



and the Brant, Haldimand
& Niagara Chapters

22nd Annual General Meeting & Woodlot Conference

"Growing Friends & Grand Forests"

Saturday March 21, 2015

Brantford, Ontario at the Best Western Plus Brant Park Inn & Conference Centre, 19 Holiday Dr. N3R 7J4

8:30 a.m. Registration, Coffee, Silent Auction

9:00 Opening Remarks – Pieter Leenhouts (President)

Conference Moderators - Neil Dunning (Brant Chapter), Peter Hill (Haldimand Chapter), and Loretta Shields (Niagara Chapter)

9:15 The Critical Relationship Between Agriculture and Forest Cover

Dave Pullen P.Ag, R.P.F. Forester for County of Huron

9:50 Managing your Woodlot in a Changing Climate

Gary Nielsen, Climate Change Project Coordinator, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

10:25 Break - Coffee & Silent Auction

Visit the exhibits and Wood-Mizer demo at the outside parking lot

10:50 Landowners Helping to Lead the Way: Carolinian Canada's Collaborative Conservation Strategy

Jarmo Jalava, Director of Ecosystem Recovery, Carolinian Canada

11:25 Tree By-laws - Carrot or Stick?

Albert Hovingh, RPF. Principal Planner, Stewardship Planning, Region of Waterloo

12:00 Lunch

Relax - network - visit the exhibits – silent auction

12:45 pm second Wood-Mizer demo at the outside parking lot

1:30 Recognition of Volunteers - Eric Thompson (Executive Director)

1:40 Updates from our OWA Champion Donor Program Committee & our Business Development and Marketing Committee

Dick Lalonde, Chair of the CDP and Dave Sexsmith Chair of the BDMC

1:50 Invaders in Our Forests: Identification and Management

Emily Johnston with the Terrestrial Invasive Species Outreach Liaison, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Invading Species Awareness Program

2:05 Break - Silent Auction final bids

2:20 Technology in the forest

Chris Gynan M.Sc.F., R.P.F., I.S.A. Certified Arborist, VP Operations

2:55 Silent Auction and Door Prize Winners

3:15 Business Meeting & Members Forum

- President's Report
- Financial Report & Appointment of Accountant
- Audit Committee Report & vote for constitution changes
- Election of Directors & Audit Committee

4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks

Pieter Leenhouts, President, OWA