

## Canadian Women In Timber 25<sup>th</sup> AGM

Canadian Women In Timber celebrated 25 years of volunteer forest education at their 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Vernon on October 24, 2014. The daylong event was well attended with many special guests and speakers. Annual reports were read and Board elections were held at the AGM in the morning followed by a meeting with the new Board of Directors. We are pleased to welcome Makenzie Leine as our new Chair and 2 new Directors on the Board, Shelley Gudeit and Penny McDonald. Re-elected for a 2 year term are Secretary Laurie Septav, Treasurer Betty-Ann McDonald and Directors Ann Polson, Marg Hagardt, Wayne Lintott, Steve Baumber, and Joanne Kineshanko. Vice Chair Vicki Smith, Past Chair Alison Anderson, and Directors Sandy McKellar, and Candace Kenyon have one more year to serve in their term before they are up for re-election.



Makenzie and Alison



Ann Polson thanked Alison Anderson on behalf of the Board for leading us through many years as Chair of CWIT and presented her with a gift of appreciation for her dedication and leadership. Alison then passed the gavel to new Chair Makenzie Leine.

The AGM and Board Meeting was followed by a luncheon and a social in the afternoon. CWIT Director Wayne Lintott was the host and new Chair Makenzie Leine welcomed everyone to our 25<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary celebration. Attendees included BC MLA Eric Foster, Vernon Mayor Rob Sawatzky, Lumby Mayor Kevin Acton, Lumby Director of Finance Jeremy Sudin, and Federal conservative Nominee from Salmon Arm Mel Arnold. We were honored to have special guest **Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations** and CWIT member as our first speaker, followed by Kerry Rouck RPF, Lynn Embury-Williams Executive Director for Wood Works BC and Past CWIT Chair Alison Anderson. The speakers were excellent and spoke on a variety of aspects concerning the Forest Industry. Alison gave an inspiring speech about the history of CWIT and reflected on one of our biggest achievements being the longest standing volunteer forest education group in the province.

A social followed the luncheon and attendees had a chance to bid on silent auction items and look at the display about the past 25 years of CWIT. Thanks to all the silent auction donors and bidders and to Alison for bringing 2015 Canada Winter Games scarves for door prizes and thanks also to everyone that attended helping to make our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a great success!



A special thank you to our 25<sup>th</sup> AGM Co-Sponsors:

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## New CWIT Chair Makenzie Leine

Makenzie is a Registered Professional forester. She acquired her Degree in Forest Business Management from the University of Alberta in 2001. Makenzie has had the opportunity to work in many facets of the industry from inventory and ecological surveys, planning and operations with a major consulting firm, manufacturing companies, logging contractors, private land owners, government, and now, her own consulting firm. She has worked on both crown and private land in BC, Alberta and Columbia.

### From the Chair - Makenzie Leine

I started in the industry very young, two weeks old actually, that was when my family moved to a logging camp on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. This was my introduction to an industry full of good people, an honest living, and a resource that, if managed responsibly, will support the community in perpetuity.

It was my first science teacher in grade 7 that introduced me to a growing group of people that didn't understand or like the idea of forest management. They were building a powerful argument against an industry that I considered my family, whom I was very proud of. And that was the start of my own understanding of the misinformation and challenges in dispelling it. Grade 7 science was followed by the "War in the Woods" and a whole new facet to operating in the forest.

Now, enough about me, in cometh the most dedicated and amazing group of people who understood right to the core of their household the importance of communicating about our business. 25 years ago the Canadian Women in Timber saw the need to enhance the public's understanding of sustainable forest management, started doing it, and are still doing it.

The need continues and this group continues to deliver, tirelessly, including adapting to a changing communication environment and issues; an activity book to Facebook, regulatory change to climate change. They are only in it for their dedication to ensuring that the facts are known. Their tag line: "Don't ever give up, in the name of truth".

I am excited and very honoured to be a part of this group and join them in the "don't ever give up part" because I, like them, truly believe in this industry and its people and the importance of sharing that message with others.



## Splinter's Travels

Our Splinter books have travelled to China, taken there by ladies from China that had a booth at the ILA trade show, to 2 classrooms in Olds Alberta and to a Junior Forest Wardens group in Calgary Alberta.

Calgary Eagles Junior  
Forest Wardens



## ILA Tradeshow and Conference

Thanks once again to the Interior Logging Association for donating a booth to CWIT on May 8-10. Vicki, Ann, Joanne and Betty-Ann were busy at the booth giving away our hand-outs: Splinter books, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners and frizbees.

Our draw winners of the Kobo Reader and toy chainsaw were won by Debbie Zandbelt of Vernon and Lynda Westby of Armstrong. George Anderson of Woodland Equipment kindly donated two toy excavators for a silent auction at our booth, which was greatly appreciated.



It is always fun to talk with people who have stopped by our booth over the years, and meet first time visitors. We were excited to sign up four new members.

We put together the silent auction for the ILA and received part of the proceeds, which will go toward hand-outs and educational information for future conventions and tradeshows.

We are very grateful for the continuing support from the ILA.



## Salmon Arm Fall Fair

Betty-Ann and Ann attended the Salmon Arm Fall Fair with the ILA Van September 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. We had many more people stop by this year, as our location was more visible than last year. We had very positive feed-back from everyone who toured the van and took the time to stop and chat. Our Splinter books were very popular, especially for the parents who home school their children. We also had an interesting chat with a Forester from Austria. He compared the way of our forest practices to the way things are done in Austria.



### ABCFP Conference - February 18-20, 2015

Canadian Women In Timber will have a booth at the ABCFP Conference in Nanaimo in February thanks to **Island Timberlands**. They have donated their Tradeshow booth to Canadian Women In Timber.

**Thank you Island Timberlands**

## Forest Harvesting Heavy Equipment Operator Training Program

Forestry equipment operator and log truck driver training are at the top of the list for the Interior Logging Association. The ILA has partnered with Thompson Rivers University and is offering a Forest Harvesting Heavy Equipment Operator Training Program. This program has been developed by the industry to meet the needs of employers in the forest-harvesting sector. Students will have the opportunity to train on an active logging block with expert operators and will receive training in safety systems, quality control and gain perspectives on production efficiencies through the forest-harvesting environment. On completion of the program students will receive an Interior Logging Association Diploma of Completion for the Heavy Equipment Operator - Forest Harvesting Program. The program staff will work with students and employers from the onset of the program to match graduating students with local contractors.

For more information go to [interiorlogging.org](http://interiorlogging.org) or call Wayne Lintott at 250 503- 2199

### History Trivia

1911: Timber leases restricted to 640 acres or less

1906: Timber Manufacturing Act required that all timber cut from leases and licenses and from lands granted after March 12, be manufactured in the province.

1891: Hemlock Bark Leases authorized for tanning issued.



*Merry Christmas and Best Wishes  
For a Happy and Prosperous New Year*

### 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 Leafbits.

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