

CANADIAN WOMEN IN TIMBER

LEAF-LIT



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MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

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❖ Donate Canadian Women In Timber forest education materials to your local schools and libraries or to public community functions.

❖ These materials include:

- 1) Splinter activity books for elementary ages
- 2) Forest Facts booklet for grades 6 to 12
- 3) Posters: Wood is Good and Forestry Careers
- 4) Single pages of Forest Facts, forest puzzles and word searches and kids colouring pages

For more information on obtaining forest education materials to distribute please visit our website at: www.canadianwomenintimber.com or email cwit@telus.net or contact Betty-Ann McDonald at 250 675-2559 or bettyann@telus.net.



CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF CANADIAN WOMEN IN TIMBER

The AGM committee, chaired by Alison Anderson, is busy working on the plans for the 20th Anniversary AGM of Canadian Women In Timber on October 15th and 16th at Predator Ridge Resort in Vernon.

There will be a wine and cheese reception Thursday night and the Annual General Meeting will be held Friday morning followed by a luncheon. After the luncheon there will be a Forest Industry panel discussion with one of Canada's most influential forestry professionals, Mike Apsey, as moderator. The theme will be about success stories and positive indications about the future of the Forest Industry.

Following the panel discussion there will be a skit written by Steve Baumber and performed by the Board of Directors, and a presentation sample of the Shuswap Branch classroom program.

There will also be a memorabilia table with pictures and projects from the last 20 years of Canadian Women In Timber. If anyone has any pictures or information to contribute please contact Betty-Ann at bettyann@telus.net.

A registration package with all the information will be mailed to members by September 1st.

Join us in celebrating 20 years of Canadian Women In Timber.

**Please Plan on Attending the
Canadian Women in Timber
20th Anniversary
Annual General Meeting
October 15 & 16, 2009
Preditor Ridge Resort
Vernon, BC**

TRUCK LOGGERS ASSOCIATION TRADE SHOW

At the request of Helena Jechnich, Canadian Women In Timber members Betty-Ann McDonald, Ann Polson and Marg Hargardt volunteered to help at the Truck Loggers Association Convention in Vancouver on January 14th to the 17th. The venue of the Convention was changed this year from the Pan Pacific to the Westin Bayshore Hotel.

We were just about to board our plane in Kelowna when the flight was cancelled due to fog. Our plans quickly changed. We loaded our luggage into Marg's van and drove to Vancouver. It ended up being a beautiful day and a good trip.

We arrived too late for the Premier's Luncheon but soon got busy with the other events. We assisted with the Ladies Program, the Ritchie Brothers live auction, suppliers night, collected tickets for events, cleared up after the panel discussions and greeted guests for the banquet and other events.

There were many informative panels including a lively discussion with Minister Pat Bell and Christy Clark, former Liberal MLA, on how the government will address issues facing the Coast and how recommendations made by the working Roundtable on Forestry may influence their new mandate. The other panel discussions covered various topics: realities we must face working towards a forest policy framework to provide new direction for the coastal Forest sector; the changing global market for wood; and the challenges faced in the forest sector are common amongst other resource industries as well.



DOUGLAS FIR

Douglas-fir was named after botanist David Douglas. As well, the Latin name for Douglas-fir is *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, which is different from the true firs, whose genus name starts with *Abies*. The first part of Douglas-fir's Latin name, *Pseudotsuga*, is the combination of two Latin words: *Pseudo*, which means false and *tsuga*, which is the genus name for hemlock. Douglas-fir is known as the "false fir" and has a lot more in common with hemlock than the true firs. Physical characteristics that separate Douglas-fir from the true firs are: the true fir needles are often blunt on the ends with the tip having a notch, whereas Douglas-fir needles are pointed on the end and are not notched, Douglas-fir cones are narrow, oval-egg shaped with prominent 3-prong bracts, whereas true fir cones are more barrel shape and do not have any bracts and the bark on Douglas-fir grows to be quite thick with deep ridges, while true fir bark is thinner and with shallower ridges.



*Members of the Canadian Women in Timber Board of Directors
Top Left: Vicki Smith, Betty-Ann McDonald, Ann Polson, Marg Hargardt,
Bottom Row: Sandy McKellar, Helena Jechnich, Alison Anderson*

One of the panelists, Laura Jones from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, stressed how important education is needed in the forest sector. Her thoughts were very similar to our Canadian Women In Timber mandate "Forest Awareness Through Education".

Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers entertained everyone while conducting the live auction. Guest at the auction was Mike Pihl from Oregon who is part of the Reality TV show "Ax Men". Proceeds from the live and silent auctions support the TLA's Education Fund which provides scholarships to student in post-secondary forestry programs.

The convention from our perspective was definitely a success. Our time there was very interesting, fun and a great learning experience.





INTERIOR LOGGING ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The Shuswap Branch of Canadian Women In Timber had an exhibit booth at the Interior Logging Association Convention in Vernon on April 16th – 18th. Marg Hagardt and Betty-Ann McDonald manned the booth. We had a free draw for a logging toy and some wood products and gave out 300 splinter books, Splinter stickers, our logger colouring page, CWIT magnetic clips, pencils and posters, gum and candy as well as our very popular paper shopping bags and “Hug A Logger” bumper stickers. Our display board had our posters and Canadian Women In Timber information on it along with some pictures of old time logging. The black and white pictures drew a lot of attention and kept people interested in our booth.

Our booth was in the Forestry education section along with The ILA Forestry Van, TRU, BCIT, UNBC, Ass’n of BC Forest Professionals and Silver Lake Forestry Camp . We had 150 students from 3 Vernon secondary schools as well as students from 2 Elementary schools come through.

We also shared some of our booth space with Terriane Hawkings the writer of the “Loggers Alphabet” book. In return Terriane gave us a good deal on the cost of her books as well as a few free ones. We plan to give a book to each of the school classes we give our forest presentation to. It is an excellent source of information about everyday logging and covers a lot of what we talk to the kids about during our presentation.

Although attendance at the ILA convention this year was down from previous ones we found we still had a lot of people stop by our booth and a lot of interest in what we do. We enjoyed seeing familiar faces including one lady and her son from New Denver who have been visiting our booth for years. Her son was an infant when they started and now this year he will be graduating. A few of our past free draw winners also stopped by again as well as many other regulars. This year the winner of the logging toy was Cameron Crocker of Armstrong and Dawn Hooper of Enderby won the wood products.

TREE FACTS

What is old growth forest?

Calling a forest “old growth” or simply “old” forest depends on the type of forest and the tree species living in them. Generally to have old forest you need to have a forest start to show certain things such as other plants growing on the trees (epiphytes), fungi starting to grow in the trees helping to create cavities, and mature trees starting to die and create space for other things to grow. Some forests such as alder forests are “old” at 50 years. Others like lodgepole pine forests are “old” by 100 years. Then cedar hemlock forests are not really old until they are over 200 years old and can then stay as old forests for hundreds of years!



Why sap flows only in the spring?

Roots “push” sap up into top of tree and into the branches when the soil starts to warm up in the spring. Once the leaves come out then the tree starts to “suck” the water up to the leaves and the tree starts to feed and replenish the roots by moving sap back into the roots over the rest of the growing season. This sap flow in Sugar Maple trees in the spring is what is used to make maple syrup.

What do trees need to grow?

Simply speaking, trees need sun, soil (minerals), water and air in order to grow. Like all green plants, trees take water from the soil and carbon dioxide gas from the air and using light energy from the sun they convert it into sugars and oxygen gas. The sugars are used to feed the tree or are converted into solid wood (cellulose and lignin) and the oxygen is released back into air where humans, and all other land animals breathe it.



Once again we had a great time and enjoyed meeting and talking to the delegates and the general public. The ILA convention has always been a great venue for Canadian Women In Timber to participate in and we thank Wayne Lintott and the Interior Logging Association for giving us a complimentary booth and for their continuing support.

Pictured above: Marg Hagardt and Betty-Ann McDonald at the Canadian Women in Timber booth at the ILA’s 51st Annual Convention in Vernon, BC.

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE UPDATE

As announced in our last Leaf-Lit (Winter 2009) we are once again having a logging toy raffle as a fundraiser. We planned to begin selling tickets in February but due to gaming regulations we are unable to start selling tickets until June 17th. The draw will still be made at our 20th Anniversary AGM on October 17th.

We need ticket sellers and buyers to make this raffle a successful fund raiser for our Forest Educations projects. Our goal is to sell 3000 tickets but we need your help. Tickets are \$2 each and there will be 3 draws, one for each toy.

Thank you to Finning Canada and Great West Equipment for donating the toys for this year's raffle.

Please contact Vicki Smith at 250 768-2787 or email e_vsmith@telus.net for information on buying tickets or obtaining books of tickets for selling in your area.

CANADIAN FOREST WEBSITES:

www.canadianwomenintimber.com

www.interiorlogging.org

www.learnforestry.org

www.for.gov.bc.ca

www.bcforestinformation.com

www.mountainpinebeetle.com

www.canadianforestry.com

www.forest-education.info

www.camptocommunity.ca/english



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

We are interested in what is happening in your community regarding the forest industry and forest education and welcome questions, comments or suggestions for future Leaf Lits.

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