



Woodlot Owner Review

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2009 Nova Scotia Woodlot Owner of the Year Award Celebrated: 20 years of outstanding stewardship! Provincial Winner

On October 02, 2009, more than 200 school children visited the majestic property of the Veinot family to learn about woodlot management from the provincial woodlot owner of the year. Children learned about integrated resource management, wildlife habitat, silvicultural treatments, minerals, aquatics, law enforcement, maple syrup production, and many more interesting topics. The tour provided opportunities for children to reconnect with nature and learn about stewardship of the natural environment, and also a unique opportunity to learn about career options in natural resource management.



Honorable John M^{ac}Donell, Minister of Natural Resources handing over a big prize to the Veinot family.

Natural Resources Minister John M^{ac}Donell congratulated all the winners, their family members, and their employees, for all the great work they've done over the years. He reminded everyone that sustainable woodlot management means sustainable livelihood for many generations! The Minister encouraged woodland owners to nominate commendable candidates so that deserving candidates can continue to be recognized.



Honorable, John M^{ac}Donell, Minister of Natural Resources, handing the provincial WOYA Sign to Western Region and Provincial winners, Rex and Bonnie Veinot.

Rex became the first woodland owner to win this award for the second time. The provincial Woodlot Owner of the Year Award field day held on October 3rd was held jointly with the Lunenburg County Christmas Tree Producers association (LCCTPA) fall field day and attracted more than 350 people. While touring the 350-acre (142-hectare) woodlot, participants learned about wildlife management, Christmas tree culture, tree improvement, hardwood management, just to mention but a few.



Every generation deserves well managed forests!



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Regional Winners

The Central Woodlot Owner of the Year Award was celebrated at the Cook's family woodlot located in New Annan, Colchester County on September 25th and 26th, 2009

The 825 acre (334 ha) property formerly known as Maple Ridge Farm provided exceptional learning opportunities to more than 150 children and their teachers from schools on September 25.



Four generations of best forestry management!

At the field day on September 26, MLA Gary Burrill, presented the award to the Cook family on behalf of Minister John M^{ac}Donell, and congratulated the winners for a job well done. The huge woodlot provided much for the public to see and learn.

The Eastern Woodlot Owner of the Year Award was celebrated at the Archibald's family woodlot located in Aspen, Guysborough County on September 11th and 12th, 2009.

The 500 acre (200 ha) woodlot on the verge of being FSC certified was the host of the eastern woodlot owner of the year events for 2009. About 180 school children from neighbouring schools, their teachers, and staff from the Department of Natural Resources visited the property, and learned about wildlife habitat management, aquatic life, tree

identification, insects and diseases, geo-caching and other aspects of woodland management.



Donnelly, Brian, Margaret and Daniel Archibald receiving the eastern award, photo Simon Mutabazi

On September 12, the award was presented by MLA Jim Boudreau, on behalf of Honorable John M^{ac}Donell, Minister of Natural Resources. Various prizes, including the woodlot sign, and the Nova Scotia atlas book were presented to Brian Archibald and his family. The general public, mainly woodlot owners, learned from the Archibald family and friends about natural resources management options including blueberry development, tree identification, silvicultural treatments, pest management, woodlot certification process, Christmas tree tending techniques and much more.



A cake made by community members in honour of the Archibald family was shared after a warm meal prepared by the local fire department!

Woodlot owner of the year field days are held annually in September and October. Dates and venues for the 2010 WOYA celebration will appear in our spring/summer edition.

Treevia (answers on next page)



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1. Trees photosynthesize 24 hours a day.
True or false?
2. David Douglas, for whom the Douglas -fir is named, was:
 - a) a British botanist who introduced the plant to Canada from England;
 - b) a Canadian forester of the 19th century;
 - c) a Scottish botanist who introduced 200 North American species to Europe.
3. Which country imports the largest proportion of Canada's newsprint?
4. Canada has what percentage of the world's forests?
 - a) 5% b) 10% c) 25%
5. The first trees to move into a newly cleared forest area are called:
 - a) pioneer species b) climax species c) migratory species

Home Study Series New Module !



Introduction to woodlot income tax and estate planning guide has been revised to include new information on succession planning and other woodlot financial management aspects. To obtain your copy or any other home study module please contact:

Simon Mutabazi (see contact information) or your local DNR office.

Events Listings

The Nova Forest Alliance will host a National Conference on Non-Timber Forest Products in Truro, Best west inn on February 18 and 19, 2010. For more information, please visit

www.woodlotinfoshop.ca

Lifelong Learning!

Chainsaw Use and Safety course:

The Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources will host a chainsaw use and safety course in the Eastern, Western and Central regions in January, February and March 2010.



January 16th, 2010, DNR office, St.Peter's, 10258 Grenville street, St.

Peter's, Nova Scotia, from 9:00am to 3:00 pm .
February 20th, 2010 , Halifax Regional Municipality area, venue to be communicated, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

February 13th, western region, venue to be communicated, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Part of each session will be held outside.

If you are interested in attending one of these courses please contact your local DNR office or Simon Mutabazi.

Winter/Evening Courses!

To be announced soon. Please visit our web site for upcoming classroom courses sessions on wild mushrooms and other woodlot management related topics will be offered.



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Woodland

Conferences will be held in all 3 regions of Nova Scotia this spring.

Venues and dates are:

March 6th, 2010, Queens County.

March 27th, 2010, Winding River Elementary School, Stewiacke.

April 10th, 2010, Chedabucto Place Performance Centre, Guysborough.

The conferences are organized by the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, Nova Forest Alliance, and Regional Development Authorities.

For more information or to register go to:

www.woodlotinfohop.ca

Past events: DNR's 1st open house.

In September, approximately 2600 school children, retirees, and the general public were able to see first hand, many of the unique things that DNR does at DNR's first open house in Shubenacadie. They learned about wildlife management, the latest in survey and fire fighting technology, natural resources career opportunities, mining, Crown and Private land management, and much more. By explaining what it does, DNR hoped to help the public understand more about sustainable resource management.



Have you got your free copy of **From Our Atlantic Woods** non-timber forest products directory? To order one or several copies, or to list your business, please contact Simon Mutabazi (contact info below).

Treevia answers:

1. False. Trees photosynthesize only in the presence of sunlight. Without sunlight they cannot make sugar.
2. C) douglas was a Scottish botanist. There are 50 plant species named after him.
3. The United States is the largest importer of Canadian newsprint, taking about 80% of Canada's total product.
4. b) 10% of the world's forests are located in Canada. Canada has 16% of all softwood timber and just under 3% of the world's hardwoods.
5. a) Pioneer species are wind-resistant and like full sun. They in turn provide the shade and protection needed by the next group of tree species.

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Woodlot Owner of the Year Award - 2010 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?

web: www.gov.ns.ca/natr/extension/