Award celebrated in style!

The Eastern Woodlot Owner of the Year Award was celebrated at Bob Bancroft and Alice Reed's woodlot located at Pomquet, Antigonish County on September 14 and 15, 2007.

On September 14, 2007, 127 school children and 12 teachers had the opportunity to meet and learn from Bob Bancroft and Alice Reed, local organizations, friends and other woodland owners, and also from the Department of Natural Resources staff, and the Department of Fisheries. They visited the property and learned about wildlife habitat management, aquatic life, tree identification, Alice's creative art depicting nature and much more.

This outdoor activity provides opportunity for children to go out, exercise, explore, and reconnect with mother nature! Since September 14, two additional schools have visited Bob's property.



Photo: School children learned about insects from Gina Penny and Jeff Ogden from DNR, Insectary.
Taken by Simon Mutabazi during the field day on September 14, 2007.

The award presentation on September 15, 2007 was presented by David Harris, DNR Regional Director, on behalf of Honorable David Morse, Minister of Natural Resources. Prizes including the woodlot sign and the Nova Scotia Atlas book were presented to Bob Bancroft and Alice Reed. The public, mainly woodlot owners, and exhibitors from different sectors were exposed to activities including wildlife habitat management, aquatic

life, tree management techniques, Alice's art gallery, and much more. It was a day well spent, blessed with sunshine despite the weather forecast!



Photo: David Harris presenting the award to Bob Bancroft and Alice Reed. Taken by Simon Mutabazi during the award presentation on September 15, 2007.

Think Wise! Protect Wildlife Habitat!

The Central WOYA award was celebrated at Brian and Judy Brown's woodlot located at Windham Mill on September 21 and 22, 2007.

As in the East a week earlier, September 21 was reserved for school children, and one hundred and forty (140) children and their teachers attended the event. Discussions about marine life, wildlife habitat, law enforcement, fire management, and various insects were enjoyed by both teachers and children. It was a day to remember, and almost everyone requested the Department of Natural Resources to organize and conduct such events on regular basis.

On September 22, the Central WOYA was presented to Brian and Judy Brown by Honorable Murray Scott, the MLA of Cumberland County who congratulated the winners, and supported the DNR's education efforts. Such efforts include public field days like WOYA, field visits by DNR officials, short courses, on line information exchange, and much more. The MLA asked the general public to use such free and readily available services for the social-economic, and environmental benefits. About 150 participants



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Photo: WOYA kids event at Brian and Judy Brown's woodlot.
Taken by Simon Mutabazi during field day on September 21, 2007.

enjoyed a live discussion on sugar bush management, Christmas tree management, economic aspects, hardwood management, and much more.



Photo: Award presentation to Brian and Judy Brown by Honorable Murray Scott.
Taken by Simon Mutabazi during field day on September 22, 2007.



Photo: Participants at Brian and Judy Brown's WOYA field day had a chance to buy wooden tools, locally made by Brian Bill who was sold out that day.
Taken by Simon Mutabazi during field day on September 22, 2007.

The Western and Provincial WOYA award celebrated at Kevin and Susan Veinotte's woodlot in Lunenburg county culminated WOYA events.

Like the two regional winners, two days were allocated for WOYA field events at the Veinotte's place. On September 27, 2007, more than two hundred and seventy (270) school children visited the majestic property of the Veinottes and were educated by DNR officials. Children were exposed to activities such as integrated resource management, wildlife habitat, silvicultural treatments, minerals, law enforcement, and much more. The tour provided opportunities for children to appreciate the beauty and reconnect with mother nature, and also a unique opportunity to learn about career options within the realm of natural resource management.



Photo: Children appreciated the Veinotte's Woodlot.
Taken by Simon Mutabazi during field day on September 27, 2007.

September 29, 2007, the culminating WOYA event!

About 300 people attended the much anticipated provincial Woodlot Owner of the Year Award field day on September 29 and toured the FSC certified property of the Veinotte's family. The general public learned about wildlife habitat, organic Christmas tree management, various silvicultural treatments, old growth forest, exhibits, and above all, tree planting ceremony by Honorable David Morse, Minister of Natural resources together with The Veinottes.



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Honourable David Morse, Minister of Natural Resources, presented the award to the Veinotte family. In the photo, standing from left to right is Honourable Michael Baker, Minister of Finance, Kevin Veinotte, Susan Veinotte, Honourable David Morse, Mark Veinotte, Neil Veinotte and Luke Veinotte. Photo was taken by Patricia Amero.

For all WOYA events, the Natural Resource Minister 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. It's during this period that we were again reminded that sustainable woodlot management means sustainable livelihood for many generations!



Photo: Tree planting by Minister David Morse and Veinottes family (Kevin and his three sons). Photo taken by Bill Smith during field day on September 29, 2007.

Tree Trivia

Can you correctly identify the origin of these proverbs?

1. We did not inherit the land from our fathers, we are borrowing it from our children
2. A forest is not made in a single season
3. A tree of your height cannot shade you
4. A young tree bends, an old tree breaks

Answers

1. American
2. Nigerian
3. Swahili
4. Hebrew

Thinking of building a bat house on your woodlot?

Bats provide natural pest management. A single bat is able to consume hundreds of nocturnal insects in just one hour! Building a bat house on your woodlot will help support a healthy, strong bat population, and keep pesky insect populations down.

Some things to consider when building a bat house include, building the house out of rough, untreated wood, the bats need a surface to grip on the interior of the house. Place the house close to a source of water, away from bright lights, at a height of at least 12 feet, and ensure that the entrance is clear of obstructions. The bat house should be completely weather proof, as bats are sensitive to temperatures. Place the bat house so it receives a minimum of 10 hours of sunlight per day. Paint the outside of the bat house with a water based black paint to attract heat. And finally, place 2 or 3 bat houses at the same location with different solar exposure, as bats like to be able to move around according to the temperature.



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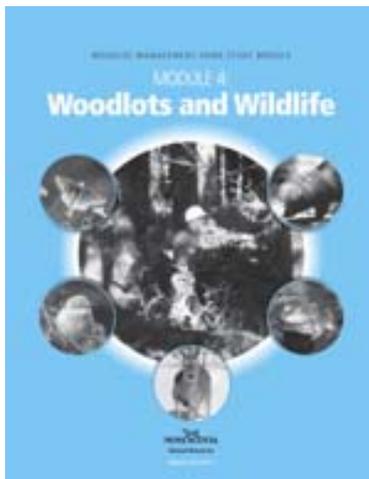
Course: Chainsaw Use and Safety

The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources will host a chainsaw use and safety course in the central, western and eastern regions in December and January.

January 19th, Truro, Nova Scotia
January 26th, Antigonish, Nova Scotia
February 16th, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia

If you are interested in attending one of these courses please contact your local DNR office or Simon Mutabazi at the Stewardship and Outreach Section of DNR., Halifax.

New Home Study modules:



Do you have a copy of the recently revised module 4 on "Woodlot and Wildlife"? This module provides an overview of maintaining diversity on your woodlot, and explains how to practice sound forestry without damaging valuable habitats. If you do not have a copy, order yours today by contacting your local DNR office.

Coming soon!

The Department of Natural Resources, Stewardship and Outreach Section is working on a brand new module on "**Non Timber Forest Products**" (NTFPs). This module will focus on the importance of NTFPs on woodlots and, will serve as an eye opener to help woodland owners identify opportunities for diversifying what they are already doing on their properties. The NTFPs module will be available in early spring.

Conferences and Workshops:

2008 Woodlot Owner Conferences:

Woodlot Owner Conferences will be held in all 3 regions of Nova Scotia this spring. For Western, and Eastern woodland owners in March 2008, and in April 2008 for the Central Conference.

The conferences are organized by The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, Nova Forest Alliance, Regional Development Authorities, and coordinated by the Nova Scotia Federation of Woodland Owners. The conferences will focus on woodland management issues, and resources that can help you manage your land in a sustainable way.

Venues and dates are as indicated here below:

March 1st, 2008, Oak Hill Fire Hall, Bridgewater, Lunenburg County.

March 29th, 2008, Nova Scotia Community College, Strait Area Campus, Port Hawkesbury

April 05th, 2008, Northumberland Regional High School, Alma, Pictou County.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)

The Nova Scotia Sustainable Forestry Initiative Was formed in the fall of 2001 with a vision to improve and practice sustainable forestry in Nova Scotia through the implementation of environmentally, socially, and economically sound forest practices. To date, the SFI has delivered training to forest workers, landowners, and contractors on best management practices, and has sponsored many workshops.

For more information about the SFI program, and to report poor harvest practices, please call toll free at : **1 800 631 3657**

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Woodlot Owner of the Year Award - 2008 Nomination Form

Owner's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Woodlot Location(s): _____ Size (ha or acres): _____

Nominator's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Nominator's e-mail address: _____

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