

ABCFP Conference - Feb 23-25 2011

Ann Polson and Betty-Ann McDonald attended the ABCFP Conference, held February 23- 25 at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

There were 38 displays, with a wide representation of many aspects of the forest industry. The theme was "Wood is Good" and the conference had several sessions with a variety of speakers addressing that theme.

Canadian Women In Timber was given a complimentary booth, and had Splinter books, pins, pens and pencils for hand-outs. Sandy had the new display board set up and it looked great!

People were very interested in CWIT. Our group was known to many who stopped by to chat. We had a lot of positive feed-back and encouragement to continue with our forest education endeavors.

We had many interesting conversations and made some good contacts and are pleased that a few new members signed up and several more took membership forms.



Congratulations to Kelly McCloskey RPF, MBA and CWIT member for receiving the Distinguished Forest Professional award at the ABCFP conference. This is the highest award presented by the ABCFP and recognizes an individual for outstanding service to the Forestry Profession and for furthering the ABCFP's principles throughout the recipient's career.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FORESTS

The United Nations has proclaimed 2011 the International Year of the Forests, to celebrate the central role of people in the sustainable management, conservation and sustainable development of our world's forests. This will be a great chance to showcase our forests and their value to British Columbians. We are the largest single exporter of forest products in the world, and continue to be a world leader in sustainable forest management. Customers look to buy British Columbia forest products because they know they're buying a high quality product from a sustainable managed source.

BC FOREST SERVICE CENTENARY

In 1912, the BC Forest Service was created and will celebrate its centenary in 2012. In commemoration of this 100 year history a website has been created. Browse and learn about the people, the stories, the places and the technologies that have come to define the proud past of the BC Forest Service. www.bcfs100.ca



TRIVIA

1778: first recorded use of BC timber by Europeans: Captain James Cook cut ships spars at Nootka Sound.

1788: first recorded export of lumber: Captain Meares takes spars to China

1848: first mechanized sawmill in BC established in Victoria

1849: first recorded export of Vancouver Island lumber to San Francisco

1861: first sawmill for lumber export in Port Alberni

1890: donkey engines in general use



Splinter Salutes

Sandy McKellar of Tree Frog Creative Communications for designing and creating our fabulous new CWIT display banner.



CANADIAN WOMEN IN TIMBER AGM

The 21st Canadian Women In Timber AGM was held on October 2, 2010 in Richmond BC. After some general housekeeping a new Board of Directors was elected and a discussion was held about changing some of the CWIT by-laws. It was decided to revisit the by-laws at future Director Meetings, to suggest some changes to them in time to be voted on at the next AGM.

Canadian Women In Timber Board of Directors for 2010/2011

Chair	Alison Anderson	Prince George
Vice Chair	Makenzie Leine	Nanaimo
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Director	Vicki Smith	Westbank

COMING EVENTS

The 22nd Canadian Women In Timber AGM will be held in Vernon at the ILA office on October 1, 2011.

October 5, 2011 - Canadian Women In Timber FOREST AWARENESS DAY

Our New Canadian Women in Timber "Logging With Splinter" Activity Book for Grades 5 to 7 is almost complete and will be available soon. Watch for a preview in our next Leaf Lit.

WOOD FIRST: Gaining Momentum

British Columbia is home to one of the world's most sustainable and globally competitive forest sectors. The Wood First Act was proclaimed in 2009 in order to facilitate a culture of wood construction in British Columbia.

The Wood First Initiative takes significant steps to increase the use of locally-sourced wood products and drive the economy forward. It encourages contractors to consider wood as the primary material in all new construction projects or to feature wood as a primary part of any new design.

It's a simple platform: a foundation to fuel more and new uses of local wood products to jump-start the economy.

Wood First gives local governments the power to give preference to designs featuring innovative or extensive use of wood, particularly timber that is locally sourced.

Wood is durable, cost-effective and climate friendly. The energy conservation and air pollution performance of wood exteriors outperforms exteriors made from non-wood materials on a consistent basis. The impact: 60% carbon impact improvement over 120 years. Also wood remains a renewable resource that is sustainable over a long term.

Many communities across BC have adapted Wood First resolutions or By-laws. For more information visit: www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/woodfirst

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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