

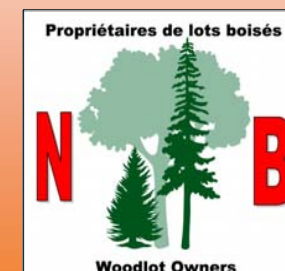
SNB Woodlot of the Year Tour Route

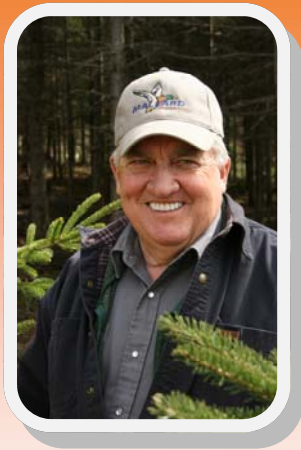


NB Woodlot Field Day
Sept. 18, 2010

Woodlot Management for the Future

- 10:00-11:30 a.m. Woodlot of the Year tour, Dwayne Simkins, SNB
- 10:30-11:00 a.m. NTFP decision-making tool and photo guide demonstration. Ron Smith, VarFor Consulting
- 11:30-12:00 noon Christmas tree shearing, Arnold Perry
- 12:15-12:30 p.m. Presentation to Arnold Alward and door prizes
- 12:30-1:00 p.m. Christmas tree shearing, Arnold Perry
- 12:30-2:00 p.m. Woodlot of the Year tour, Dwayne Simkins, SNB
- 1:00-1:30 p.m. NTFP decision-making tool and guide demonstration, Ron Smith, VarFor Consulting





Arnold Alward **SNB Woodlot** **Owner of the Year**

Arnold is pleased and honoured to be named Woodlot Owner of the Year and welcomes you to his woodlot today.

Arnold grew up in the local community and joined his father in the family business, Havelock Lime, established in the 1930s. The mining, manufacturing and transport lines of the family business were sold in the 1980s. Over the years Havelock Lime had purchased land in the vicinity of the quarry. The new owners had no interest in owning a large parcel of land and Arnold was free to turn his passion for the outdoors toward intensively managing the woodland and acquiring additional pieces. His woodlots now total around 4,000 acres.

Since a good portion of the land was cutover and abandoned farmland reverting to bushes, Arnold initially focused on salvage harvesting, scarification and tree planting. Over the years more than one million trees (one thousand acres) have been put into plantation, and an additional 250,000 seedlings fill planted in natural stands and small harvested or under stocked areas throughout the woodlots.

The woodland has also benefited from hundreds of acres of pre-commercial thinning on naturally regenerated stands.

A good road and trail system is a critical requirement to effective woodlot management, and with his experience with heavy equipment and construction Arnold was able to create an enviable road network.

The Alwards have created a very attractive and productive woodlot and enjoy a very well appointed hunting lodge, situated on an eight acre, stocked fish pond. There is a wide variety of wildlife on their woodlot. While the woods near the lodge are posted no hunting, they allow game hunting on most of their woodlands. Special projects include food plots for white tail deer, a Christmas tree plot, and experiments to grow red oak and chestnut trees.

As with every Woodlot Owner of the Year award winner, Arnold is quick to share that the award was the result of a team effort. He credits his wife Janice and his son Eric for their tireless and committed support for their woodlot.

Arnold also gives a lot of credit to Brian West, a forest technician who has worked for the family for more than twenty years. He says he relies on Brian's technical knowledge and relates that for many years he and Brian have been a special harvest team. Using chainsaws and a thirty horsepower farm tractor, they have focused on selection and patch harvesting and commercial thinning. The result is a very healthy and vibrant woodlot, with little evidence of poor quality and declining trees.

In receiving the Woodlot owner of the Year award, Arnold thanked the SNB organizations and specifically the forest technicians for the support and knowledge they have provided.

The SNB Forest Products Marketing Board and SNB Wood Co-op, together with the NB Federation of Woodlot Owners, Fundy Model Forest and INFOR, congratulate Arnold for his commitment to stewardship of the land.

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