

Canadian Women In Timber

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CWIT to Celebrate 20 Years

The Canadian Women in Timber celebrate their 20th birthday in 2009. Join us at our AGM celebration in Vernon on October 16th, 2009 at the Predator Ridge Resort. We will have an exciting panel of industry experts present at our luncheon. For details, please watch our newly updated web site at www.canadianwomenintimber.com

Wayne on Wheels

Delivering Forest Education to your doorstep.

The idea of the Forestry Education Van was developed by Wayne Lintott, General Manager of the Interior Logging Association. His vision was to have a vehicle to educate and communicate to students at schools and to the public about the many diverse aspects of Forestry. He secured funding from industry suppliers, companies and licensees to make his vision a reality.

The ILA needed partners to design and create the educational content of the van on both the exterior and interior. A partnership was soon forged between ILA representative Vicki Smith; forest company education liaisons

Jeannie Steele and Debbie Sluggett; Theresa White from the ILMA and Canadian Women In Timber members Betty-Ann McDonald, Ann Polson and Barb McCarthy.

The Van is retrofitted with educational tools and embellished with painted murals that tell many stories about BC's forests. One side of the Van features a collage, detailing the history of logging; the other side depicts forestry today, showing visuals such as planting and harvesting as part of forest management practices. The forestry story continues inside the van, where painted panels detail the natural disturbances of

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Minister Bell addresses CWIT

Working in resource communities across British Columbia, the Canadian Women in Timber (CWIT) have a mandate to promote forest awareness through education. Volunteers have shared the message of sound forest management and wise use of BC's forest resources for nineteen years. To celebrate nineteen years of forest education, the CWIT hosted a public luncheon

in conjunction with their annual general meeting in Richmond, BC. Minister of Forests and Range, Pat Bell gave the keynote luncheon address. "We were thrilled to have the minister speak to our members and guests", said Sandy McKellar, who chairs the non-profit society. "He took the opportunity to launch a new education tool for BC high schools that teaches students

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about wood products and markets."

The new teacher resource kit was designed to help educate secondary school students about

the economic importance and international reach of British Columbia's forest sector. "More than anything, the kits highlight the international opportunities and global reach of B.C.'s forest sector," said Bell. "Whether it's developing new markets in China or promoting the use of wood to fight climate change, the issues that students will explore in the classroom today are the real world opportunities that promise to transform the industry in the years ahead."

Since their inception in 1989, the Canadian Women in Timber have provided the public with a balanced view of forest land-use issues. They work with allies and partners, such as industry associations and forest and wood companies to create learning tools and promotional materials. Some regional branches have created programs for classroom presentations and provide bursaries to students furthering their education in forest related programs or forest industry training.

"Through community events, classroom education programs and development of teaching materials, we have worked at the grassroots



Betty-Ann McDonald, Minister Bell, Marg Hagardt and Ann Polson at the AGM luncheon.

level to ensure that British Columbians understand the economic, social and environmental value that our forest sector brings to communities across the province", said McKellar. What is clear to volunteers in the field is that BC teachers do not always have the background or training in forestry related areas to understand how to integrate these concepts into their curriculum. Any classroom materials that can help teachers deliver the forestry message are greatly appreciated. "The minister's announcement today about a new education package is testament to the fact that our government and industry are aware of the importance of forest education, and now we have one more tool to add to our collection."

The annual luncheon was well attended with representation from industry, associations, education and the general public. Next year the Canadian Women in Timber will celebrate their 20th anniversary. The annual general meeting and public luncheon will be held at Predator Ridge Resort in Vernon, BC on October 16th, 2009. Watch the website for more information. www.canadianwomenintimber.ca

New Honourary Board Member Gerri Parsons with her daughter at the AGM evening reception



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the forest and serve as a background for forest health, wildlife, trees, insects and natural uses of the forest. Another painted panel shows the working forest and natural forest, including the full cycle of silvicultural systems.

The end wall features

a display of harvested timber species and a display of scale model forest equipment. A forest products display created by the Shuswap Branch of Canadian Women In Timber generates a lot of surprise and interest and the bug box display draws a lot of attention, especially by the kids.

The interactive aspects of the Van are customized depending on the audience. Interactive displays include branches and cones for tree identification, a soft science model tree and a Mountain Pine Beetle display. A variety of interchangeable material is available and updated regularly.

The Van made its debut in August of 2001 at the Interior Provincial Exhibition in Armstrong as part of the Riverside Forest Products display with help from forest educators Jeannie Steele and Debbie Sluggett and Canadian Women In Timber members Ann Polson and Betty-Ann McDonald. Since its inception the Van has been in high demand and

taken all over the Province. District Forest Educators use the Van for their school forestry presentations and it is displayed at various forestry and public functions. Ann Polson and Betty-Ann McDonald



of the Shuswap Branch of Canadian Women In Timber also volunteer their time to travel with the Van to make school presentations and present it to the public. It is very popular with schools, teachers and students alike.

The ILA Forestry Education Van is a huge success. It has filled a need for enhancing Forest awareness by delivering an informative and positive message about Forestry.

To book the ILA Forestry Education Van for a function in your town or for information on a school tour call the Interior Logging Association office at 250-503-2199.



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We are pleased to announce our news
Honourary member Gerri Parsons

Fundraising Raffle The Canadian Women in Timber will once again raffle popular cast iron logging replica toys.

Tickets will be available in February and for \$2 you can support our forest education programs, while entering your name in the draw to win one of these popular toys. The final draw will be made at our 20th Anniversary AGM in October 2009.

We would like to thank Finning Canada and Great West Equipment for this year's donations.

