Successful Limestone AGM:
On April 27, over forty people showed up in Camden East to hear a presentation by Dr. Naomi Cappucino on research being done on bio-controls for Dog Strangling Vine. She left us with some hope that we may eventually be able to keep this serious invasive species under control.

At the business meeting, the new Limestone board was approved: Justin Smith, Thom Snowman, Dave Sexsmith, Claude Silver, Kris Colwell, Ruth Tracy, Tracie Smith, Barry Campbell and Chris Delage. A motion was also passed to ask the provincial OWA to encourage the membership to express to their MPP their disappointment at the cancellation of the 50 Million Tree Program.

After lunch, the group braved wind and snowflakes to tour the nearby property of Peter and Jane Good. Peter led the tour, detailing the many things they have done over the 40+ years they’ve owned the property. Steve Pitt addressed Butternut Canker, Chris Delage spoke to a Ducks Unlimited project initiated some time ago, and Justin Smith gave the group a good background on the glacial action that resulted in the landscape we have today. Altogether, it was a very informative day, and everyone enjoyed being out and about in spite of the weather.

It’s Tick Season Again!
As ticks become more prevalent in our area, it is very important that everyone check themselves and their pets after being out of doors. It seems that Lyme Disease can involve a very complicated diagnosis and the KFL&A Public Health has a webpage dedicated to this subject. Everyone should become familiar with what our local health unit is doing.

What’s Happening:

There are a number of things going on in our region, including planning for the Trenton Woodlot Conference which is scheduled for November 22nd. This year the Quinte and Limestone chapters are taking the lead in putting on this event, and the theme will be “Returning to our Roots”. Save the date!

In mid-May, an email was sent to the readership trying to determine how much interest there might be in ordering trees for 2020 from the Ferguson Forest Centre to help find homes for seedlings that may be orphaned because of the cancellation of the 50 Million Trees Program. Thus far, we have received positive responses totally about 4000 trees. The next step is to get more details regarding cost and how best to deliver the product. Anyone wishing to check out Ferguson’s inventory can visit them on line at https://www.fergusontreenursery.ca/.

The Permanent Plot Project continues with four new sites waiting to be done. We now have two 2-person teams to carry out the work, and hope to be able to continue this citizen science initiative indefinitely. In another couple of years, we’ll be able to start taking the second measurements, and compiling growth data. Anyone wishing to take part can contact Dave at owalimestone@gmail.com or 613-373-9334.

We’re on Facebook! Quinte chapter can be found at Quinte Woodlot Association and Limestone chapter has just created a page at Ontario Woodlot Association Limestone Chapter.

And finally, a big tip of the hat to biologist (and Limestone member) Barrie Gilbert, for his upcoming book based on his decades of work with grizzly bears.

“One of Us: A Biologist’s Walk Among Bears” is expected to be available later this year. You can learn more about it by going to https://www.barriegilbert.ca/

Congratulations Barrie!
Upcoming Events:

**June 1st: Upper Trent Valley Chapter Woods Walk and AGM:** At 1123 2nd Line, Havelock (2 km north of Hwy 7); the theme is “A Stroll through the Woodlot” and will feature several speakers and a look at the health of a forest. A short business meeting will follow with a door prize. The event runs from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**June 5th: Citizen-led Town Hall:** At the Tamworth Library, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, this is open to all to come and discuss Canada’s Green New Deal and have your say. This is not an OWA event, but Limestone Chapter plans to be in attendance. More details to come.

**June 8th: Quinte Chapter Spring Event and AGM:** This year, Quinte Chapter’s event theme is “The Many Faces of our Woodlots: Backyard Mushrooms and Woodlot Entrepreneurs”. See details on page 4. Please note there is a cost and registration is required by June 3rd.

**June 15th: Groundwater Activity Day** at Kennedy Field Station, Tamworth, with Friends of Salmon River. See event notice at [www.friendsofsalmonriver.ca](http://www.friendsofsalmonriver.ca).

**September 27th: Introduction to Chainsaw Safety:** Our annual chainsaw safety workshop, led by forest professional Dave Smallwood is planned for Sept. 27th. There are still some spaces available at $40 for OWA members, $80 for non-members. The morning is scheduled for classroom instruction and the afternoon is spent with supervised practice using a chainsaw. This is an excellent way to reduce the risk inherent with operating a chainsaw; even long-time users can learn something new. Contact Dave at [owalimestone@gmail.com](mailto:owalimestone@gmail.com) or 613-373-9334 to register. Attendees are required to bring their own lunch, chainsaw and safety equipment. More details will be forthcoming.

**October 5th: Limestone’s Fall Family Forest Field Day:** Planning is underway for this year’s FFFD. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to join us for our annual fall event.

**November 22nd: Trenton Woodlot Conference:** The TWC has long been the premier woodlot conference in this region, having been in existence for almost 30 years. This year, Quinte and Limestone chapters are the principle organizers, and the theme is “Returning to our Roots”. A planning committee has been formed and work is underway. Stay tuned!

**Thanks to our Supporting Businesses:** (OWA) denotes an OWA member

**Friendly Fires:** Dalton Avenue, Kingston

**Battlefield Equipment:** Napanee and Kingston

**Weese Nursery (Eric Weese, arborist):** Napanee (OWA)

**Steve Pitt (forestry professional):** Napanee (OWA)

**Dave Smallwood (forestry professional):** Marlbank (OWA)
The Different Faces of our Woodlots

Backyard Mushrooming Workshop & AGM
Saturday, 8 June 2019 - 9 AM to 3 PM
Stirling Rotary Hall, 122 St. (Hwy 14), Stirling

Registration Required - Contact Marianne at: (613)-922-2453 or quintewoodlotassociation@gmail.com

Members $15, Non-members $30
(Non-members wishing to join the OWA may pay the annual membership fee of $50 and receive the Member rate – membership is good until Sept. 2020.)

8:00 am: Registration
9:00 am: Backyard Mushrooming
(See below for details)
11:00 am: Member Woodlot Highlights
11:30 am: AGM
12:00 am: Lunch (included)
1:00 pm: Woodlot Visit
(See below for details)
3:00 pm: Event Finish

For the Backyard Mushrooming Workshop, Shiitake or Oyster Mushroom spawn will be available for purchase at $20 for a 5 lb bag (enough to inoculate thirty 4 in. dia logs or ten 8 in. dia logs). Attendees may also inoculate their own logs. Logs should be 4-8 inches in diameter, and 2-4 feet long. Maple, ironwood, beech, oak logs work best for shiitake mushrooms and poplar and willow logs for oyster mushrooms. All tools will be provided.

Our afternoon woodlot tour will include a portable sawmill demo, introduction to a hop cropping operation, opportunity to explore a mature forest with a wide variety of both hardwood and softwood trees, a 20 year regeneration tract, and member foresters who will provide some tree identification tips. Please wear appropriate forest attire including solid walking footwear.