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NBFTA NEWS

2020 NBFTA AGM

The 2020 NBFTA AGM will be held at the Delta Beausejour Hotel in Moncton on April 2nd at 1pm. Please make an effort to attend the AGM – the NBFTA is your Association, and it needs your input and participation to succeed.

As in years past, the AGM will be held in conjunction with the Canadian Woodlands Forum spring meeting, which will take place on April 1st and 2nd, at the same location. The CWF spring meeting always provides an opportunity for continuing education, and a great venue to meet and network with colleagues from around the country. If you are able to attend, you will not be disappointed!

Details about the upcoming CWF spring meeting will be made available later this winter (both program and registration details), and can be viewed at www.cwfcf.org.

2020 Dues Payment options

NBFTA dues can now be paid by eTransfer. Please use nbftatreasurer@gmail.com. Please send the verification word in a separate email. Some still owe 2019 dues; please continue to support your Association. A reminder to CFT's also – please submit your CFE hours as necessary to maintain your CFT status.



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello fellow technicians and readers,

I hope everyone has had a good summer and are enjoying the fall that briskly arrived with much wet and cold weather. I know I was certainly looking for summer to end abruptly.

Without sounding to play the same tune all the time, I was reminded the other day of how many young technicians/ technologists there are working among us. Fifteen years ago, when I was leaving high school (yes, 15 for me...) my class was told of all the jobs there were going to be from baby boomers retiring..., 5 years later (or 10 years ago) when I graduated from MCFT, I was told the same thing, but the spring of 2009 was still pretty near rock bottom for the forest industry after the 2008 housing and financial crash in the US. There were no jobs for new technicians with little experience that just graduated. Now looking out at the job landscape that transition is occurring, people have retired and young technicians have been hired to work in their place, this looks to be a trend that may continue for some time. Also, unlike in our predecessor's time, there seems to be some ebb and flow with the employment world of today where people move on to other "opportunities" a little more regularly, this little bit of movement also helps to create opportunities in the job market. Saying all this, we should be encouraging these new technicians to join the NBFTA. When they ask why or "what's in it for them", tell them for the price they can't go wrong and it's an investment. The NBFTA is a voluntary organization, but can provide some pretty great things with a little time invested. So, if you know a young technician, please encourage them to become a member.

Keeping up on Continuing Forest Education credits is unfortunately not a fun task but a necessary one. I suspect that all of us (whether certified or not) are getting plenty of CFE in today's digital world, it's really just about taking a few minutes to reflect on and document what we participated in. I would suggest that everyone take a few minutes to review where they are at and if you need to get the appropriate documentation into the CFE Committee for review. Also, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to someone on the executive. On another note, for those struggling to get Category 1 hours, webinars count hour for hour as Category 1. On the NBFTA website under Certification Documents is a link to **CIF/IFC's Open Access National Electronic Lecture Series** (<http://www.cif-ifc.org/open-source-electures/>), this contains up to date and relevant material for those who are unable to get out to live sessions.

Finally, I wanted to make a special note about the loss of Girvan Harrison, I was very very fortunate to have had Girvan teach the ecology class at MCFT during my time there, he was retired and just doing the one class. His imprint on me and my class will be forever valued.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a great start to the 2020 year.

Best Regards,

Riley Côté-DeMerchant

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President, NBFTA

In Memory- Girvan Harrison



Girvan Harrison, age 75, of Gagetown, passed away in the Fredericton Hospital on October 28, 2019. Born in Westville, he was a son of the late Samuel (Congleton, Cheshire, England) and Mary (Girvan) Harrison (Rexton, N.B.). Girvan is survived by daughters, Heather Harrison (Joseph) and Jena (Steven) Beauchamp; grandchildren, Kalie and Warren Beauchamp, all of Gagetown; sister, Joan Harris, Baddeck; and nephew, Mel Harris, Baddeck. Girvan was predeceased by his wife of 47 years, Marie (Little) Harrison, whom he dearly missed. Girvan was a very proud father and grandfather and would never miss an opportunity to brag about his family. Growing up on Foxbrook Road in Westville, Girvan was also very proud of his Westville and Pictou County roots and loved reminiscing with his sister. Over a highly varied career, Girvan found his real calling as an instructor at the Maritime College of Forest Technology, and as a writer. His love of forests and nature resulted in writing "Nature's Way", a textbook for forest ecology courses. A sound understanding of human nature and how humans learn led Girvan to scribe the Roddie book series about woodland management. His engaging teaching style resulted in enduring friendships and a great deal of respect from his students and colleagues. A global thinker who acted locally, Girvan would have traded his many awards for some positive changes in forestry practices in the Maritimes.

Girvan Harrison-Tribute

"Uncommonly fine large day what!!!!!!!!!!!!!! " Those words echoed in the classroom of Ranger School whenever the great man started his lectures. If the students didn't respond loud enough he'd hold his hand to his ear until they responded more enthusiastically. Wakes 'em up he'd say. They needed to be sharp to absorb the lessons of life and nature's intricate web.

As a fellow instructor, the students gave you the fuel to teach with, enthusiasm. Girv knew that. If they didn't have it, it was a job, if they did, it was a joy. We'd say some days you should get paid double, others, you'd work for free. Girv taught nature's lessons, I taught math...Ugh.

Girv (MFRS 1980, second best class, but I'm biased) came to the school as a field instructor in 1988 and I had the pleasure of working with him for the next 25 years. Girv was more than a great co-worker, he was my friend. We taught different disciplines but shared a love of nature and the school. Girv changed his office location many times during his tenure but regardless of the room, you could always find him, sit down and have a "say".

You'd tap on the door and he'd be marking, always marking, and inquire "got a minute ". He'd put down his RED pen , slide back in his chair so far you would think he'd go on to the floor, and listen. He was a great listener. Many a person would lay out their problems and he may not always provide you life's answers but

when you left you felt he had. I would ask him for advice on how to communicate with this student or that he'd say sometimes all you have to do is listen and they'd figure it out for themselves. And many times they did.

He was a great partner to me when we worked together. I was more like the younger, sometimes annoying little brother, and he was the wise one. But that didn't matter; we had so many good times. Sometimes after a lab we'd have a meeting of "the dead poets society" and discuss everything and anything. Many a time the words were greased with a little scotch. Sometimes Marie or Lou would call and remind us to come home. I sure do miss those times. So many good times.

I taught dendrology when Rudy Stoczek retired and was scared #'?%less but Girv mentored me through it. He forgot more about trees than I will ever know. When Girv retired he came back on his own dime and co-taught labs with me. My gosh we had fun. That was the common theme with working with him. We sure had fun.

Girv did not like like praise, it made him uncomfortable. He'd just say "thank you for your kind words" and change the subject to what you were doing. Girv's extensive accomplishments have been listed elsewhere, but his greatest to me were his wisdom, humbleness, intelligence, and great listening skills.

Girv was a great family man, teacher, mentor, lover of nature, and.... great friend. I didn't stay in touch with him much when I retired, something I will always regret, but life was better with him in it and I will never forget him. Thanks for everything Girv and wherever you are, thanks for listening.

Your friend always, Kenny McGinn MFRS '86 (best class ever)



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2019 CWF Fall Meeting

On October 2-3, 2019, the Canadian Woodlands Forum held the 2019 Fall Meeting in Campbellton, NB. The event was hosted by AV Group NB Inc., in collaboration with the Northern Hardwoods Research Institute and Groupe Savoie Inc. The meeting entitled "Smart Mixed-wood and Hardwood Silviculture for a Changing Environment", provided forestry professionals from across the region a chance to get together and enjoy some autumn weather and partake in some interesting conversations. Day one featured many excellent presentations covering a variety of topics including regenerating hardwood in the Acadian Forest and adapting to and mitigating the effects of our changing climate. The NHRI presented some highlights of their Precision Block Planning initiative, and set the stage for discussions that would take place on the tour.

On day two, the group was treated to some beautiful fall scenery as they toured some "live" harvest operations in the Campbellton area. Participants discussed a variety of hardwood silviculture treatments, building on many of the topics discussed during day one.

All in all, a great two days!



Above – Gaetan Pelletier of the Northern Hardwood Research Institute addresses participants on the field tour October 3, near Campbellton, NB .

MCFT Continuing Education 2020



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Department of Continuing Education

Schedule valid until Dec 31st, 2020

	Dates	CFE Credits
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Sizers (Truro)	Feb 10, 11 & 12	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Installers (Truro)	Feb 12, 13 & 14	14
New Brunswick Watercourse Alteration Certification	Apr 14-17	24
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Sizers (Truro)	Mar 16, 17 & 18	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Installers (Truro)	Mar 18, 19 & 20	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Sizers (Truro)	Apr 27, 28 & 29	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Installers (Truro)	Apr 29, 30 & May 1	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Sizers (Truro)	Jun 1, 2 & 3	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Installers (Truro)	Jun 3, 4 & 5	14
Wetland Delineation with Ralph Tiner	Jun 15-18	28
Wetland Ecosystems Services Protocol- Atlantic Canada (WESP-AC)	Jun 23-24	14
New Brunswick Watercourse Alteration Certification	Nov 2-6	28
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Sizers (Truro)	Nov 16, 17 & 18	14
Nova Scotia Watercourse Alteration Certification for Installers (Truro)	Nov 18, 19 & 20	14

We can do private offerings of any course. Please email ce@mcft.ca or call 506-458-0649.

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NBFTA Objectives/Benefits

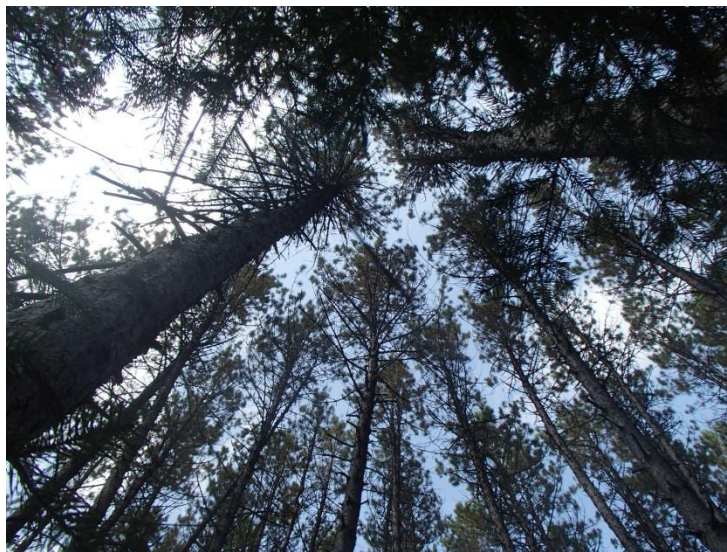
Why join the NBFTA and become certified you ask? Just a few of the reasons are listed below. For those who haven't joined yet, but are interested, or for those who are current members, but are not yet certified, check us out at www.nbfta.org, or contact somebody from our contact listing.

Association Objectives

- To enhance the image of & encourage cooperation among forest technicians in New Brunswick
- To provide one voice on forestry issues as they relate to forest technicians
- To evaluate the qualifications (academic & experience) of graduate technicians who apply for membership and issue accreditation with respect thereto
- To promote and assist in the continuing education of forest technicians & foster high standards
- To promote the protection & enhancement of the New Brunswick Biosphere
- To cooperate with all associations with similar interests

Certification Benefits

- Technician certification is voluntary. Certification exists for NBFTA members who see a benefit and wish to pursue it
- Technician certification demonstrates to concerned parties that specific professional standards are being met, as is the case in other professional accountability to the general public whose expectations of forestry practices & practitioners continue to increase
- Technician certification serves as a valuable marketing tool for technicians seeking employment
- Technician Certification provides Technicians professional designation (CFT) as we pursue common goals alongside our friends within the ARPFNB (RPF)
- Technician Certification requires participation in the nationally recognized Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) Program administered by the NBFTA. Maintaining a CFE certificate provides a system & demands accountability to stay in tune with rapidly changing technological and forestry practices
- Technician certification "raises the bar" for all technicians who have committed to the high standards expected of forestry practitioners



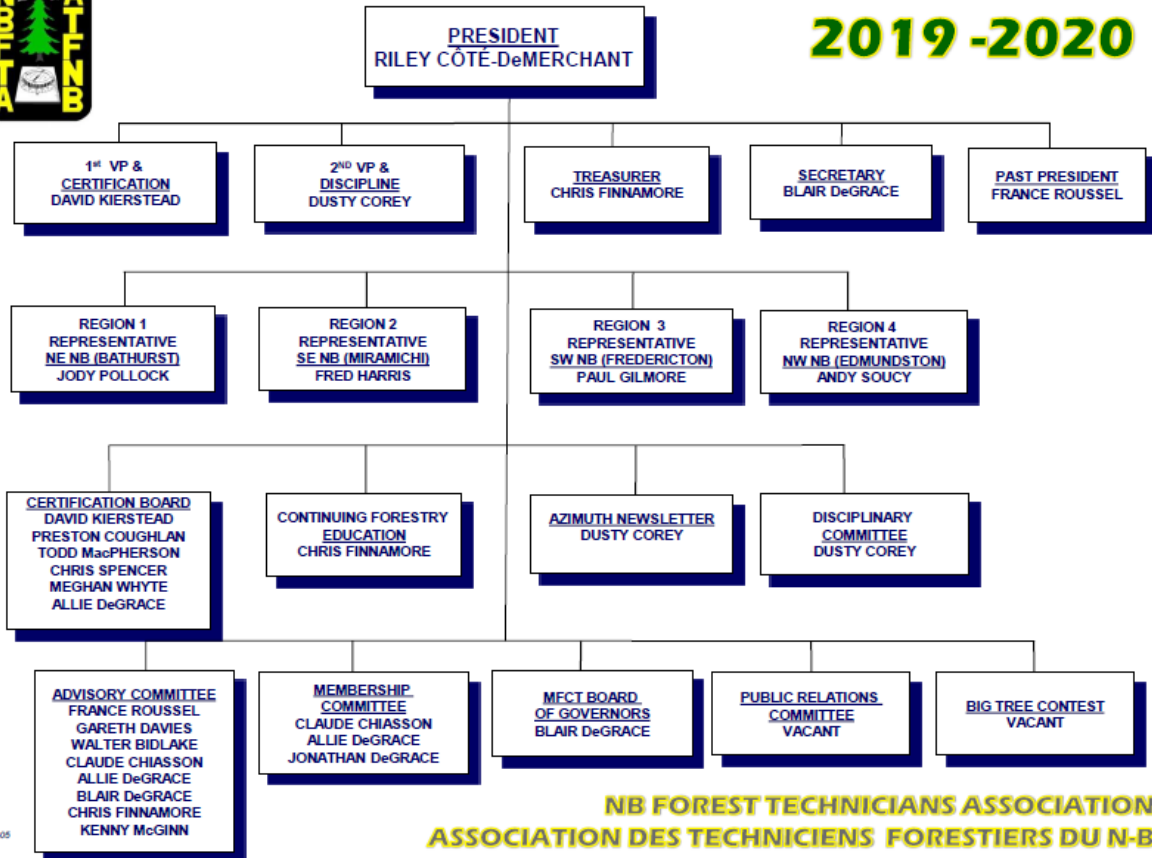
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“The best preparation for good work tomorrow is to do good work today.”

— Unknown

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PARTING WORDS

As seems to be the trend over the last few years, winter has arrived early to Northern NB, bringing with it the usual array of operational and daily challenges. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my fellow technicians a safe and productive winter season, Happy Holidays, and all the best that 2020 has to offer!

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere thank you to all those who have helped this issue come together, and look forward to collaborating with you all in the upcoming year. Please continue to support your Association, without your participation and support it cannot function!

Cheers,
Dustin Corey, CFT #106
2ndVP NBFTA



Above – Late fall snow blankets a hardwood stand in northern New Brunswick, fall 2019