

FORUM ON FORESTS

Ninth Annual National Wildlife Week Forum

FORUM DETAILS

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

4th floor

Canadian Museum of Nature
240 McLeod Street, Ottawa

- Free admission / No registration required
- Exhibitors
- Light refreshments
- OC Transpo Bus Service: numbers 5, 6 and 14
- Limited on site paid parking

ORGANIZATION

The Wildlife Festival celebrates National Wildlife Week in the Nation's Capital Region. The partners in the Festival are the Canadian Wildlife Federation, Parks Canada, the Canadian Museum of Nature, the Ottawa Stewardship Council, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Wildlife Habitat Canada, the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club/Fletcher Wildlife Garden, Girl Guides of Canada, Facilitations and wildlife photographers and educators.

This event is organized by the Ottawa Stewardship Council, Ottawa Forests and Greenspace Advisory Committee, Tree Canada, Eastern Ontario Model Forest, and Facilitations.

AGENDA

- 1) 6:00 p.m. doors open, mingle, browse exhibits, refreshments
(Slide Show, **Club de photographie Polarisé**)
- 2) 7:00 p.m. Welcome (**Canadian Museum of Nature and MC – Johanne Ranger**)
- 3) 7:05 p.m. **Introduction to Forum Theme: Our Forests: Threats and Tools for Protection. Michael Rosen, President, Tree Canada**
- 4) 7:15 p.m. **A National Perspective: Forest/Woodlot Conservation Easements. Brenda Van Sleeuwen, Nature Conservancy of Canada**
- 5) 7:45 p.m. **A Regional Perspective Part 1: Forest Certification. Scott Davis, Eastern Ontario Model Forest**
- 6) 8: 00 p.m. **INTERMISSION** (Slide Show, **Club de photographie Polarisé**)
- 7) 8:15 p.m. **A Regional Perspective Part 2: The Emerald Ash Borer. Jason Pollard, City of Ottawa**
- 8) 8:30 p.m. **A Local Perspective: Urban Tree Conservation By-Law and Forest Preservation. Nicole Parent, Chair, Ottawa Forests and Greenspace Advisory Committee and Martha Copestake, City of Ottawa**
- 9) 9:00 p.m. Questions from the audience for our speakers
- 9:30 p.m. END

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Michael Rosen is the President of Tree Canada, active in efforts to promote the value of urban forests and the carbon offset properties of trees. Previous to Tree Canada he was with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources as a Stewardship Coordinator and a Forester. He received the Amethyst Award in 2002 for his work in stewardship and the Eastern Canada Ice Storm of 1998. He is a long-standing member of the Canadian Institute of Forestry, Ontario Forestry Association, International Society of Arboriculture, Vice-President of the Forest History Society of Ontario, Ontario Professional Foresters Association, member of the Faculty of Forestry Advisory Committee for the University of Toronto, and a member of the Consultation Committee of the Ottawa-based forestry college La Cité Collégiale. He was part of the team which saw foresters become a licensed profession in Ontario in 2000. Michael spent his undergraduate years in elm preservation in Ottawa (and logging in B.C.) and has a B.Sc.F. (Toronto), B.A. (Trent) in History and the Ontario Advanced Forestry Program Diploma from Lakehead University and the University of Toronto. He lives with his family in the Gatineau Hills in Québec, north of Ottawa.

Brenda Van Sleuwen is the Conservation Biologist for the Nature Conservancy of Canada - Eastern Ontario. In this role Brenda develops and implements Management Plans for all of the NCC protected areas in Eastern Ontario. This process involves biological inventories of a variety of flora and fauna and the consideration of conservation targets and stewardship needs for a property. Implementation of the management plan involves a variety of tasks from identifying locations of rare species, monitoring, invasive species removal, removing refuse with volunteer groups, and posting property information signs. Protection of identified conservation values is also an important part of Brenda's work. This includes many different tasks from working with local volunteer groups, to public education and communications. Brenda worked previously with a variety of land trusts across Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Brenda has a B.Sc in Biology and Geography from Trent University and a Diploma in Ecosystem Management Technology from Sir Sanford Fleming College.

Scott Davis has been the Forest Certification Coordinator for the Eastern Ontario Model Forest for 11 years. Currently the program manages over 100,000 acres of Forest Stewardship Council certified forests in eastern Ontario comprised of private and community forests. This FSC certificate also includes certified maple syrup operations. Scott also works with forest industry to assist with chain-of-custody certification. Prior to working for the EOMF Scott managed a private woodlot program in southwestern Manitoba for the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation. In addition to working in private- and community-based forestry, Scott was also employed by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in its Fire Management Program in Kenora, Ontario.

Jason Pollard is a Forester with the City of Ottawa, Forestry Services, and leads the strategy implementation on ways of dealing with the emerald ash borer (EAB). He has worked with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and has been with the City of Ottawa since 2007. He holds a B.Sc.F. from the University of New Brunswick and an M.EnvSci., as well as being a Registered Professional Forester. His interests lie in forest health and he has been involved in various invasive species projects, including brown spruce longhorn beetle, Asian long-horned beetle and emerald ash borer

Nicole Parent has been the Chair of the Ottawa Forests and Greenspace Advisory Committee for the City of Ottawa since 2008 and an active member since 2003. She has a Bachelor of Commerce Honors Degree from the University of Ottawa. Her work experience in urban planning, land development, housing construction and research with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has been instrumental in providing advice and guidance through policies, by-laws, and budgets related to forest and greenspace protection and management.

Martha Copestake is a Forester in the Planning and Growth Management Department at the City of Ottawa. She has a Bachelor of Science in Forest Engineering and a Master of Forest Conservation. She has been at the City for 3.5 years and her first task was to prepare a tree by-law for private land in Ottawa. With the Urban Tree Conservation By-law now in place, she works to implement the by-law through the review of development applications. Martha loves trees and being outside. She hopes that she can pass on these loves to her daughter as she grows up.