

2018 Central Woodland Conference - NEW GLASGOW, APRIL 7

Woodland Conference Photos by Maurice Rees

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The annual Central Woodland Conference was held at Summer Industries, New Glasgow on April 7th with approximately 120 people in attendance to learn from several speakers. Following opening remarks by Don Cameron, RPF, Walter Fanning, Executive Director Regional Services presented an overview of NS DNR. He was followed by Peter Spicer, 2017 Central and Provincial Woodlot Owner of the Year. Ian Ripley, General Manager, Athol Forestry Co-operative Limited, Amherst informed attendees on work he is doing in cooperation with other forestry co-operatives, North Nova Forestry Co-op and Conform Ltd, to develop a "turn-key" Wood for Heat program. His group is focusing on larger public



Peter and Pat Spencer attending the Central Woodlands Conference in New Glasgow on April 7th. The Spencers were Woodlot Owners of the Year for 2017.



You might not cut much timber with this wooden chain saw, but it would be a great memento of hours of work with a chain saw in your hand.



Donald Cameron, DNR Woodlands Conference organizer, intently listening to one of the presentations.



Kirk Schmidt, Nortek Resource Solutions teamed up with George Dempsey for an informative presentation on locating suitable treatment sites.



Laurie Lacey, Bridgewater, delivered an interesting presentation on common Mi'kmaq plants in Nova Scotia's forests.

buildings, and hope to be able to interest private sector property owners with larger buildings or in downtown locations to consider switching from fossil fuels.

Other presenters included Forest Technician, at North Nova Forest Owners Coop Ltd, speaking on Mycorrhizae; Celia Boon, PhD, a provincial forest entomologist with DNR providing a talk on Forest Pest in Nova Scotia. Following the noon-time luncheon, County of Pictou councillor, David Parker provided welcoming remarks from the municipality.

George Dempsey, New Wave Forestry and Kirk Schmidt, Nortek Resources Software provided an update on new technologies used for locating suitable treatment sites, plus hardwood crop tree release and pruning basics. Dempsey and Schmidt were followed by Terri Fraser and Rick Archibald, Northern Pulp (see story elsewhere). Laurie Lacey, author from Bridgewater provided an interesting presentation on Common Mi'kmaq Medicine Plants in Nova Scotia. Final presenter of the day was Randy Lauff, senior lab instructor, St FX, University's Department of Biology.

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Gerald Post, was the winner of the chainsaw. He is congratulated by Donald Cameron.





FILL PLANTING

- Normally done 3-5 years after harvest, if necessary

MANUAL WEEDING

- Normally done when crop trees are between 0.5m & 2m in height. Entire site must be treated.

PRE-COMMERCIAL THINNING

COMMERCIAL THINNING

- Pre-and Post Treatment Assessment (PTA) required.

CROP TREE RELEASE

CROP TREE PRUNING, and

SELECTION MANAGEMENT.

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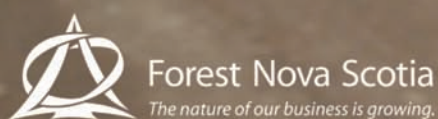
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"It's just a way of life; something that I'm passionate about."

Robert Lively, Forest Technician

As members of Forest Nova Scotia, private wood lot owners are contributing to the economic fabric of our province, while ensuring folks like Robert can pursue their passion each and every day.

The forest is more than a resource to us. It's a legacy for Nova Scotians.



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