

Brant Woodlot Owners Association

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Classic white bark showing on exposed sycamore roots, Wilkes Dam

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Chuck Beach of the Brant Tree Coalition provides an introduction to our tour of the New Forest

Brant Woodlot AGM and Speakers Night

Our AGM and Speakers Night will be held at the Brant Rod and Gun Club on February 12, 2019. These nights are always extremely interesting and it is a great time to meet new people and visit with woodlot friends.

The evening will begin with a social at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. our speakers will present.

- MPP Will Bouma will bring greetings from the Ontario government
- OWA President Paul Robertson will update us on present and future directions for our provincial body
- Ian Fife, Species at Risk Coordinator with Bird Studies Canada will speak on best management practices for maintaining habitat for birds in woodlots
- Terry Schwan, retired MNRF Forester will present on marketing lumber from your woodlot

The evening will also include a brief business meeting with a financial update and election of officers. Contact BWOA President Jim Haley if you are interested in being a part of our Chapter leadership team.

For this year's raffle, winners can choose from nesting boxes made for a variety of species. Proceeds will help support the Brant Tree Coalition. If you have a new or gently used nesting box or bird feeder to donate to the raffle, please bring it to the AGM or email neil@northpine.ca. Payment for dinner is by donation.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 7, 7:00 p.m. Oxford Woodlot Association Speaker's Night at the Folden's Community Hall. Highway 401 exit #222 Turn South 374091 Foldens Line Ingersoll. More at <https://www.ontariowoodlot.com/events> .

Friday, April 5, OWA Conference and AGM. Save the date, details to follow. The location will be the Lion's Community Centre, 157 Elgin Street E., Cobourg



Tall, straight trees in the Wilson Pate woodlot

The Wilson Pate and Tom Pate Woodlot Tours

Thank you to BWOA member Tom Pate for an excellent tour of two St. George area farm properties on December 1, 2018. The Brantwood Farms “people mover” was a welcome touch of luxury as we went from stop to stop discussing tree growth and woodlot dynamics.

New Forest in the City

The New Forest in the City tour in November gave us the opportunity to view the amazing results of the Brant Tree Coalition’s efforts in a Brantford industrial park. The New Forest is planted on hazard lands bordering Fairchild Creek near 403 and Garden Avenue.

Covering almost 80 acres it is now fully planted with a wide variety of trees.

Members are encouraged to stop by for a look. Going south on Garden Ave. from 403, take Abbott Court and park in the ride share parking lot across from the trail entrance.

Brant Rod and Gun Club Eco-Conference

This year’s Feb 23rd conference at the Rod and Gun Club will have the theme, “Defending our Natural Resources.” Speakers will cover a wide range of topics, from restoring the American chestnut, to environmental stewardship on the farm to fly tying. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. with an excellent lunch and time to view table displays. Register by email,

brgcecoconference@gmail.com or call the club at (519) 449-2658.

GRCA Managing Trees Workshop, March 2nd

This workshop at the GRCA Head Office is geared to landowners with 2.5 acres or greater and aims to help develop skills and strategies to maintain and improve trees. Speakers will address hazard trees, disease, planting, tree ecology and more. Two outdoor tours will also be offered. This is a free event and includes lunch. Participants must pre-register via <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/managing-trees-on-your-property-workshop-2019-registration-53862182237> or by calling Meghan Clay at 1-866-900-4722 ext. 2278

A Message From Our President, Jim Haley

Hope everyone is keeping warm during this polar vortex blast the last few days.

I want to thank our board for their work in bringing new ideas for our tours this past year. Thanks to Neil Dunning, for being the backbone to our local Brant Chapter. He does a great job producing our newsletters and is always working behind the scenes.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our AGM with our interesting speakers.

Jim Haley, President, BWOA



The Brantwood Farms people mover took us to several stopping points on our Dec 1st tour