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2008 Nova Scotia Woodlot Owner of the Year Award Celebrated Provincial Winner

On October 03, 2008, more than 200 school children visited the majestic property of the McNally family and were educated by DNR officials, former DNR employees, and friends and neighbours of the McNally family. During this exceptional learning experience, children were exposed to various activities such as integrated resource management, wildlife habitat, silvicultural treatments, minerals, aquatics, law enforcement, 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 various career options within the realm of natural resource management.



The day ended with a tree planting ceremony by Honorable David Morse, Minister of Natural Resources together with the McNallys.

Natural Resources Minister David Morse congratulated all the winners, their family members, and their employees, and all 15 nominated candidates for the 2008 woodlot owner of the year award for all the great work they've done over the years. He reminded everyone that sustainable woodlot management means sustainable livelihood for many generations!

Think Green, Grow Trees!



Honorable, David Morse , Minister of Natural Resources, handing the provincial WOYA Sign to Central Region and Provincial winners, Russell and Marjorie (with daughters Sarah and Kelly) McNally.

The provincial Woodlot Owner of the Year Award field day on October 4th was attended by more than 300 people, and while touring the 240 acre woodlot participants learned about wildlife management, eco-based management, Christmas tree culture, tree improvement, hardwood management, just to mention but a few.





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Regional Winners

Not far from the entrance to Kejimikujik National Park you will find the woodlot of Christine and Royce Ford which has been in the Ford family for three generations. The 750 acre property provided exceptional learning opportunities to more than 100 children and their teachers from schools around the property on September 12. The topics covered included marine life, wildlife habitat, minerals, fire management, law enforcement, tree identification, and insects. This outdoor activity not only meets the curriculum requirements but also provides opportunity for children to go outside , exercise, explore, and reconnect with nature!



Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder!



Photo: Laurie, Christine, Royce and Jason Ford..

Mr Tim Whynot, presented the award to the Ford family on behalf of Minister David Morse, and congratulated the winners for a job well done. Despite the pouring rain, the general public learned about wildlife habitat, Christmas tree management, silvicultural treatments, small scale and horse logging , Abitibi Bowater, and the Mersey Tobeatic Research Institute.

The Eastern Woodlot Owner of the Year Award was celebrated at Neal Livingston's woodlot located in Mabou, Inverness County on September 25th and 27th , 2008.

The 420 acre FSC certified woodlot under the management of Neal Livingston was the host of the eastern woodlot owner of the year events for 2008. More than 100 school children from neighbouring schools, their teachers, and staff from the Department of Natural Resources visited the property, and learned about low impact forestry, wildlife habitat management, aquatic life, tree identification, insects and diseases, geo-caching, maple syrup production and marketing opportunities.



Photo: Geoffrey, Neal and Peggy. Taken by Simon Mutabazi.



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On September 27, the award was presented by David Harris, DNR Regional Director, on behalf of Honorable David Morse, Minister of Natural Resources. Various prizes, including the woodlot sign, and the Nova Scotia atlas book were presented to Neal Livingston. The general public, mainly woodlot owners, learned from Neal Livingston about natural resources management options including tree marking, strip and patch cuts interpretation, old growth forest, non-timber forest product, and a live demonstration of a micro-hydro power plant by Paul Cunningham. It was a day well spent, blessed with sunshine despite the weather forecast!

If you're a woodlot owner and missed this opportunity, it's time now to start planning for the 2009 WOYA celebration in your area, and book your seat on time!

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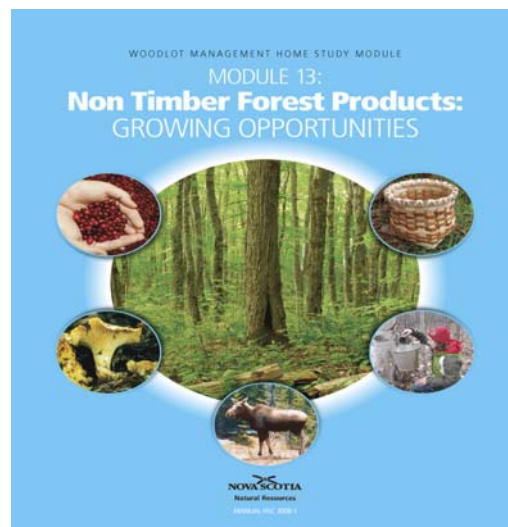


The Department of Natural Resources is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Woodlot Owner of the Year Award. Nominations can be submitted to any Natural Resources office or send them to : Simon Mutabazi
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Home Study Series New Module !

New Home Study modules:

Do you have a copy of the recently produced module 13 on “**Non Timber Forest Products: Growing Opportunities**”?



This module provides insight on the many benefits on non-timber products (NTFPs) may bring to your woodlot. This new home study module explores opportunities of managing and marketing NTFPs. If you do not have a copy, order yours today by contacting Simon Mutabazi (see contact information) or your local DNR office.

Coming soon!

The Department of Natural Resources, Stewardship and Outreach Section will soon be revising module 10B on “**Managing Woodlot Finances: Income Tax and Estate Planning**”. During the past 8 years we have seen many changes, and the Department would like to reflect on these changes in the upcoming module. The revision will focus on intergenerational transfer and succession planning. The revised module will be available in early spring.



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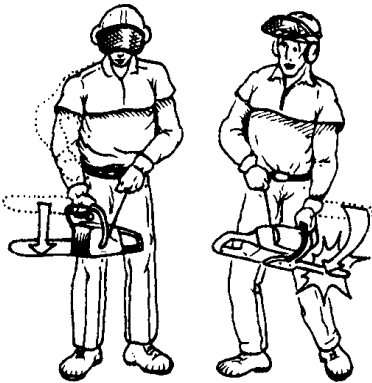
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Upcoming Events

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 and February .

March 14, 2009, Northshore Fire Hall, Ballantynes Cove, Antigonish, from 9:00am to 3:00 pm .

February 07th ,Milton Canoe and Camera Club, Liverpool, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

February 28th , Goffs Fire Hal, Goffs, Halifax Regional Municipality, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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 (1-866- 226- 7577).

[Winter/Evening Courses!](#)

To be announced soon. Please visit our web site for upcoming information sharing sessions!

[2009 Woodlot Owner Conferences:](#)



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

Venues and dates are as indicated here below:

March 7th , 2009, Digby Regional High school, Digby, Digby County.

March 28th , 2009, Havre Boucher Community Centre, Havre Boucher

April 04th , 2009, Natural Resources Education Centre, Middle Musquodoboit, Halifax County.

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

For more information or to register: please call toll-free: 1-866 477 2494 or register at www.woodlotinfoshop.ca

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Woodlot Owner of the Year Award - 2009 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?
