

HURON PERTH CHAPTER OF THE ONTARIO WOODLOT ASSOCIATION



President's Message

Terry Hoover

They say you should never start a letter with an apology so I'll leave that for later. I'm sure most of you know me but for those that are new to the Chapter, I'll give a quick introduction.

I moved to Atwood in 1988 and shortly after, I joined the Huron/Perth Chapter of OWA. My wife Diane and our fur child Jack own 100 acres. We have 50 acres of bush and 40 acres of crops. Our entire operation is certified Organic with Maple Syrup being our main crop. I have been heavily involved with the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers' Association (OMSPA). I was the OMSPA President from 2015-2017 as well as the President of Waterloo-Wellington Local/chapter for many years. Last year I retired from driving a 5 axle milk tanker truck so now I only have to work 40 hours/week on the farm.

I have been a Director for this Chapter for quite a while and I was your Provincial Rep for 4 years before the pandemic hit.

Huron/Perth Chapter has always been a thriving vibrant Chapter.

It was an honour to be asked to be your President at our Annual General Meeting (AGM). As your new President I want to thank all the Presidents, Directors before me, as well as all of our members, that have built this great foundation for our Chapter.

Personally, I thought the show of compassion and the humanitarian support were the highlight of the day, (next to the thrill of being voted in as your President). This Chapter raised \$300 for Freedom Syrup so they can keep doing the great work they are doing for our Veterans and \$550 to help out the efforts in Ukraine. This is fantastic. I want to extend a huge thank you from myself and all the directors of this Chapter. Ready for some good news?

President: Terry Hoover

Treasurer: Marcus Maddalena

Secretary: Marvin Smith

Directors-at-large:

Bruce Kropf

Roger Cook

Dave Bray

Greg Urquhart

Dave Pullen

Cristen Watt

Don McGregor

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SEPT. 24TH & OCT. 22ND**



It's membership renewal month!

Memberships extend from Sept. 15th to Sept. 14th of the following calendar year.

Renew here: www.ontariowoodlot.com/join
Questions: Email us at hpwoodlot@gmail.com

You would have noticed that we started out the new year with a fantastic AGM and tour, with a very positive turnout especially following covid. It was so nice to see everyone who was able to attend. Our very own Executive Director of OWA, John Pineau, said it was the largest and most interesting AGM he had seen. We had close to 100 people in attendance. Now for the apology

I should have had this newsletter out to you in May. It's funny how life and things on the farm can get in the way and the next thing you know it's August. Then you ask yourself where did the time go? Traditionally, we don't do much as a Chapter until the fall, so there is not a whole lot to communicate, but for the 19 new members, you had no way of knowing this. My apologies for not getting this information out to you sooner.

We have two fall events coming up in September and October. The information is also in this newsletter. I am hoping to have a big crowd out to both of these outings. You won't be disappointed.

In closing, if you ever have any questions please visit the Chapters website: hpcowa.huronstewardship.ca or the OWA website: www.ontariowoodlot.com. There is a ton of information there. Lastly, our next AGM is in the spring which will be in the North Perth area and you will hear more about this as we get closer to the date. You can email me at: hoooversmaple@gmail.com or text me (519) 998-5712. I can hardly wait to see everyone at our next events.

Terry Hoover, President, Huron/Perth Chapter of OWA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 2022

Our 2022 AGM was held on April 22nd.

We had a great turnout this year!

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM, and to our event hosts: Nostalgic Wood, Freedom Syrup. and the Four Winds Barn. Thank you also to Brenda's Catering for the delicious meal.



SUMMARY OF PROVINCIAL

JULY UPDATES

**FROM JOHN PINEAU,
OWA PRESIDENT**

- Recent funding successes allowed for a land inventory analyst to be hired
- The next Woodlander issue comes out in September, and the next Walk and Talk Q &A is August 31st 7-8pm (focus is wetland restoration: [link to Youtube](#))
- Continue to respond to those impacted by May windstorms (webinar on 'Windstorm Damage' Practical advice for cleanup and salvage can be found [here](#))
- Working on displays for International Plowing Match in Kemptville (September)
- Updates to health and safety policies
- Lots of success with grants including Ontario Trillium Foundation, Environment and Climate Canada, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and more

For full monthly updates from John, including July updates on the Eastern Ontario Model Forest, Cooperative Project, grants and funding applications, email Cristen at hpwoodlot@gmail.com.

UPCOMING FALL TOURS

We have two exciting events planned for this fall. See details below. For additional tour details and Huron-Perth chapter information, visit www.hpcowa@huronstewardship.ca or email hpwoodlot@gmail.com. For membership and woodlot management information, visit www.ontariowoodlot.com.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 9:30 AM - NOON

Celebrating 75 years of the Huron County Forest program and small-scale timber harvest

41580 Morris Line (County Road #16)

Stevenson Tract, west of Brussels

Please note that there are three entry points into the Stevenson Tract, but we will be meeting East of the river at the star in the map.

This tour will explore some exciting new improvements in Huron County's second largest County forest. Starting about 75 years ago, Huron County farmers, local Councils and the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests worked together to identify and to reforest marginal farmland to protect soils and water quality. The 200 acre Stevenson Tract is a great example of those efforts. We will have some fun with a demonstration of small scale log skidding devices and take a short hike on a new trail along the historic "Sunshine Creek". Email hpwoodlot@gmail.com to register.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 9:30 AM - NOON

Successful tree planting and Fall Colour Tour

36823 Londesborough Road

Ross Property and Morris Tract, west of Benmiller

Andy Ross is now several years into a very successful forest restoration project, with additional mature forest on his property backing onto the Maitland River. The neighbouring Morris Tract is a provincial nature reserve with 58 ha of upland forest, valleys, and a river valley, with a microclimate that supports trees typical of more southern climates. If the weather cooperates, we hope to see some beautiful fall colours on this tour. Email hpwoodlot@gmail.com to register.

