



CWIT Board Members at AGM in Prince George

Pictured left to right are Ann Polson, Vicki Smith, Monika Miller, Betty-Ann McDonald, Alison Duperron (and new son), Donna Diana, Kim Nyland, and Sandy McKellar.

Not pictured are Laurie Septav, and Delberta Dufresne.



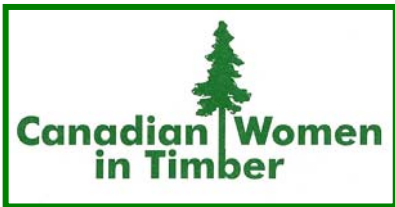
Hardwood Forest
Carmen D'Amours

I...
...clean the pollution out of your air
...make oxygen so that you can breath
...take carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and help to reduce global warming.

What am I? A forest!

I...
...am the world's most environmentally friendly building material
...help millions of people cook and heat their homes
...am beautiful and versatile
...can be made into thousands of things, and because of advances in science, every scrap of me gets used up (that means no waste).

What am I? Wood!



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CWIT Chair's Report - 2003 AGM

I would like to begin by thanking the executive during my time as interim chair. I would not have made it through this time without you and I will also thank you in advance for your help in the next two years.

As I sit not knowing what to write, I ponder what the next two years will bring. It will as always in the forest industry bring change. With the current changes in legislation, with the softwood lumber agreement, with the thousands of hectares of forest land lost to fire and with the damage caused by the mountain pine beetle, I believe that the next few years will bring many challenges but with it opportunity. Maybe it is time for Canadian Women in Timber to rise from the ashes. Not that I am saying that we have been diminished but our presence and most certainly our membership seems to have faltered. I believe that our task and in particular, my task, in the next two years is to bring some attention back to our group. Hopefully the Minister of Forest's visit to our AGM will bring about some publicity and more importantly knowledge of our organization. It would appear that people simply do not know what it is that we do. So my hope is to see our membership numbers increase and our presence to be felt. I know that you will all work with me in this regard. I will try and make this a priority.

Thank you again for your help and may the bond that we have as Canadian Women in Timber always be strong.

Alison Duperron - CWIT Chair

Alison was unanimously voted in as the new CWIT Chair to lead the team into a new year
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Minister de Jong Speaks at CWIT AGM

The Canadian Women in Timber (CWIT) held their Annual General Meeting October 3rd and 4th in the forestry capital of our province - Prince George. The highlight of the meeting was an entertaining and heartfelt speech from BC's Minister of Forests, the honourable Mike de Jong. The Minister had clearly done his homework, and was ready to commend the various branches of the CWIT for all of their hard work and dedication in educating the province's young people about our forests.