COMING EVENTS:

- Members Woodlot Tour – Bill Lindsay’s Property
  Sept 22nd 2018
  9:30 AM

- Caledonia Fair – Sept 27th – 30th
  2018 (display)

- H&AWOA AGM
  November 2018
  Date & Time TBA

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Check out the new Provincial website at www.ontariowoodlot.com
**Presidents Message:**

This spring was a very wet and our summer is proving to be a dry one.

Fall is quickly approaching and this summer will be another testament to the power of Mother Nature. Farmers cringe over the July heat, while the trees seem to be producing their fruit. All the while, a couple of thunder storms reminded us of the wind’s power, and how fragile old timber framed barns really are.

Thank you to all H&AWOA members who helped out at the White Pine seed orchard. We are in need of more support at the Directors table (NEED 6 MORE).

The need is for more ideas and knowledge to help run our local and Reginal OWA. If you want to get involved, please call me at 905-765-9740 or email at adsumdan99@yahoo.ca.

Thanks and have a great summer.

Dan Romanoski

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**Attn Members, OWA 25th Anniversary books are still available! Please see the old ad below!**

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**Haldimand & Area Woodlot Owners’ Association**

**Coming soon!**

In 2017 the Ontario Woodlot Association is celebrating its 25th anniversary and this book has been created to tell its story. In fact, it is many different stories, each one defined by a Chapter. It’s a chronicle of how a small lobby group grew into a full-service organization assisting owners of woodland in Ontario in their management of one of our most precious resources – our trees.

It will be on sale for the first time at the 2017 OWA Annual Meeting to be held in Newmarket ON on April 28 and 29.

Price: $25.00

However, if you order your copy NOW through our Chapter, the pre-publication price to you will only be $20.00!

Every Chapter has been asked to contribute to the book and there are individual stories of members who have owned and worked their woodlands for over 25 years as well as the recollections of the three Executive Directors who have led the Association over the years. The book is being designed and edited by Peter Hill, one of our own Haldimand Chapter members.

TO ORDER YOUR COPY SEND A REQUEST TO Dan Romanoski
BEFORE FEBRUARY 15 2017
danromanoski@hawoa.com
To the OWA Board of Directors & Members;

Please be advised that after 20 years with the OWA, Rhonda Roantree will be leaving us on June 1st, 2018. She has enjoyed so many memorable years communicating with most of you and provided a valued service for the Association. She will be missed.

As she will be departing soon, the Executive Committee has committed to fill the role of OWA Administrator, and continue the services and obligations to other Associations on a temporary basis, until such time as we may fill the position permanently.

I thank you very much for your time.

Eric

Eric Thompson RPF
Executive Director
Ontario Woodlot Association

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$50 for non members
Dan’s Corner,

**Spring WPSO WORK DAY**

I would like to thank all those who came out to the WPSO work day and especially to the members of the Community Living Haldimand for their volunteering efforts. With these 4 girls (below) and Bill, Ellen and Deanna (2nd photo below), we managed to do 3/4s of the property.

Thanks again!
From the OWA,

Congratulations, to our new President elected of the Ontario Woodlot Association, Paul Robinson. Paul is one of the founding members of the Niagara area Woodlot Association. Paul has been past President of the Niagara Chapter, and worked closely with Landcare Niagara. Paul is a valued member of the OWA who's knowledge and experience is unsurpassed by his fulltime endeavors as a Forestry Consultant and successful Tree planting business owner.

OWA - Membership Application

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________________________
City: Province: Postal Code: _________________________________________________________
Phone: Fax: _______________________________________________________________________
Email: Chapter: ___________________________________________________________________

Annual Membership Fee: $50.00

(Memberships extend from September 15th to September 14th of the following calendar
year. Members joining mid-year will receive a package of our latest S&W Report
amongst other helpful forest management guides and information.)

Mail application to:
Ontario Woodlot Association
10 Campus Dr., Unit 4
Kemptville, Ontario
Tree ID

University of Guelph Arboretum

with Arboretum Director Shelley Hunt

Coming Summer, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Early Bird $75.00 (+HST)

This program will help you refine your skills at identifying trees in Ontario. The focus will be on learning important identification characteristics. Difficult groups such as the cherry, oak and walnut families as well as the easier groups such as ash and maple will be explored. The afternoon will be spent outside, identifying trees in the forest as well as young cultivated trees with their Eurasian counterparts in the World of Trees Collection. Bring your field guide and binoculars.

Register on-line at http://www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum/educationandevents/registration.shtml
Go to “Register on-line by clicking here”

Registration and payment for Early Bird Fee is required by date TBA, 2018. Registration after this date will cost $85).
Cash, Cheque, Visa or MasterCard
Go to www.uoguelph.ca/arboretum and click on “Education and Events”, “Workshops” for more details.
ATTN: WOODLOT OWNERS (Special Notice)

The collapse of Gypsy Moth populations in 2009 has given our hardwood trees a bit of a rest from defoliation these last few years. However, recent ground surveys indicate the invasive pest may be on the rise again. Though population remain low, woodlot owners should be reminded to keep a look out for defoliation of their hardwood trees—particularly the oaks.

Defoliation observed the summer of 2017 is nothing to sound alarms about. In areas where defoliation was documented, there was no more than 20% defoliation on any single tree. Less than 40% defoliation is not readily visible to the untrained eye, and has minimal effect on tree health. Once defoliation exceeds 40% to 50%, defoliation is readily visible, and tree health can be adversely affected. Although trees usually refoliate if they lose more than 50% of their foliage, this is an additional stress on the trees, and uses up their starch reserves for future growth. There has been spraying in the Hamilton area but not needed in our area yet.

Everyone should be on the lookout for problems. It’s too late in the year to make a decision on spraying as it shows little need now in Haldimand.

We may be looking to spray in 2019? But only if it shows to be needed and we need to know who wants to spray. Costs would be given before spraying.

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Haldimand Woodlot Owners Forest Health Monitoring- Expression of Interest

Surname: ________________________________ Given Name: ________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________

Woodlot Location:

Lot: ______ Concession: ______ Township: ________________________________

[ ] Yes, I would like to participate in the Haldimand Forest Spray program if needed in 2019.

Signature of landowner: __________________________________ Date: ________________

**** Mail to: Haldimand Woodlot Association
Box 87 Cayuga, On. N0A1E0
Gypsy Moth Egg Mass Surveys
For the Woodlot Owner

A gypsy moth egg mass survey is used to estimate the population of gypsy moth in a woodlot.

To find out if gypsy moth is present in a wooded area on your property, you should take a walk in your woodlot and look for gypsy moth egg masses. Egg masses are approximately the size of a quarter, and are covered with tan coloured, fuzzy hairs. They look like a piece of chamois. You can find them on the underside of tree branches, in bark crevices, and on branches, logs, and rocks on the ground.

If you see any egg masses, you can do an egg mass survey to estimate the gypsy moth population. The information from the survey will be useful in determining the need for, and planning for, a pest management program.

The following are step by step instructions for doing the survey.

Equipment needed for an MKP survey.

▪ Datasheet and pencil
▪ Flagging tape, ribbon, or tree paint
▪ 10 m (30 feet) measuring tape

Step 1: where to conduct the survey

Identify the areas of your property that would be most susceptible to gypsy moth defoliation. Susceptibility can be evaluated by looking at two factors: trees species, and terrain.

Tree species that are susceptible to gypsy moth include oak, poplar, aspen, birch, and basswood. For help in identifying the type of trees on your property, you can obtain tree identification guides in most book stores and libraries.

Terrain also influences gypsy moth defoliation, with high and dry ridges being most susceptible. Wet sites such as swamps are least susceptible.

Areas of your property that would be the most susceptible to gypsy moth infestation would be a high ridge covered with oak and poplar. Areas with susceptibility would be cedar or balsam swamps. Another good place for the survey is where egg masses have been previously found, or where defoliation has been previously observed. Find the areas of greatest susceptibility and establish your MKP’ there.
Step 2: Plot Layout

Each Plot is 10 metres by 10 metres (0.01 hectares) and should be located away from open areas such as roads or trails to avoid inflated counts. Walk into your woodlots for about 20 m, and begin laying out the plot. Mark the first corner of the Plot with flagging tape (or ribbon or tree paint) and run a diagonal line 7.1 m to the plot centre. Mark the plot centre with two pieces of flagging tape, and continue to run the diagonal line another 7.1 m. Flag this spot as the corner opposite your starting point.

Complete the plot layout by running lines to the two other corners from the centre and flagging them. You now have a 10m x 10m box.

Step 3: Distinguishing between new and old egg masses

It is easier to distinguish old from new egg masses in the fall, because the new ones are generally darker in colour. New egg masses are a tan to brown colour and firm to the touch. If pressed between two hard surfaces, or squeezed between two fingernails, new eggs will always “pop.” Old egg masses are usually bleached, chalky, and may be frail to the touch. In some cases, old egg masses, especially those on tree boles above the snow line, may be firm if the eggs did not survive the previous winter. However, old eggs do not usually “pop.” Only count the new egg masses when doing your survey.

Step 4: Counting egg masses in the plots.

The egg mass count consists of two separate counts, an Above Ground Count, and a Ground Count. The Above Ground Count includes all new egg masses found above the ground surface. This includes egg masses found on all parts of all the trees, shrubs, stumps, large rocks, branches, leaning sticks, etc. in the entire plot. A magnifying tool such as low power binoculars will help in seeing egg masses that are on high branches. Multiply this number by 100 to obtain the number of egg masses/ha above the ground. The Ground Count is made using 10 mini-plots within the main plot. Each mini-plot is 1m x 1m. They are arranged in the main plot, one in each corner, one halfway down each side, one in the centre, and one at random as shown below. Search carefully, counting the number of new egg masses found on the ground in each mini-plot. Then add up the number of egg masses from each mini-plot to find the Ground Count. Be sure to include all egg masses on the ground, under rocks, sticks, etc. Beware of hazards, such as poison ivy. Multiply the Ground Count by 1000 to obtain the number of egg masses/ha on the ground.
Crews fighting forest fires across northeastern Ontario are looking forward to some rain after a weekend of hot, dry weather and high winds.

The Lady Evelyn Cluster, west of Temiskaming Shores, is still not under control at 27,285 hectares. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) said some precipitation was recorded over the fire Sunday evening. Parry Sound 33, south of Sudbury, also received some precipitation overnight and the ministry says there is a possibility scattered thunderstorms will bring 10 to 15 millimetres of “patchy rain.”

Crews had to contend with a hot and windy day on Sunday, leading to an increase in fire activity and two minor spot fires on the northeast side of Parry Sound 33. Despite the challenges, the MNRF said the spot fires were quickly contained and excellent progress was made laying hose lines around the perimeter of the fire. It adds that more work needs to be done as crews begin to work inward to solidify the lines.

As of Sunday evening, the MNRF said there are 42 active fires in the region. Nineteen of those are not yet under control, while 23 are either being held, under control or being observed. Two new fires were confirmed on Sunday, including Bancroft 19, which is half a hectare in size and located about five kilometres southeast of Big Burnt Lake. Sudbury 101, 16 kilometres southwest of St-Charles, is about a hectare in size.

Additional support is expected to arrive in Ontario this week. There are currently 556 firefighters and support staff from across Canada, the United States and Mexico, along with aircraft and equipment.

Story provided by: CBC News
**H&AWOA - Woodlot Tour & Antiques**
September 22nd 2018 at 9:30 AM start to noon
Further detail to follow via email.
**Location:** Bill Lindsay’s property in Selkirk, Ontario

**Caledonia Fair**
September 27th through 30th
H&AWOA will have a booth set up in the main building to promote Woodlot awareness and attract new members during Fair hours.
**Location:** Caledonia, Ontario

**H&AWOA - AGM**
November 2018 (exact date to follow)
*Please note, we are running the AGM later this year due to previous years conflicts between other associations events.
**Location:** Cayuga Mutual Building, in Cayuga, Ontario