



# Northern Tier Hardwood Association

NEWSLETTER

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Serving the Northern Tier counties of Bradford, Tioga, Susquehanna, Sullivan, Wyoming, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, and Pike

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Aston Hauling and Lumber

Brian Kingsley Logging

Brojack Lumber Co. Inc. Adam Duke

Eaton Township Edin Sky Schoppy

Gilroy Garden & Gifts Indian Springs

Sawmill Stacey Kowalski

Mr. Edwin R. Kintner

Robinson Lumber Company

Scudder the Tree Cutter

John Vosburg

WM. Polley Woodworking & Lumber

WW Hauling

Wyoming County Conservation District

## NTHA Annual Meeting 2014

The NTHA annual meeting was held December 10, 2014 at the ShadowBrook Inn and Resort. Approximately 60 people attended, which included members, guests, and public officials. Among those attending were Debra Velloonis, representative from Sandra Major's office, and Wyoming County Commissioner Thomas Henry Jr.

NTHA President, Paul Reining presented Jeff Nichols with a pen set in recognition for his service on the board. Throughout his tenure, Jeff has faithfully served on many committees as well as serving as board president. NTHA would like to thank Jeff for his participation on our board and wish him well as he continues to work in the Forest Product Industry.

Paul also recognized Cynthia Traore for her years of service on the board as treasurer. Cynthia has stepped down as treasurer,

but will continue serving as an advisor to the board. NTHA would like to thank Cynthia for her commitment to the board and her continued support as advisor.

Paul opened the meeting with an overview of activities and events NTHA participated in during the past year. Some events includes sponsoring GOL classes and continuing education courses for members, participating in outreach programs such as Ag Progress Days, PA Farm Show, and participating in local events promoting the Forest Product Industry. He recognized student programs NTHA sponsored such as the scholarship recipients for 2014 and Wellsboro FHA Forestry team who participated in the National Forestry Competition in Louisville, Kentucky.

The nominating committee announced the list of candidates for the board. Nominees, Theresa Flynn, Bradford County Conservation District, Barrett Wiggins,

Deer Park Lumber, Jason Schoonover, Wagner Lumber, Inc., and Danielle Carr, Carr Logging were voted in as board members.

Last item discussed is the need for a secretary for the board. Anyone interested would be nominated and voted on at the meeting. There were no nominees and topic was tabled for next meeting.

Door prizes were given out after the meeting, which included certificates for hardhats and safety pants, and gift bags of assorted logging necessities. NTHA would like to thank JW Cox Insurance, Gays True Value, Five Star Equipment, Horlacher and Sherwood, and Mile Hill Auto Parts (NAPA) for their generous donations of many of the logger essentials. NTHA would like to thank its members for their continued support in our efforts in promoting the Forest Product Industry.

NOTE: As of February 2015, NTHA Board meetings will be held at ShadowBrook Inn and Resort. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month and start at 10:00AM. Members are welcome to attend.

## New Invasive Introduced to PA

The PA Department of Agriculture has confirmed the first report in the US of the Spotted Lantern Fly in District and Pike Township in Berks County, PA. The tree hopper originated from Asia is known to attack grape, apple, pine and 70 other plant species that grow in PA. Steps are taken to address this issue. Quarantine on plant, wood, and stone products is in effect for the townships and may spread others if there are confirmed sightings. The Department is working with the state and federal government to develop a comprehensive plan to prevent it from moving to other areas in the Commonwealth. The department is urging anyone who has seen the eggs masses, nymphs, and adult to notify them immediately. Steps for reporting any sighting are described on the Department of Agriculture's web site. For more information please visit PA Dept of Agriculture's website at [www.pda.state.pa.us/spottedlanternfly](http://www.pda.state.pa.us/spottedlanternfly).



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## New WoodMobile Debuts at PA Farm Show!

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Hardwoods Development Council once again had a beautiful and popular exhibit showcasing Pennsylvania's vital hardwood industry at the 99th Pennsylvania Farm Show, January 10-17, 2015. The display was included as the "Hardwood Commodity" located in the Main Exhibition Hall in direct line of visitor traffic for the Butter Sculpture and the popular butterfly exhibit. The theme for the display was "Pennsylvania Hardwood: Treasured for Generations" building on the promotion tag line for the new check-off program being considered by USDA and industry. The exhibit had something for everyone and was officially designated as one of the top five exhibits at the Farm Show.



The HDC display drew people into an open area that featured seven hardwood floors showcasing various secondary wood products that traditionally are furniture and other items that would be treasured for generations. From children's wooden toys, a bicycle made of wood for riding enthusiasts; to a whole bedroom suit and grandfather clocks the display had something for everyone.



The WoodMobile is equipped with many hands-on displays that captured the attention of those who visited. Some of the attractions include a showcase of products that we use everyday that have wood or wood product in them, a section devoted to Forestry in PA, and an interactive video on invasive species.

The WoodMobile and the Wood displays was featured on the Pa Cable Network (PCN) several times during the week. HDC has received great reviews to the broadcast. Both Governor Tom Corbett and Governor-Elect Tom Wolf visited the display during the week. Governor Corbett commended HDC on their efforts in putting the WoodMobile together. Governor -Elect Wolf expressed a strong interest in the message of the WoodMobile, and wished the Council great success.

Article information courtesy : Wayne Bender, HDC

## Upcoming Trainings:

CPR & First Aid - **Three sessions, April 23**– Wyoming County; **April 24**-Wayne County; **May 15**– Bradford County . **All classes are from 5:00-9:00PM.** Check flier on NTHA website for more details.

Advanced Logger Rescue– **April 10**– Cumberland County; **April 11**– Wyoming County; **April 12**– Wayne County  
Look for flier for more details.

Log Bucking Course– **May 2**– Deer Park Lumber, Tunkhannock, PA – 8 HOUR CLASS

GOL 1 & 2, Level 3 & 4 (pro & non pro), Storm Damage, Essentials– **TBA** check website

Landowner's Workshop-**TBA**

Brochure for workshops are available on our website [www.nthardwoods.org](http://www.nthardwoods.org)

**Industry trainings:** PA SFI spring block training schedule is available on PA SFI website-[sfiofpa.org](http://sfiofpa.org)

**\*\*members of NTHA receive 50% reimbursement for all trainings\*\***



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