

Splinter's Timber Log



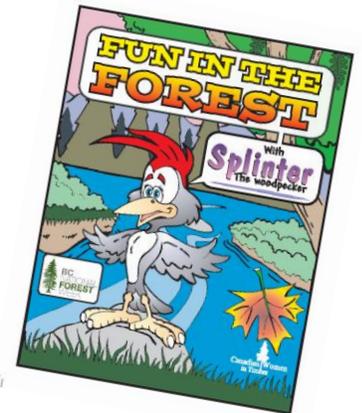
The newest addition to our Canadian women In Timber Forest education material has been completed. **Splinter's Timber Log** is a colour pamphlet with 4 full size pages of pictures and information about our forests and forest industry. It is an easy to read information source for the public with some quick but important facts about harvesting, ecosystems, economics and industry training. Splinter's Timber Log is available for distribution along with CWIT's other forest education materials through our website.

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Special Splinter Edition for BC's National Forest Week

BC's National Forest Week Coalition has partnered with Canadian Women In Timber to produce a special edition of "Fun In The Forest with Splinter" to give away during National Forest Week in September, 2015.

This NFW edition of Splinter includes information about National Forest Week and is available while quantities last. Copies can be requested by contacting Lisa Marak at: admin@woodlot.bc.ca or CWIT.



CWIT At South Sahali School in Kamloops

Marg, Ann and Betty-Ann travelled with the ILA Forestry Education Van to the South Sahali French emersion Elementary School in Kamloops in April. The day was warm and sunny and extra special as Betty-Ann's Granddaughter attends the school. We took 7 classes with a total of 151 students through our 3 stations. It was the first time the Van had been to the school, and was very well received by the students and teachers. The teachers were very appreciative of the presentations and handouts.



CWIT Vancouver Island Branch Formed - Makenzie Leine

In 1989 the Canadian Women In Timber was formed based on the need to get the facts out about forestry, specifically to youth. It started with a lively conversation at a convention (Truckloggers) where a group of women were ignited by the misinformation on forestry. As founding Director Myrtle Siebert described, "things in BC were really getting out of hand" and "Canadian Women In Timber came together because it was ready to happen."

Jump ahead 26 years and the Canadian Women In Timber, and how it came to be, continues to be the birthplace for new ideas. Drawn together by the spirit of frustration, a passion for the industry and the facts, a group of women gathered at a conference, in front of the CWIT booth, and mused over the overwhelming need to keep the facts out in the public realm. It was another strong call to action and recognition that a focus on the Island was needed. The idea for a Canadian Women In Timber Branch on Vancouver Island was born.

On April 7, 2015, a resolution was passed by the Board for CWIT to form a Vancouver Island Branch. Fueled by passion and the truth, the Canadian Women In Timber continue to devote their time and energy to communicating about the forest industry and all of its merits.

Mary DeLury (Vice Chair), Melinda Morben (Treasurer), Molly Hudson (Secretary), and me, Makenzie Leine (Chair), now form the executive for CWIT - VI. Is it a coincidence that the founding executive's names all start with an "M"? Maybe not, considering one of the Canadian Women In Timber's founding directors was Myrtle Siebert.

(Of course, we are not suggesting that to be an active part of Canadian women In Timber, or it's executive, your name has to start with an "M". Nor do you even have to be a woman! We are an equal opportunity provider of membership and involvement!)

"Canadian Women In Timber Vancouver Island came together because it was ready to happen." Stay tuned for news and events happening on Vancouver Island in the very near future! If you have any suggestions please do not hesitate to contact us! (makenzie@campconsult.ca)

Makenzie Leine - In 1989 Makenzie was in grade 8. She was surprised when faced with her first opposing view on forestry by her science teacher. Raised in the thick of the logging industry and camps, Makenzie considers the forest industry to be in her genes. Makenzie started working in the industry at age 17 and completed her forestry degree at the University of Alberta. Because of her experiences, her start in heated debates in Grade 8 science, and her love for the industry, Makenzie will never give up on communicating and advocating for what she sees as "science, an honest living and a green economic resource - for family". Makenzie is an RPF and is the owner of a business, CAMP Consulting.



Mary DeLury - In 1989 Mary was in grade 11. She lived a good portion of her childhood "off the grid", which started her love of the outdoors, plants and trees. She began tree planting in 1991 to put herself through university. There, she fell in love with the job and stuck with it for many years, growing to become a supervisor and business owner. "It paid for two university degrees". Today Mary is an RPF and the General Manager of Island Fibre, a full-service logging contractor on Vancouver Island. "The forest feels like home to me".

Melinda Morbin - Melinda's first introduction to forestry was her first day on the job as a processor operator in 2002. "With the smell of fresh cut logs and hydraulic oil, how could I not fall in love with the industry". She spent three years running equipment in Northern BC. After completing a technology diploma at CNC and her Bachelor's Degree in Forest Resource Management at UBC she is now an RPF. Melinda is the Manager of Operational Logistics for Island Timberlands.

Molly Hudson - Forests have always been a part of Molly's life, but it wasn't until she started tree planting in university that she understood that she needed a career that got her outside. After completing a biology degree at UBC, she enrolled in forestry at BCIT. Molly has worked as a planter, ecology research tech, engineer, timber cruiser, and wildlife research assistant, but she says "now I have found my sweet spot as a forestry biologist". Molly is an RPF and works for TimberWest.

Interior Logging Association Conference and Trade Show

The 57th ILA Conference and Trade Show took place in Vernon May 7 - 9, 2015. The outside equipment display generated a lot of interest and all the events were well attended.

Joanne, Marg, Vicki, Penny, Betty-Ann and Ann tended our complimentary booth and the Forestry Education Van. We were very busy, and more people than usual went through the Van and took time to read the posters on the walls. This was the debut of our new pamphlet "Splinter's Timber Log" and everyone seemed impressed with it. Numerous hand outs were given away. Our "Fun In The Forest" and "Logging With Splinter" books are still very popular with the kids. It was nice to see that some teachers took time to bring 5 groups of students, 76 in total, to our booth. Our free draws for a wooden Jenga game and a wooden picture frame were won by M. Wilson and L. Bernhardt, both from the Vernon area.



CWIT was also in charge of the silent auction and received some of the proceeds.



Special thanks to the Interior Logging Association for their continued support of CWIT and thank you to all the donors and bidders at the silent auction.

Canada North Resource Expo



In May, Ann and Betty-Ann travelled with the ILA van to the Canada North Resource Expo in Prince George. Wayne drove the van up and Alison came by on Saturday to help out as well. We were very busy and had interesting conversations with people from various communities throughout BC, Alberta, Ontario, New Brunswick, Kentucky, China and Germany. Everyone was very interested to go through the van and we had very positive feedback. We gave out all our supply of handouts we took with us - 200 CWIT paper bags, Splinter books and pamphlets, pens, pencils and pencil crayon sets etc. It is good to know our materials will travel worldwide.



ABCFP Conference 2015

Island Timberlands generously donated their booth space at the ABCFP Conference in Nanaimo to Canadian Women In Timber. Ann and Betty-Ann travelled to the ABCFP conference and along with Makenzie manned our CWIT booth. Our educational material and handouts were very popular and 5 new members from the Island signed up. We had lots of positive feedback and got to meet, and have our pictures taken with 2010 Olympic gold medalist, Jon Montgomery. Jon was an excellent inspirational speaker!

Thank You to Island Timberlands for supporting CWIT



Melinda Morben, Mary DeLury, Makenzie Leine



Membership renewals

Canadian Women In Timber yearly memberships are due in September. A renewal reminder letter will be mailed out to all members along with a membership form. It is important that we build and keep our membership as high as possible to sustain our organization. CWIT relies on membership dues and donations to fund its forest education projects and carry on its volunteer forest education. Please give Canadian Women In Timber your support by renewing your membership.

Wooden Underwear?

A French designer takes harvested fibres from Canadian White Pine to create Lenpur, used to produce wooden underwear. The company says the fabric offers the comfort of silk, feel of cashmere, and the coolness of linen.



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