

2018 OWA Woodlot Conference & Tours (AGM)

Shakespeare Optimist Community Hall

3976 Galt Street, Shakespeare, Ontario

Friday, April 13, 2018

Forest Management in an Agricultural Landscape

Conference Program

- 7:00 Hall opens for exhibitors
- 8:00 Registration and coffee, visit exhibits
- 9:00 Welcome by host Chapters: Huron/Perth, Elgin/Middlesex & South West
Message from the President of the OWA, Dave Sexsmith.
- 9:15 **Mel Luymes**, Principal Consultant at Headlands Ag-Enviro.
Trees are the answer, and I don't care what the question is. This talk will be a light-hearted reflection on the importance of woodlots and trees in farm landscapes, along with the challenges and opportunities to incorporate more trees in modern agriculture.
- 9:55 **Dr. Stephen Murphy**, Ph.D., Professor and Director at the University of Waterloo.
I Love Mess, Death, Slime, and Rot in Forests: The Importance of Woody Debris for Ecological Management.
- 10:30 Coffee Break, visit exhibits, silent auction
- 11:00 **Owen Williams**, Past President and director at large, Ontario Invasive Plant Council.
Collaborating on Invasives and the Big Picture
- 11:30 **Dave Bray**, Environmental Specialist, OMAFRA, Stratford.
Why should We Consider Carbon When Managing Our Woodlots?
- 12:00 **Hot Buffet Lunch** and visit to exhibits, silent auction, draw ticket sales
- 1:15 **Graham Buck**, Management Biologist with MNRF, Guelph District.
Endangered and Threatened Forest Species in Ontario
- 1:45 **Anne Loeffler**, Conservation Specialist. Grand River Conservation Authority.
Success in the rural water quality program.
- 2:15 Break to visit exhibits, silent auction
- 2:35 Acknowledgements
- 2:45 **Panel discussion: Windbreaks, shelterbelts, and riparian areas.**
Panelists – **John Haak** (Huron Perth member), **Dave Pullen** P.Ag, R.P.F. (Forest Conservation Officer, county of Huron), **John Enright** R.P.F., Upper Thames Region Conservation Authority and **Anne Loeffler**. Moderated by **Donald Craig** R.P.F. (South West Chapter)
- 3:30 Closing remarks of AGM
Final Announcements of silent auction and door prize winners
- 3:40 AGM Business Meeting

Scheduled subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.