George and Hennie Velema Donate Second Forest Parcel to South Nation

South Nation is a member of the Ontario Land Trust Alliance which allows the conservation authority to accept donations of land through Canada’s Ecological Gifts Program. The SNC Land donation program provides an avenue for residents within their jurisdiction to consider land donation and conservation easements. SNC uses donated lands to improve forest cover, ensure healthy and safe waterways and provide a variety of recreational opportunities. In 2014, SNC acquired 468 acres of land.

For more information on SNC’s Land Donation program, please contact Jim Hendry at 1-877-613-994-2948 Ext. 235 or email: jhendry@nation.on.ca

The Ecological Gifts Program allows donations to help protect ecologically sensitive land which includes woodlands, wetlands, grasslands and other ecologically sensitive habitats while providing significant tax benefits are available to landowners. With easements, title is maintained by the owners with provides a way to protect nature while leaving a legacy for future generations. To date, 1,166 ecological gifts valued at over $736 million have been donated across Canada, protecting over 170,000 hectares of wildlife habitat.

For more information on the Ecological Gifts program go to: http://www.ec.gc.ca/pde-epg/

On November 14, 2015 a workshop entitled “You Can’t Take It With You” will be held at South Nation Conservation in Finch, from 9 AM to 2 PM. This free workshop is open to everyone and lunch will be provided.

To register, please contact Dorothy at 1-877-994-2948 Ext. 285 or email: info@sdgco.ca

Upcoming Events

Saturday November 14, 2015
You Can’t Take It With You Workshop
9 A.M. to 2 P.M.
South Nation Conservation
38 Victoria Street
Finch, ON
K0C 1K0

Saturday November 28, 2015
OWA Strategic Planning Session
9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Ferguson Forest Centre
275 County Rd. 44
ORR4
Kemptville, ON
K0C 1J0

Wednesday December 16, 2015
Annual Christmas Forest Seminar
"Healthy Landscape = Healthy Future"
8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.
North Grenville Municipal Complex
285 County Rd. 44
Kempville, ON
K0C 1J0

Register online at www.ownf.on.ca (go to “Contribute – Ways to Give – One-time Payment Option”) or call the EOMF at 613-258-6087. Payment by credit card or PayPal.

Friday February 5, 2016
S.D.&G. Chapter of the OWA
2016 Annual General Meeting & Potluck Supper
5:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.
North Stormont Place
6300 Fairview Drive
Avonmore, ON
K0C 1C0

Wednesday February 24, 2016
Kemptville Woodlot Conference
9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
North Grenville Municipal Complex
285 County Rd. 44
Kemptville, ON
K0G 1J0

Register online at www.ownf.on.ca (go to “Contribute – Ways to Give – One-time Payment Option”) or call the EOMF at 613-258-6087. Payment by credit card or PayPal.

Friday & Saturday April 15-16, 2016
2015 Ontario Woodlot Association Tour and AGM
Centurion Conference & Event Centre
Ottawa, ON

For more information contact
Dorothy Hamilton at:
1-877-994-2948 Ext. 285
info@sdgco.ca

Benefit of Retaining Forest Cover on Agricultural Land

Conservation Role of Vegetation & Forested Cover on Lake & Stream Borders and Wetlands as a Key Component of a Healthy Landscape.
Chapter Newsletter

There is still time to fill out your SDG Chapter Questionnaire.
By filling out the questionnaire will provide the Board of Directors with direction to provide services to the membership and aid in the upcoming OWA strategic planning process.

Ontario Woodlot Association Strategic Planning Process

On Saturday November 28, members of the eastern Chapters of the Ontario Woodlot Association (OWA) are invited to attend a Strategic Planning Session to lay out the future goals and objectives of the OWA through 2020. This meeting will be the fourth in a series of meetings that the regional Chapters of the OWA will be holding across Ontario during November.

Discussion topics will include current Chapter/Provincial relations, the financial stability of the Chapter’s and Provincial OWA, membership growth, education and advocacy. Chapters will review and discuss the obstacles and challenges that they and the Provincial OWA have faced in the past as well as the new ones that are expected in the future.

It is hoped that these discussions will outline initiatives to move the OWA forward and produce local and Provincial strategies needed to grow Chapter membership, define future roles and responsibilities such as how Chapters can provide support for the Provincial OWA and vice versa.

The meeting will be held at the Ferguson Forest Centre in Kemptville on Saturday November 28, 2015 from 9 AM to 4 PM. Refreshments and lunch will be served. Please contact Dorothy at 1-877-984-2948 Ext. 285 or Email: info@sdgcfo.ca by November 23rd, if you plan to attend.

2015 Glengarry Wood Fair and Wood Auction

The 2015 Glengarry Wood Fair and Wood Auction, the 7th edition, was a great success again this year. The log auction alone earned over $1,100 thanks to the donation of wood by Moulure Alexandria Moulding. Several new artisans and demonstrators attended the fair and there was a full slate of very talented entertainers providing a wide variety of music all day. Smokey the Bear and several costumed superheros posed for photos with young fairgoers.

Many thanks to the volunteers from the Chapter who helped out with the fair setup and takedown and on the day of the event especially with the log auction.

Enough monies were earned to ensure that the event can continue next year. However, after 6 years of participating on the Wood Fair Planning Committee, Dorothy Hamilton has resigned, leaving no S.D.&G. Chapter representation.

Starting in January, the planning committee meets approximately once a month. Meetings, last from 1-2 hours, are held at the museum in Dunvegan or auxiliary museum building in Greenfield. Planning members are expected to take on some sub-committee responsibilities.

Chapter members are compensated for mileage and other expenses incurred while conducting wood fair activities. If anyone is interested in participating on the planning committee on behalf of the Chapter, please contact Dorothy at 1-877-984-9984 Ext. 285 or at info@sdgcfo.ca.

Other Websites of Interest:
- Ontario Woodlot Association http://www.ontariowoodlot.com/
- Eastern Ontario Model Forest http://www.eomf.on.ca/
- Forest Certification Canada https://ca.fsc.org/
- South Nation Conservation http://www.nation.on.ca/
- Raisin Region Conservation https://www.rrca.on.ca/
- Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association http://www.ontariomaple.com/
- Eastern Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association http://www.easternontariomaple.com/
- St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences http://riverinstitute.ca/