

Session 2: Private Land Stewardship

Wednesday, February 24th @ 7pm

Speaker Biographies

Welcome to the 100 Acre Woods

Speaker: Norman Paupin, 2020 Provincial Woodland Owner of the Year Award Winner; Faculty, Electrical Apprenticeship at NSCC; Red Seal Industrial Electrician & Red Seal Industrial Mechanic; and Private woodlot owner

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Norm and his wife, Stacey, purchased a 110-acre woodlot in 2012, initially as a source of firewood and recreation however quickly realized that their approach could improve the quality of the woodlot over time. Early on, they decided to work with what was there in an attempt at restoring the Acadian Forest with an end goal of leaving it better than they found it. Over the years, Norm designed and built a buggy to help move the firewood and they began playing with maple syrup and birch syrup. In 2020, the Province of Nova Scotia recognized their efforts by honouring them with the provincial Woodland Owner of the Year award.



Silviculture and Biodiversity Features- A Landowner's Approach

Speaker: Dave Sutherland, Coordinator of the Association for Sustainable Forestry

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David graduated from Dalhousie University with a degree in Biology before heading to UNB for a Forestry degree. From there, he was hired by North Colchester Forest Co-op where he worked for 16 years managing small private woodlands for over 200 landowners. In 2000, he was hired as Coordinator for the Association for Sustainable Forestry, a province-wide silviculture initiative that provides technical and funding assistance to private woodland owners in Nova Scotia. In 2003 David was hired as General Manager of Nova Forest Alliance (Nova Scotia's Model Forest), but returned to the ASF in 2010, where he still works today as Coordinator. He is a Registered Professional Forester and lives in River John with his wife Mary Beth. They have three children and four grandchildren.