

Hello Niagara Woodlot Association Members & Family,

With some winter weather finally upon us I hope everyone has been enjoying the snow and the new year of 2021!

Despite the year that we had in 2020, the new year is off to a good start with the OWA and thought to share some highlights with you. The OWA hopes you enjoyed the 100th issue of The Woodlander and the 101st issue should soon be reaching you. If you have always thought to write an article, the winter months are a great chance to reflect and write something to submit to the Woodlander- the OWA would love to hear from you.

A new major advertiser (Lallemand Plant Services) will be appearing in the Woodlander; they will take several full page ads, plus space in the e-newsletter as well. If you also want to advertise your business through the Woodlander, considering advertising while supporting a great cause.

Also in the March issue of the Woodlander, you will notice a 10% discount card for all OWA members and families to Marks Work Warehouse- they generously agreed to provide this discount so please be sure to use it! I am sure we all could use one more plaid shirt in our wardrobe.

Members of the OWA Executive team had a great meeting with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry staff responsible for a grant agreement and managing the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program; a follow up meeting is scheduled for March. They have a pending scheduled meeting with Minister Yakabuski when his schedule opens up.

The OWA board has also been quite active in seeking available grants and stretching the OWA funds as far as they can with new and innovative projects to enhance the services to you as members. More information to come as funding is approved.

Social media activity continues to grow with new accounts made for LinkedIn and Instagram, in addition to Facebook and Twitter. A future YouTube channel is also in the works! Be sure to add the OWA to your social media channels to not miss out on anything.

The NWA Board wants to also sadly acknowledge the passing of George Munderich, a Niagara Chapter member for many years. He will always be remembered for being passionate about nature. He was an avid beekeeper and was one of the founding members of the Beekeeper's Association of Regional Niagara. He planted thousands of trees and a variety of species on his rural property and was proud of the arboretum he had established over the years.

On behalf of the board- thank you for your continued support,

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