

WCFA Newsletter  
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## Weberville Community Forest Project

*"A pilot project for a landscape-level private land  
forest management plan"*

### WCFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Are you interested learning more about your local forests and the many benefits that they can provide for you and your greater community?

If so, join us to learn more about the activities of the **Weberville Community Forest Project** over the past year and exciting plans for the future.

**Thursday, May 20th**

**Bar 2A Ranch -**

**Located 24km North on Weberville Road**

6:00	BBQ Supper sponsored by the WCFA
7:00	Welcome and Introductions
7:15	Directors Reports
7:30	Old Business
8:00	New Business
8:15	Election of Officers
8:30	First meeting of the New Board of Directors
8:45	Wrap up

**Please let us know by May 19th if you're planning to attend so that we  
can accommodate everyone!**

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# What was 'planted' in the Weberville Forest?

## Report on March 26th Meeting

Approximately 65 people attended the 3rd Annual Community Forest Dinner hosted by the WCFA. Peter Harter kicked off the event with an overview of the Weberville Project, highlighting the past events and plans for the future. Presentations were delivered on a variety of topics including; Trail Development by Derek Bakker of ASRD, Trees & Carbon Credits by Doug Macaulay of the Woodlot Extension Program, Solar Energy by Sam Glauser, and Biomass Energy by Toso Bozic.

The key note speakers for the evening were Kathi Zimmerman from Resources North, a model forest in BC, and Chris McBean, a representative for the Canadian Model Forest Network. Chris explained the foundation of the Model Forest program in Canada and the benefits of sustainability for the forests and the forest-based communities. The audience cheered when Chris McBean announced his recommendation for the Weberville Project to become Canada's 15th Model Forest.



*Model forest representatives toured the Weberville area while visiting on March 26-28th. (L-R Doug Macaulay, Mark Crowley, Juri Agapow, Kathi Zimmerman, Chris McBean)*

This recognition provides a boost of confidence for the group as the Weberville Project enters year 3 of the program. Plans are underway to continue conducting woodlot inventories, creating a woodlot management plan, investigating solar, wind and biomass energy options, and working on a multi-user trail system.

## Birch Syrup Production Tour

On a sunny Sunday afternoon on April 18th, the WCFA members travelled to the birch forest of Mark and Lisa Ladd's located 15 km Northeast of Peace River. Here Mark and Lisa harvest the sap from their extensive birch and mixedwood forest to produce birch syrup.



*WCFA Members tour the Ladd birch forest*

Birch syrup is made in much the same manner as maple syrup, with the most notable difference being the sap to syrup ratio. It takes over 100 litres of birch sap to make syrup as compared to only 40 litres of sap for maple syrup. The Ladd's tapped 82 trees over an 8 day period in April, collecting over 5500 litres of sap to render into 55 litres of syrup.

*Anyone interested in learning about birch syrup production or purchasing a bottle of birch syrup is asked to contact Lisa or Mark Ladd at 780-624-1987*

## WCFA unveils its New Logo!

The WCFA has a new logo thanks to Ian Ladd, a Grade 10 student at Peace River High School. The logo depicts a number of elements which skillfully represent the WCFA; a hand to represent the people in the area, a spruce and aspen seedling to represent the diversity of the forests, and a system of roads, trails and rivers flowing through the fingers to represent the linear features of the area.

Ian was awarded a \$50 gift certificate to City Music/Book World for his efforts.



# What's 'growing' 'in the Weberville Forest?'



## WAA Tree Planting Opportunity

The Woodlot Association of Alberta (WAA) is once again offering its tree-planting program across the province. Any landowners that have 5 or more acres that they are interested in having planted at a greatly reduced cost are welcome to participate. The program is subject to funding through the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA), which is expected to be confirmed in May. The cost to the landowner is 25 cents per tree, which includes the tree and the planting! The landowner must also be member of the WAA by paying a \$30 membership fee.

*Anyone interested in participating in this tree-planting program is asked to contact Louise Horstman of the WAA at 1-780-939-5858.*

## Call for Landowners for Tree Cropping

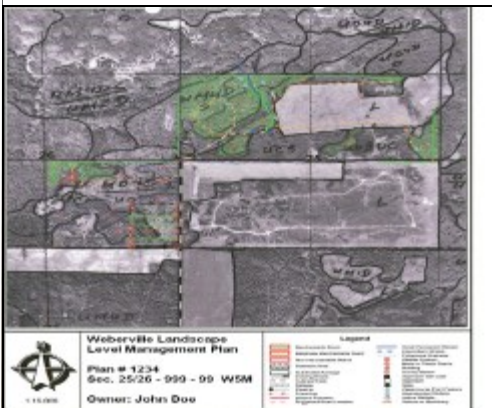
The Woodlot Extension Program is assessing interest and feedback for a potential tree-cropping initiative and is looking for interested landowners. According to Doug Macaulay, principal organizer, the project would require approximately 6-10 landowners, each with 20-60 hectares (50 to 150 acres) to grow a "super aspen clone" plantations similar to the model used by Al Pac in Athabasca. Landowners could potentially receive a per acre payment annually for 20-25 years before trees are harvested. In order to qualify for carbon credits, the land must not have had trees on it prior to December 31st, 1989.



*Those interested in tree-cropping are asked to contact Doug Macaulay at 780-618-8900 for more information*

## Woodlot Inventories

The WCFA is pleased to welcome back Patrick Hiesl. Patrick completed his Bachelor's thesis in Forest Engineering at the University of Rottenburg, Germany and is returning to Canada to continue his work on the Weberville Project from July 28th to September 30th.



During his stay he will be conducting inventories on woodlots on private land and on the ASRD community woodlot. He will also be compiling a landscape-level forest management plan for the project area. Special thanks to the Alberta Forest Extension Network (AFEX) for sponsoring these initiatives!

*Anyone interested in having a woodlot inventory conducted on their land is asked to contact Juri Agapow at 780-624-4529*

## Alberta Stewardship Network

The Weberville Project has been nominated for the "Grassroots Environmental Stewardship Award" which recognizes stewardship activities by a community group for their commitment and effort to enact a positive environmental change within their local community. Winners will be announced on June 3rd in Sylvan Lake. Way to go, WCFA!



## *How Can I Be Involved?*

Would you like to be involved in the Weberville Project? Would you like to receive our quarterly newsletters and be kept up to date on forest-related activities happening in the Weberville area?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to receive newsletters and information via:

- Postal mail  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about: (check all that apply)

- Woodlot inventories
- Tree planting opportunities
- Biomass harvesting
- Wildlife management
- Wetland management
- Trail Development
- Lumber and sawmilling
- Non-timber forest products

***Please forward your information to:***

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