A busy 2019:

If you were to add up the years of operation for Limestone and Quinte chapters, you would arrive at a figure greater than 45. Limestone is the slightly older sibling, but together we have promoted sustainable forest management in this region for a long time.

It is safe to say that, over the course of these years, none has been busier than 2019. Both boards have benefited from new directors in recent years, resulting in fresh energy and ideas, the life’s blood of any volunteer organization.

At this time, we would also like to acknowledge those Upper Trent Valley members who have stepped up to ensure that our neighbouring chapter to the north is continuing to serve its members there. As we all do at times, the UTV chapter has gone through a slow period, but now is planning for their second 2019 event on October 5th. Congratulations!

September is often seen as the beginning of the woodlot season, when the hot weather is behind us, and thoughts turn to fall colours, firewood and field days. Our “Upcoming Events” page is full of opportunities for you to join us for some socializing, learning and networking. Your participation and input helps ensure we will continue to provide relevant and useful events.

Of particular note is the Trenton Woodlot Conference on November 22nd in Batawa. Quinte and Limestone have supported this conference for the past several years, and now are taking a leadership role. Thankfully, the Hastings Stewardship Council is still supporting the conference with its team of volunteers and representation on the Planning Committee. As well, local Conservation Authorities are involved, ensuring continuity for the conference going forward.

This will be TWC’s 30th anniversary, and we look forward to getting caught up with old friends, and making new ones. More details on page 2.

As the rest of your 2019 calendar fills up, be sure to save at least some of the dates mentioned in this newsletter. Your participation makes our events better!

For you social media buffs: We’re on Facebook! Check us out at “Quinte Woodlot Association” and “Ontario Woodlot Association Limestone Chapter”.
Upcoming Events:

Note: Brackets denote which OWA chapter is hosting the event.

Sept. 14: Environment Day, Napanee: page 8
Sept. 21: (Limestone) Introduction to Chainsaw Safety Seminar: page 3.
Oct. 5: (Limestone) Fall Family Forest Field Day: page 5.
Nov. 22: (Quinte / Limestone) Trenton Woodlot Conference: page 7.

Membership Renewal Time:

It’s that time of year again! To put off, and eventually forget, to renew your membership! As one who has done this every year for two decades, I have some advice; don’t be like me!

In addition to receiving four issues of The Ontario Woodlander, and various discounts, your membership makes our voice stronger and supports local activities promoting sustainable forest management in our community.

Renewal (or new membership) can be as easy as:
-Using the OWA website: https://www.ontriowoodlot.com/payments and following the steps, or
-Sending a cheque ($50 to “Ontario Woodlot Association”) to:
  Ontario Woodlot Association
  10 Campus Drive, Unit 4
  Kemptville, Ontario
  K0G 1J0, or
-Phone Joanne at head office 613-713-1525.

If you wish to take advantage of Limestone’s family membership deal ($35 for each additional family member), please contact me and we will set it up for you. Joanne can’t help you with this as it’s a chapter initiative.

Dave the Communications Guy. owalimestone@gmail.com or 613-373-9334
Wood Burning Efficiency and Safety-Sept 14th

Join Darren Lariviere of Friendly Fires and Jon Stewart of McDougall Insurance, at the Friendly Fires Showroom located at 69 Dundas Street East, Belleville Ontario (across from Dairy Queen) on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 9:30-10:45 AM.

Many of us may have heard about new wood stove regulations and firewood BTU, but there’s a lot of information out there and it can be confusing, if not overwhelming. These two professionals will give us some up to date information on the subject.

Daren will be discussing new EPA regulations, old technology wood stoves vs modern, firewood seasoning, storage and moisture content. He will also talk about proper splitting techniques for modern stoves. Jon will share the facts about insurance coverage for homes with wood burning stoves or fireplaces.

When: Saturday, September 14, 2019
Where: Friendly Fires, 69 Dundas Street East, Belleville, Ontario (across from Dairy Queen)
Time: 9:30 AM – 10:45 AM
Cost: No Charge OWA members / Non-members- a donation towards our ongoing public events and education (make sure you have renewed your membership)

Introduction to Chainsaw Safety Seminar: Sept. 21, 2019:

A 90 minute Limestone seminar at Friendly Fires, 271 Dalton Ave, Kingston, beginning at 10:00 am. This will give attendees a glimpse of what is covered in our one day workshop. Thanks to Friendly Fires providing the space, we can offer this seminar free of charge. Phone 613-544-5575 to register.

When: Saturday, September 21, 2019.
Time: 10:00 am.
Cost: Free.
Introduction to Chainsaw Safety Workshop: Sept. 28, 2019:

There are still some spaces available. The morning is scheduled for classroom instruction and the afternoon is supervised chainsaw practice.

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 or 613-373-9334 to register or for more info.

Attendees are required to bring their own lunch, chainsaw and safety equipment.

When: September 28, 2019

Where: Kennedy Research Station, Tamworth, On.

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Cost: $40 for OWA members; $80 for non-members

Upper Trent Valley Chapter Field Day: October 5, 2019:

Join the UTV chapter at the DeMille family woodlot north of Havelock (3477 County Road 44). Enjoy the fall colours, a woodlot with 25+ different tree species, and an opportunity to see a hardwood forest 10 years after heavy selective harvest.

This family friendly event will start at 10:30am with a guided woodlot tour and a BBQ to follow. There will be a brief UTV chapter meeting after the event.

For more information, please contact Matt DeMille at uppertrentvalleyowa@gmail.com or 705-559-6777.

When: October 05, 2019

Where: 3477 County Road 44, Havelock, Ontario.

Time: 10:30 am.

Cost: none.
Fall Family Forest Field Day: 
October 5th:

Limestone’s annual fall field day is being held October 5th at Barry Campbell’s property east of Enterprise.

Barry has 140 acres of managed forest at various successional stages, which he is managing for wildlife habitat, while promoting recreational activities such as hiking, (by maintaining a system of trails), and disc golf, (as a potential commercial use of managed forest). As part of Limestone’s Permanent Plot Project, he has set up five forest inventory plots in different habitats to monitor the growth of the forest.

This is a family event with a citizen science focus, so plan to come and help do a species inventory on the property. Chris Delage of Ducks Unlimited will do “Critter Dipping” with the children to identify who has moved into Barry’s recently created pond. They will also have an opportunity to build a bird feeder or nesting box to take home with them.

Arborist Justin Smith will be on hand to discuss the basics of tree pruning using trees on the property to explain good form and how to correct structural challenges.

When: Saturday, October 05, 2019
Where: 5464 County Road 6, Stone Mills Township (east of Enterprise)
Time: 9:30 to 1:00 (people are free to stay longer if they wish)
Cost: No cost to OWA members. A donation from non-members to help cover costs is appreciated.

Plan to come out and pick up your 2019 / 20 Limestone Chapter member card.

Congratulations to Mya Watson, the first recipient of Limestone’s annual student bursary. Good luck in your studies this year and beyond!
Kids in the Woods Event: October 06, 2019:

Limestone Chapter’s third annual Kids in the Woods event will involve a tour of Shagbark Farm where the landscape has been converting back to forest over the past 30 years. The children will be asked to decide what a forest looks like, and will learn how forests evolve, from tree seedling to forest products.

After the tour, the children will make something out of wood to take home.

When: Sunday, Oct. 06, 2019
Where: 1404 South Shore Road, Napanee, On. (by beautiful Hay Bay).
Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
Cost: Free to OWA members. A donation from non-members is appreciated.
Note: Children must be accompanied by an adult. The walk may include damp areas, so dress accordingly. Space is limited, so all children must pre-register by contacting Dave at owalimestone@gmail.com or phoning 613-373-9334. By knowing how many children are attending, we can better prepare for the workshop session. If anyone can bring a cordless drill, that would also be helpful.

Managed Forest Tax Incentive Plan (MFTIP) Workshop – October 19

Through the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP), landowners who get their property classified as ‘Managed Forest’ pay 25% of the municipal tax rate set for residential properties. To participate, you must prepare and follow a 10-year Managed Forest Plan that details how you will manage your forest property responsibly.

The MFTIP workshop will walk the participants through the process of developing their own stewardship plan that can be used to enroll their properties into the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program.

The classroom portion will take about 3 hours and the outdoor visit to a nearby woodlot to demonstrate inventory techniques will take an additional 2 hours.

When: October 19, 2019
Where: Gerry Masterson Community Centre in Thurlow, north of Belleville
Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Cost: $15 for OWA members. $25 for non-members

Contact Marianne at quintewoodlotassociation@gmail.com or 613-922-2453 to register.

Attendees are required to bring their own lunch. More details will be forthcoming.
**Trenton Woodlot Conference is 30 Years Old!**

It’s hard to believe that 30 years has passed since the beginnings of the Trenton Woodlot Conference (TWC). Originally organized by OMAFRA / MNR as one of three regional conferences (the others being Kemptville and Kawartha), it quickly became the premier woodlot event in our area. Over the years, it has provided information for landowners on the latest in forest science, wildlife and practical advice. It also has become an annual reunion for many who count on seeing old friends and catching up on the news.

The theme for this year is **“Returning to Our Roots; Down to Earth Forestry”** and will look at forests from a variety of perspectives. Topics include:

**“What’s Under the Leaf Litter”** Sebastian Belliard, (Soils Specialist, OMAFRA) will explain the symbiotic relationships that form the foundation of the forest.

**“The Inclusive Forest: Wetlands, Wildlife, Water and Wood”** Thom Snowman, (retired forester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts), will present lessons learned from managing Boston’s water supply protection forest and how they might apply to Ontario woodlots.

**“Beavers: Struggles with Co-existence”** Joseph Reid, (City of Belleville) will discuss techniques to restrain the enthusiasm of our furry builder friends.

**“Technology in the Woodlot: Creating Your Bio-diversity Inventory”** Ian Fife, (Bird Studies Canada), will introduce the importance of citizen science, and how technology can help.

**“Chainsaw Safety Basics”** Todd Fritzly, (BPF Safety and Consulting) will present important things you should know if you’re about to pick up a chainsaw.

The optional afternoon woods walk, led by Justin Smith (OWA) and Tim Trustham (Quinte Conservation), will focus on **“Forest Vigour: Things to Look for in Your Woodlot”**.

This is a “low waste” conference and Chef Andreas Appelbaum, of **LETS EAT Catering** will be providing a locally-sourced hot lunch.

**When:** November 22, 2019  
**Where:** Batawa Community Centre  
**Time:** 8:00 am to 3:30 pm  
**Cost:** $40 (OWA members $35)  
Registration is easy at [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trenton-woodlot-conference-registration-69774097203](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trenton-woodlot-conference-registration-69774097203). You can join the OWA (or renew your membership) at the same time, to get the discount.

**To register non-electronically contact:**  
Russell Scott at quintwoodlotassociation@gmail.com or 613-921-3085  
Dave Sexsmith at ovalimestone@gmail.com or 613-373-9334
A Few Final Bits:

**Tree Seedlings 2020:** Earlier this year, we sent out an email advising that the Ferguson Forest Centre might have to destroy seedlings due to the cancellation of the 50 Million Tree Program. We asked for a “show of hands” from those who might be willing to purchase some of those trees (at an undetermined price) next spring.

Since then, the 50MTP has received a 5 year reprieve, and the Ferguson seedlings will be saved. So now, individuals wishing for small quantities of seedlings for next spring have three options:

1. Ordering directly from Ferguson Forest Center at [https://www.fergusontreenursery.ca/](https://www.fergusontreenursery.ca/)
2. Ordering through Rick Knapton, Cataraqui Conservation (minimum order 500 seedlings). So long as orders are in lots of 50, a combination of species can be ordered.
3. Ordering as a group through Rick. Each individual order must be in lots of 50 (50, 100, 150, etc) and the total must be at least 500. Contact Rick at rknapton@crca.ca

**Help Wanted!** While we are always looking for new people to take a turn on our chapter boards, there is also a need for folks to lend a hand in other ways. You can volunteer to be part of a team for one specific event each year (such as a fall field day), or sign up to do a single task at every event (such as bring cookies). Whatever your contribution, it will be appreciated.

If you’d like to be one of our volunteers contact:

Marianne (Quinte) at quintewoodlotassociation@gmail.com or 613-922-2453

Dave (Limestone) at owalimestone@gmail.com or 613-373-9334

Matt (Upper Trent Valley) at uppertrentvalleyowa@gmail.com

If however, you’d like to upgrade to board member, we’d be so happy we might throw a party!

**Environment Day:** Limestone chapter is one of the organizations taking part in Environment Day at Confederation Park in Napanee on September 14th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you’re in the area plan to visit our booth and check out the other like-minded organizations in our area.

**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)