

# Newsletter

MARCH 2nd 2021



Pictures by  
Doug Macaulay

## In this issue:

**President's report:**

**P 2**

**WAA News by  
Gordon Kerr:**

**P 3-4**

**Moth connoisseur,  
Doug Macaulay:**

**P 5-6**

**Taste of the woods  
by Julien Schnegg:**

**P 7-8**

**Touch of art:**

**P 9-10**

## Board of Directors

Laval Bergeron (pres)  
St-Isidore (780)618-6014

laval@bergeronettills.farm

Robert Cameron  
Debolt (780)957-2292

southpeace@hotmail.com

Elton Kauffman  
(treasurer)  
Bluesky (780)596-3845  
eellk@telusplanet

Gordon Kerr  
Edmonton (780)434-0512  
gordonkerr@shaw.ca

Larry Nofziger (vice)  
Elmworth (780)354-2710  
larrynofziger@gmail.com

Harry Krawchuk  
Nampa (780)322-3822  
greenfields3822@hotmail.co

Linda Nagge  
GP County(780) 538-0823  
lindanagge@gmail.com

Jim Szpajcher  
St-Paul (780)645-5511  
mudman1@telus.net

Brian Mullen (secretary)  
Sturgeon (780)939-2995

bpmullen@hotmail.ca

2.

## President's Report

by

*Laval Bergeron*

Hello everyone,

Nice winter but what a cold spell and now so nice again...

hope we're finding everyone safe and warm.

For those who renewed their membership, Thank you very much for doing so and for those that didn't, it's never too late... well I suppose there are limits!

Warren Stewart a long time Board member has resigned from the board for personal reasons. Thank you Warren! It has been an honour and a privilege to work with you. And that leaves a « blanc » at the bottom of the first page of the newsletter. If you are interested in filling the spot please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you to our writers and artists for taking the time to do these chronicles, recipes... awesome!

Although we have had our regular meetings by conference calls, the last three months have been rather quiet. With the holidays at distance, the cold spell, it seems like everything came to a halt, except time... never stops!

AGM. Yes we are going ahead in preparation of it. At this point, it is still impossible to predict the reality of it happening. But it is set for Friday, June 18th 2021 in Whitecourt. As soon as we know, one way or the other, we will send you a notice. We have much to catch up to.

Including the 25th anniversary that we were suppose to celebrate last June. We're planning for special presentations, speakers, fireworks... (hum...it doesn't really get dark at this time does it? So maybe we'll skip that portion but there is definitely reason for it!).

I wish that everyone that participated in the set up of WAA or in its ongoing operation feel welcome to join the celebration.

Thank you and really hope to see you in June!!

## 26th Annual General Meeting



**When:** June 18th, 2021

**Where:** The Forest Interpretive Centre in Whitecourt, Alberta

**Time:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Fee:** 25\$ per person

3.

An aerial photograph of a forest with a central text box. The text box has a white border and contains the following text:

WOODLOT ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA  
BECOMES PART OF A LARGER NATIONAL AND  
INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE

**By Gordon Kerr**

In the year 2020 our Association celebrated 25 years in business. It is unfortunate that we could not all gather at our Annual General Meeting because of the Covid 19 Pandemic, so we could celebrate together.

Since our formation we have undertaken a variety of efforts and programs, from production of our LogJam newsletter (as well as other names for it), established woodlot demonstration sites, provided field tours to various woodlots and private sawmill sites, held workshops from south to the north of the Province, and on and on.

Not so long ago, WAA joined the Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners (CFWO) which includes the Woodlot Association of Alberta, the Woodlot Association of Manitoba, Ontario Woodlot Association, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and the Private Forest Owners of British Columbia. Neither Saskatchewan or Newfoundland-Labrador are members. Initially Pete Mills, our Past President, represented WAA on the CFWO. Gordon Kerr replaced him two years ago.

The CFWO is comprised primarily of provincial associations representing smaller and generally non-incorporated woodlot owners. A different organization, the Canadian Association of Forest Owners (CAFO) is comprised of larger woodlot owners and generally incorporated companies. Both organizations are often frustrated in trying to convince Canadian governments that managed private woodlots provide significant public ecological benefits such as watershed management, biological diversity, clean air, carbon sequestration, etc. in addition to obvious individual economic returns, employment and community benefits which should be provided with more recognition by related governmental programs.

4.

Upon review of owner objectives, goals and priorities it was concluded that merging the two groups would be beneficial to all concerned. Following adoption by the board members of each group (CFWO & CAFO) it was decided to form the new organization to be known as the Canadian Federation of Forest Owners (CFFO). This new Federation is made up of two chambers, the Association Chamber comprising the CFWO's and the Corporate Chamber made up of the other CAFO's. The Associate chamber includes those provincial groups which made up the CFWO. The Corporate includes the CAFO, including

J.D Irving Ltd., Wagner Forest Management, Acadian Timber, Crabbe Lumber, AV Group New Brunswick, Hancock Forest Management and Mosaic Forest Management (forest managers for TimberWest and Island Timberlands).

A forest owner with less than 2,000 hectares can become a member of CFFO through membership in a provincial association. An owner with more than 2,000 hectares can join as a corporate member. Membership fees vary with the size of forest operations and number of members in each chamber. The merged new Board is made up of 8 Directors, with the Association Chamber electing 4 and the Corporation Chamber electing 4. The Board then elects from those 8 a Chair, a Vice-Chair, Federation Secretary and a Treasurer.

The CFFO is a proud member of the International Family Forest Alliance (IFFA). The IFFA is the voice of family forestry worldwide. Their objective is the development of family forestry and advocate supportive policies.

- The CFFO's 2021 Action Plan places priority on advertising who/what the federation is.
- Tracing, promoting and participating in the Government of Canada 2 billion seedlings announcement.
- Promoting development of a silviculture Savings and Investment Program - where part of woodlot sales revenue could become tax deferred for use in reforestation and stand tending.
- Pursuing trade issues such as The Softwood Lumber agreement with the USA where private land forest lumber would exempt or removed from such trade control.
- Monitoring and advising on pest control such as Spruce Budworm, Pine Bark Beetles and others.
- Monitoring and advising on Canada Species at Risk Act, Fisheries Act and Migratory Birds Act.
- UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.
- The Peter deMarsh Memorial Fund and Award.

For greater details I suggest monitoring the web site of the Canadian Federation of Forest Owners (CFFO).

5.

## The Spectacular Polyphemus Moth



Alberta is home to some spectacular insects. One of the largest groups, with over 2500 species, are butterflies and moths of the order Lepidoptera. Of these one of the favorites groups, are the giant silk moths of the family Saturniidae.

6.

The most commonly observed Saturniid is the Polyphemus Moth (*Antheraea polyphemus*). This giant, measuring up to 15 cm is found across Alberta wherever its host trees are found, with its favorite being birch. The larvae are giants and are voracious eating machines that consume several leaves per day. These gluttons measure up to 7 cm in length and during the day often hide on a branch amongst a dense patch of partially consumed leaves.

The adults are active in the spring, especially on warm nights near the spring solstice. Females are giants and are easily separated from the smaller males by their size and by the shape of their antennae. Males are typically much smaller, with wingspans of 10 cm and have large fan-like antennae while females are giants in comparison with thinner antennae. They are nocturnal, and when females first climb out of their cocoons in the spring they will perch high up in the canopy and call for males by releasing microscopic pheromones. The clumsy little males use their large antennae to search for these pheromones and eventually stumble upon her.

The Polyphemus moth gets its name from the cyclops Polyphemus, the son of the Greek God Poseidon. As the name suggests, this moth bears a large singular translucent eyespot on its hindwing. In fact, the eyespot is actually a deterrent to predators, because when you look at it from certain angles you might think you are staring into the eyes of a big owl. This spells big trouble for any smaller predators like a bird or mouse, so when they startle this sleeping beauty, they get quite the fright when the moth flashes these hidden eyespots.

Some of the best places to look for these moths are in boreal woodlots especially near stands of birch trees. Then on a calm, warm night if you string up a bright well-lit bed sheet trap in the woods, several of these magnificent moths will likely come lumbering towards you. But beware, as I've observed several times, if you aren't paying attention one might crash into you and make you jump.

Written by *Doug Macaulay*, a late night moth connoisseur.

Want to learn more about these moths, visit the below links:

University of Alberta Species Page: <https://search.museums.ualberta.ca/g/2-263>

Caterpillar Lab Video of Larvae: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wFimUnLtKFg>

# Taste of the woods...

by **Julien Schnegg**

Hello this is Julien,

*Today we will do something very easy but you can put in different preparations . We will do wild garlic pesto. When I came to Canada a*

*decade ago I was wondering if we could find wild garlic. Back home in Switzerland in the spring when you walk in the forest you find lots of this nice garlic grass. It's just crazy... you find a small creek or pond and all around you will find this big round green leaf. And yes I found some in my woodlot not much but enough to make me happy. I found it beside a small creek on the north side of a valley where the sun is very generous and it has still enough of shade because of the trees. In my woodlot the leaves are more like a grass. When you rub your finger around it smells like garlic. Unfortunately I never took a picture of the "Alberta" wild garlic I need to reconsider that.*

Let's do this: Wild garlic pesto

- 1/2 cup of roasted pine nuts ( no need if people have dietary restriction, just add more of wild garlic grass, and parmesan)
- 3/4 cup of grated parmesan
- 6 cups of wild garlic grass
- 1 cup virgin olive oil
- a bit of salt and pepper.

8.

You mix all this in a mortar if you do not have mortar you can do it in a robot coupe.

This is your base of recipe. After of course you can let your imagination go and can add some chili flakes, sun dried tomatoes, olive or capers (be careful as it is salty), roasted peppers,.....

I like to use this pesto for different preparations like just on some spaghetti, or to add to my spatzli dough ( recipe on bottom of page), add to some minestrone, on a toast for some appetizer with a bit of feta or tomato bocconcini salad,... with this base of pesto let go your imagination.

### Spatzli base:

200gr AP flour  
2 whole eggs  
salt, pepper, nutmeg 1 pinch  
1 or 2 teaspoon of wild garlic pesto

Mix all together with a whisk.

Add a bit of water and mix until the dough is smooth but still need to be sticky.

In a boiling pot you put your dough in a spatzli maker or a recipient with little holes and your dough drop in the boiling water. When your spatzli are boiled for 1-2 min and come to the surface put then in a ice bath. When they are cold, drain them and sauter them in a fry pan with butter and canola oil until they are nice golden brown crust.

Next recipe it will be some wine!!!!!!

Hope you enjoy this food section of the newsletter / log jam. I have lot of fun doing it. If you have any questions for any recipes or want some recipes, feel free to contact me I will like to give you feedback [cuisto04@bluewin.ch](mailto:cuisto04@bluewin.ch) next recipe will be very very fun I think we will do some wine .



# Touch of art

## By Nature...

Hello everyone,

In the last issue I invited children to present their art works.

Well... In this issue We present big kids that still know how to enjoy life...



Segmented vase  
made of birch and walnut

By *Pete Mills*



Segmented vase  
made of apple & walnut

By *Pete Mills*

In December, when it became obvious that we were all going to be spending the winter at home by ourselves, Chris and I decided to get back at the sauna building project that we had abandoned almost 10 years ago when I got bladder cancer.

Then we had the walls three feet high and the 8'x 12' building was in the open storage area beside the shop, always in the way.

The idea is to have a wood heated sauna on one side and a shower, sink and porta potty on the other. When finished we will move the building out to the woodlot where there is a dugout and a campsite.

The walls are aspen 6 x 6 timbers, with butt and pass corners, pinned using 10" nails. The door and window frames as well as interior wall are also Aspen lumber we milled and have dry piled for more than a decade. (It's been that long since I've run the sawmill!).

I have built quite a few log buildings, starting with our scribe fit, hexagon, pine log home in 1990. The sauna is an example of simplicity in log construction compared to that, although some would say that stacking up 6 x 6 s is not really log building.

January weather was great for outdoor construction work, until near the end of the month when the extreme cold hit. That's about the time that Laval reminded us that the St Isidore Carnival was happening virtually this year, and we could enter a picture of a snow sculpture.



So we spent a few hours in -25 C sculpting a bird feeding station in our back yard, copied after the real one in the front yard that has given lots of entertainment this winter. The main attraction there is the one-legged Whiskey Jack, aka Grey Jay, Canada's national bird, who we now are calling Tiger woods! He hops around, often resting on his belly, and fluttering to keep his balance when he goes after the suet. He's just as aggressive as the others, so maybe he doesn't even know he's handicap.

Larry and Chris Nofziger

11.

# Classified Ads

Free to all members

Looking to buy a firewood processor.

contact: [laval@bergeronetfils.farm](mailto:laval@bergeronetfils.farm)

(780) 618-6014

## New New New

### Attention

woodlot owner

Something new in Peace River Country from a Peace Country entrepreneur:

Marcel's Mobile Mechanic & Welding

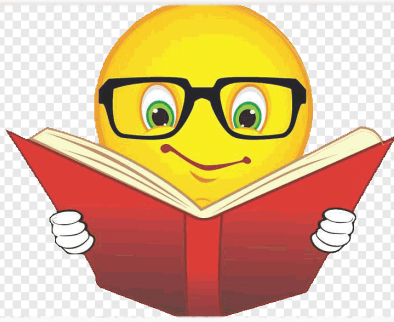
**specializes in equipment for private woodlot management**

For more information please go to google tool bar [www.mmmnw.ca](http://www.mmmnw.ca)

Or contact me : Marcel Mailloux      Cell:(780) 617-2487

Or email me at: [mmmnw.ltd@gmail.com](mailto:mmmnw.ltd@gmail.com)

*will be pleased to hear from you*



■ you find something interesting  
■ regarding our woodlots... let us  
■ know.

■ [moniquebergeron64@gmail.com](mailto:moniquebergeron64@gmail.com)  
■

## **LINKS:**

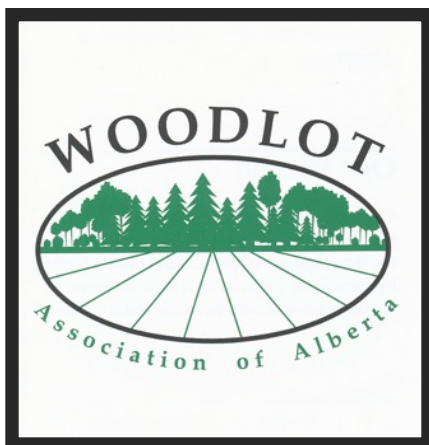
### **Forest the size of tennis courts**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/stories-56003562>

<https://www.cbc.ca/natureofthings/features/canadas-boreal-forest-is-a-thriving-social-community-of-trees-that-work-tog>

### **New Program Launches to Plant Two Billion Trees**

<mailto:nrcan.2btrees-2garbres.nrcan@canada.ca>



### **Our Mission Statement**

The Woodlot Association of Alberta's purpose is to promote leadership in sustainable forest management by encouraging the development of Private forest by increasing awareness of their inherent social, economic and environmental values.

