

Canadian Women In Timber

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Canadian Women in Timber 19th AGM



Featuring the Honourable Pat Bell, Minister of Forests & Range as the luncheon speaker.

Pat Bell was appointed Minister of Forests and Range on June 23, 2008. He previously served as Minister of Agriculture and Lands and Minister of State for Mining.

He was elected to represent the riding of Prince George North in the 2001 election and re-elected in 2005.

Pat has served on the Government Caucus Committee on Natural Resources and B.C. Task Force on Mining, and as chair of the Small Scale Salvage Review

Committee. Pat has also served on the Legislative Select Standing Committees on Education and Crown Corporations.

Prior to becoming an MLA, Pat owned a trucking company and co-owned a logging company. He owns two Wendy's Restaurants in Prince George.

Born in Vancouver and educated at the University of British Columbia, Pat has lived in Prince George since 1988. He and his wife Brenda have three children.

The 19th Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Women in Timber will be held October 18th in Richmond, BC at the Vancouver Airport Hilton Hotel.

The AGM will begin Friday evening with a cash bar reception in the hotel lounge.

On Saturday, our Annual General Meeting and luncheon will take place at the Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC, in the Marsalis Benson Ballroom. We are pleased to announce that the new Minister of Forests and Range, the Honourable Pat Bell has agreed to be our keynote speaker.

CWIT members will receive a registration package in the mail.

We hope to see you there!

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CWIT at work in communities across BC promoting forestry

Forest Expo 2008

At the request of the Interior Logging Association, Betty-Ann McDonald and Ann Polson—of the Shuswap Branch of Canadian Women In Timber—attended Forest Expo 2008 in Prince George to help show case the ILA Forest Education Van.

The Expo was well attended and we were kept busy at all times. People took time to read the display information and ask questions. The two main concerns were the Mountain Pine Beetle and the current state of the Forest industry. Many had been out of work for quite some time and the uncertainty was very upsetting for them.

We noticed other industries, mining and agriculture, were represented as well. There were also more value added and diversity in wood use on display.

We handed out over 300 Splinter books, as well as our activity sheets, pens, gum & candy and our ever popular "HUG A LOGGER" bumper stickers. People were very excited to see the bumper stickers back.

Forest Expo 2008 attracted more 3600 visitors from across Canada, the United States and Worldwide so it was well worth the trip.

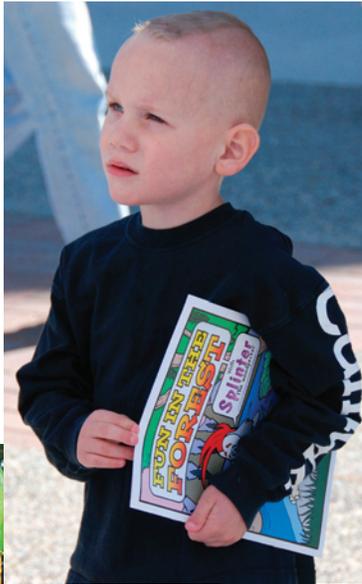


As usual, the insect display was a popular exhibit.



Interior Logging Association 50th Convention

Interior Logging Association trade show: Sandy, Vicki, Betty-Ann and Ann manned the Canadian Women In Timber booth. Attendance was very slow but we were kept busy on Friday when about 500 grade 9 and 10 students attended the event with their schools.

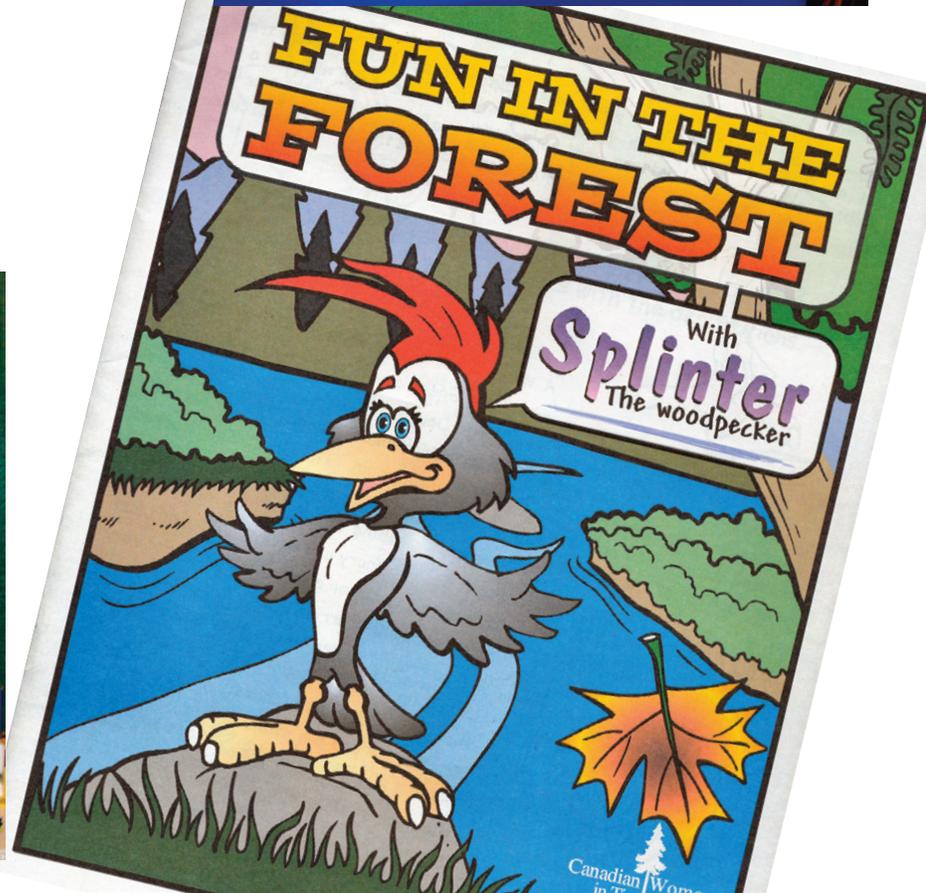


We once again held our raffle for logging toys, the draw took place at the ILA Convention.



COFI Conference, Kelowna BC

Betty-Ann, Ann and Vicki attended the COFI conference in Kelowna and set up a Canadian Women In Timber display.



Earth Day 2008

In support of Earth Day, CWIT director Steve Baumber penned a letter of support for all those working in the forest sector who have been affected by the downturn of the industry. The Lakeshore News picked up the story on May 2, 2008.

Canadian Women in Timber salutes forest workers

The Canadian Women in Timber (CWIT) encourages you to give thought to the families working in the forest sector. Our forests provide a wealth of renewable resources that we use every day; wood products for our homes and furnishings, food such as mushroom and berries, clean water and oxygen for our planet. We rely on skilled workers and professionals to provide these products in a safe and sustainable way. But despite BC's stable political system and growing public concern about the environment, these are challenging economic times for our forest sector, and now more than ever before we need to remember that using our forests is a community activity. We recognize that we do not exist without taking from the Earth and that from Vancouver to Fort Nelson we are all resource-based communities. The CWIT salutes the women and men of the forest sector who, under enormous pressure, are seeking to find the delicate balance that makes the use of our Earth a shared renewal of life.

The Canadian Women in Timber is a non-profit society whose purpose is to encourage sound management and wise use of forest resources in Canada for the benefit of all, with a focus on public education through schools and community organization, and to enhance and foster public understanding of BC's forest resources and sustainable forest management.

Learn more at www.canadianwomenintimber.com



How BC Forests and Wood Products Are Helping to Address Climate Change

Forests help to address climate change by reducing the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. They absorb carbon dioxide (CO₂), utilizing the carbon (C) to produce sugars for tree growth, and release the oxygen (O₂) back into the air. As a tree grows, the carbon is stored in its leaves, branches, solid woody stem, and in the soil around it. Because forests can absorb and store (or sequester) carbon over an extended period of time, they are considered "carbon sinks."

Young, vigorously growing trees have a higher rate of CO₂ conversion than mature trees. Trees typically grow most in the early to middle years, with growth dropping off as they reach maturity. In BC, this drop happens when the tree is between 60 and 150 years old (depending on the species and environmental factors). When a tree is harvested, about half of the carbon stays in the forest and the rest is removed in the logs, which are then converted into wood products. As the area is regenerated the forest once again begins to absorb and store carbon.



When trees are converted into wood products, such as furniture and homes, much of the sequestered carbon is stored in those products indefinitely—which keeps it out of the atmosphere. By using more wood instead of energy-intensive materials such as steel, concrete or plastics, society can significantly reduce its reliance on fossil fuels and its greenhouse gas emissions.

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