

# Huron Perth Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association

## Annual General Meeting and Tour

Saturday April 11, 2015

- Morning Tour: Bill & Anne Phelan's Forest Property near Bayfield
- Afternoon Speaker: Brenda Gallagher of Upper Thames CA: Invasive Species
- CHAINSAW DRAW and Raffle



**9:45 a.m. Tour:** of Bill and Anne Phelan's forested property. It is hard to believe, but it is 15 years since we visited the Phelan site in April, 2000. At the time they were in the process of thinning their pine plantation. The Phelan's can now show us and discuss the results of that thinning operation as well as highlighting other activities on their property including a small wetland creation project, products from their small bandsaw mill, wildlife related topics, etc. **Location:** 77915 Porters Hill Line northeast of Bayfield (west side of Porters Hill Line, between Tower Line Road and Telephone Road). Parking will be available beside the driveway or near the buildings, depending on the weather prior to April 11th.  
- see map on second page of this notice

**12:00 Noon: Lunch and Business Meeting** at the White Carnation Banquet Hall located at 79867 Parr Line south of Holmesville

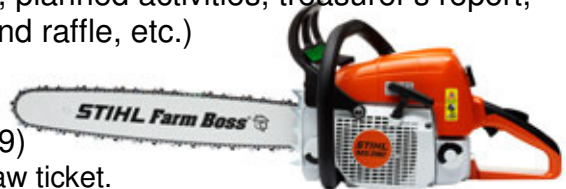
- Lunch
- general meeting and updates (e.g. past activities, planned activities, treasurer's report, election of executive members, chainsaw draw and raffle, etc.)

### **CHAINSAW DRAW -**

***One member in attendance will win a:***

STIHL MS 251 Chainsaw (45.6 cc, MSRP \$479.99)

- Each current member who attends will receive one draw ticket.
- Members will receive one additional ticket for each guest they bring who purchases a new membership prior to the draw.
- Each new member purchasing a membership prior to the draw will receive one draw ticket.
- You must be present at the draw in order to qualify to win.



### **RAFFLE**

There will be a separate raffle table. **If members have, or can access, items to donate for the raffle, please bring them to the meeting** (e.g. wood crafts, tools, books, clothes, etc.)

**Afternoon Speaker (approximately 1:30 p.m.)** Brenda Gallagher will deliver a presentation on **Invasive Plant Species**, a growing threat to biodiversity in our woodlots and other natural areas. Brenda is an Upper Thames CA staff member and is very knowledgeable on plant identification, edible plant species and assorted native plant restoration topics.

**REGISTRATION** – see next page

## REGISTRATION:

**NOTE: YOU MUST REGISTER BY APRIL 2nd at 5:00 p.m. IF YOU WISH TO EAT**

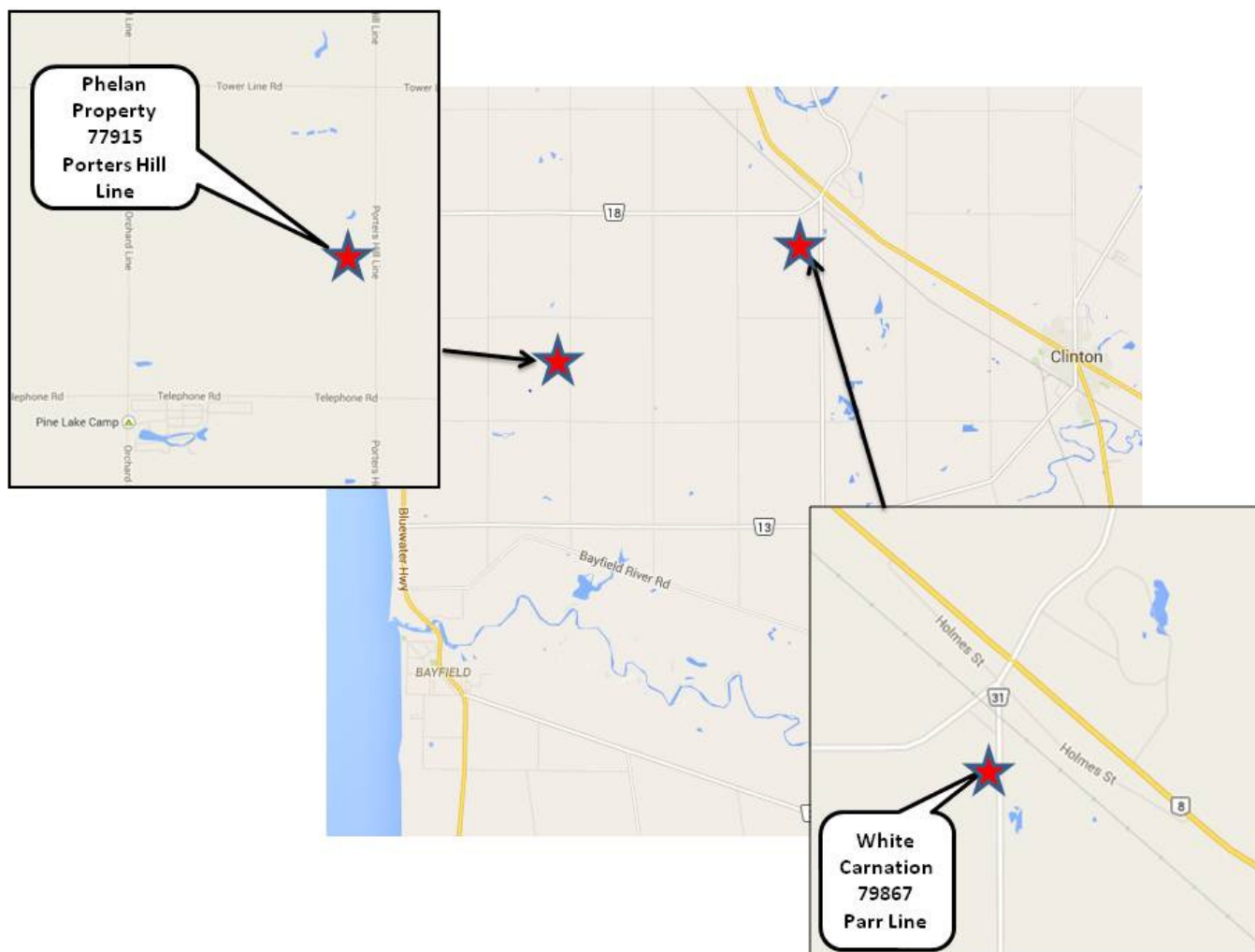
*There is no cost for lunch to Huron Perth Chapter members (registration is still required).  
Lunch is \$20.00 for non-members or spouses of members.*

**To register, call (by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2nd at the latest):**

Roger Cook 519-271-1978, Dave Pullen 519-524-8394 ext. 3 ([dpullen@huroncounty.ca](mailto:dpullen@huroncounty.ca)),  
Jim Ginn 519-524-2522, or Steve Bowers 519-887-9137 ([srbowers@tcc.on.ca](mailto:srbowers@tcc.on.ca))

## Bargain for New Members

Reduced membership fee of \$30.00 for new members for their first year of membership only.  
You must arrange this through Dave Pullen and not the OWA office. (regular cost is \$45)



**If you are interested in joining the executive of the Huron Perth Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association or have topics you think should be discussed in the business meeting, call Roger Cook at 519-271-1978.**

## **Tentative Huron Perth Woodlot Association Outings for 2015**

Note: details and dates are tentative as these events are still in the planning stages. You may wish to make additional suggestions for outings.

Late Summer (possibly August) - possible tour of a mechanized plantation thinning operation. Tour is dependent on when, or if, a thinning operation is implemented in a suitable area and will be arranged on short notice if it happens.

Early September – invasive species tour - identification and control options - likely in the Stratford or St. Marys area

Mid October - Tour of John and Janet Haak property near Clinton to view woodlots, plantations, wetland projects, bandsaw products. To be followed by a hot dog barbeque and social time.