



Weberville Community Model Forest

Pine plantation in Spain, photo by Lisa Ladd

Annual General Meeting May 14th, 2011

You and your family are invited to enjoy an informal evening of dining and presentations sponsored by the Weberville Community Forest Association.

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Weberville Community Hall

1:00-3:00 PM	Annual General Meeting
3:00-5:30 PM	Public Information Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">* WCFA Update* Carbon Credit Opportunities for Landowners (afforestation, conservation, and forest management)* Woodland Operations Learning Foundation courses* Agroforestry & Woodlot Extension Society update* Alberta Conservation Association- Grouse Habitat Project
5:30	Doors open
6:00-7:00 PM	Community Supper
7:00-9:00 PM	Informal musical entertainment (tba)

Supper Tickets \$20, children 12 and under free

[PLEASE confirm your plans to attend before May 6th](#)

Payment for tickets will be accepted at the door

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What's growing in your Model Forest?

Carbon Credit Project

The WCFA participated in a webinar presented on April 12th by Brinkman & Associates in B.C. to discuss the potential of a collaborative carbon credit project in the Weberville area. The WCFA is looking for landowners that may be interested in becoming involved either through afforestation (planting trees) or through conservation (protecting forested land). Please contact Juri Agapow 780-618-4700 for more information.

Climate Change Adaptation Guidebook

The Weberville Community Model Forest has been selected, along with three other Model Forests in Canada, to pilot a guidebook intended to assist communities in identifying and addressing potential issues as a result of climate change effects. The program is in its early stages and more information will be forthcoming.

Smokey River Trade Fair

Thank you to Wendy Boggs (WCFA Director) and husband Paul for representing the WCFA at the Smokey River Trade Fair held on March 19th in Falher. The booth was sponsored and shared by Doug Macaulay of the Agroforestry & Woodlot Extension Society.



Woodland Operations Learning Foundation (WOLF) Courses

Attend the Annual General Meeting and hear about the various courses available through WOLF. The WCFA is planning to host a course in the near future and is looking for your input as to what course(s) you'd like to take! Course titles include; Forest Stewardship, Woodland Adaptive Management, Woodland Wildlife & Biodiversity.

Research Board Inaugural Meeting

The WCMF Research Board, coordinated by novaNAIT Boreal Research Institute, hosted its inaugural meeting on January 25th to discuss the vision and mission and to determine research priorities for the Model Forest. Research partners include the Canadian Forest Service, ASRD, DMI, and FPIInnovations, and the County of Northern Lights.

'Fun'draisers



Thank you to all the 'Dippers' and 'Donors' that raised approximately \$2900 at the Polar Bear Dip held on December 11th, 2011. 50% of the funds raised were donated to the Weberville Community Model Forest in support of trail development in the area. The other remaining 50% was donated to the Salvation Army Food Hamper program. As a bonus, the Weberville Community Forest Association has agreed to plant a tree for each dollar raised! In addition, a successful pancake breakfast was held on March 6th and raised almost \$400.

Bilingual Versions Now Available

The Forest Communities Program is a project within the Canadian Model Forest Network, sponsored by the Canadian Forest Service. The 5-year program began in 2007 and is scheduled to wrap up in 2012. An article about the WCMF was included in their recent publication to show the value of the CMFN membership. The first edition, which was distributed in November was English-only. A new bilingual version is now available. Contact the WCFA @ 780-617-4720 if you'd like a to receive a copy.



Right Tree, Right Place, Right Reason

Submitted by the Agroforestry & Woodlot Extension Society www.awes-ab.ca

For a successful agroforestry planting, there's nothing more important than planning ahead. Planting trees is a great way to help the environment, protect soil and water, provide habitat for wildlife – planting a shelterbelt can also help producers increase crop yield, save energy, protect livestock and add to the beauty and value of property.

"Shelterbelt planting makes sense for so many reasons," says Laura Poppy, agroforestry specialist, Agroforestry Development Centre, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. "However, no one tree is perfect for all locations and purposes. Planning ahead will help determine the right tree for the right place on a farm."

When considering planting shelterbelt trees, it's important to first know what function the shelterbelt will serve – which is part of advance planning. Knowing function will help determine what species to plant and how to design the shelterbelt.

"Selecting the right tree to use in the shelterbelt is likely the most important and most challenging part of the planning process," says Poppy. "Choosing a species suited to the soil and moisture conditions will not only cut down on the amount of maintenance required, but the tree growth, survival and life span will be improved." Be sure to select the right location for a shelterbelt, consider such things as water table, drainage, prevailing winds, utility lines, roads, buildings and agricultural practices. Autumn, especially during harvest, is a great time to take a good look at the land with shelterbelt planting in mind.

"Once you've decided to establish a shelterbelt, take the necessary time to prepare the site before you plant the seedlings," says Poppy. "Killing grass and weeds before planting is one of the most important steps. Clearing out the competition for light, water and nutrients will help those new seedlings thrive. The fastest growing tree is one that is planted and maintained properly."

Most farms have areas of marginally tillable land, hard-to-farm corners and areas in need of protection. All of these areas will benefit from tree planting. A properly designed shelterbelt will more than pay for itself in energy savings and increased crop yields, while providing for protection of soil, water, air and wildlife.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Prairie Shelterbelt Program provides technical support and hardy tree and shrub seedlings at no charge to eligible rural landowners in Western Canada. The service is administered by the Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) Agroforestry Development Centre (formerly PFRA Shelterbelt Centre) out of Indian Head, SK.

Contact: Agroforestry Development Centre 1-866-766-2284
agroforestry@agr.gc.ca



Prairie Shelterbelt Program

Rural land owners of 5 acres (2 hectares) or more, in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Peace River Region of British Columbia are eligible to apply for tree and shrub seedlings. Though seedlings are available at no charge, eligible applicants are responsible for seedling transportation costs, planting, and maintenance. Seedlings range from 1-4 years old and are distributed as either bare-root, containerized or cuttings depending on species and availability.

Applications are accepted from June 1 to March 15 for delivery in early May. The application form is available for download on their website at:

<http://www4.agr.gc.ca/AAFC-AAC/display-afficher.do?id=1286907236630&lang=eng>

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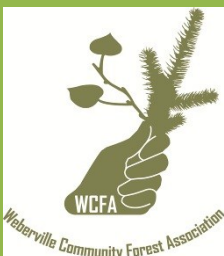
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International Symposium and Global Forum

Canada was well represented at the "International Symposium on Ecosystem and Landscape-Level Approaches to Sustainability and Global Forum" held in Burgos, Spain from March 21-26, 2011. The Weberville Community Model Forest, along with 11 of the 14 other Canadian Model Forests was represented at the event. In all, over 350 delegates from more than 60 nations were present.



Some of the more than 350 delegates from over 60 nations enjoying lunch at the International Symposium. Photo by Lisa Ladd

The Symposium consisted of two days of presentations by keynote speakers followed by case studies on each of four topic areas; governance, ecological goods & services, inventory and monitoring, and future directions. A field tour was held mid-week to tour the local Model Forest, and value-added forest operations. The Symposium, which was open to anyone, was then followed by the Global Forum, limited to Model Forest members only.

The Global Forum is essentially the business meeting of the International Model Forest Network where its members share knowledge, review their accomplishments, problem solve and create strategic plans for the years ahead. While each Model Forest sets its own priorities, common themes found across the IMFN include biodiversity, conservation, forest restoration, sustainable economic development, education and good governance.

The key strategic areas which were the focus of the meeting were 'knowledge management', 'climate change', 'ecological goods & services', and 'sustainable communities'. Juri Agapow led the discussion group on Ecological Goods & Services and Lisa Ladd presented to the broader audience on the topic of Climate Change Adaption.

A poster presentation was also held during the Symposium and the WCMF poster titled "Model Forest Empowers Community" was one of the 39 posters selected. Special thanks to Bonnie Hood, with ASRD, for printing and laminating the posters.



Juri Agapow (President) and Lisa Ladd, (General Manager) presented a poster on the Weberville Community Model Forest at the Symposium. - Photo by Stephanie Killam

By attending this international event, the WCMF was able to increase its international profile and to actively network with other Model Forests throughout the world. African countries, such as Senegal and Cameroon, were especially interested in working with the WCMF and piloting the template which was drafted in 2009. Plans are now underway to pursue funding to update the earlier template and to translate it into French in order to make it more widely available to other countries.



International Year of the Forest

The year 2011 was declared the International Year of Forests by the United Nations to raise awareness and strengthen the sustainable forest management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations.

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WEBERVILLE COMMUNITY MODEL FOREST

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WELCOME TO THE WEBERVILLE COMMUNITY MODEL FOREST!

The Weberville Community Model Forest (WCMF) evolved from a pilot project which focused on landscape-level private land forest management.

The WCMF is located north of the Town of Peace River, Alberta, Canada. The model forest currently covers approximately 33,000 hectares of both privately owned and crown land.

Governance of the WCMF is under the administration of the not-for-profit association, the Weberville Community Forest Association (WCFA).

WCMF Goals

1. Increase the awareness of economic, social, and environmental implications of private forested land in Alberta.

Interested in receiving our quarterly newsletters or require more information about the Weberville Community Model Forest ?

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