

## INTERIOR LOGGING ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

"Our Strength....A Unifying Voice For 60 Years" was the theme of the Interior Logging Association's annual tradeshow and conference in Kamloops, May 3-5. The Forestry Education van was set up next to our CWIT booth, and there was a steady flow of people that went through the van, and also stopped by our booth to pick up our



materials and handouts. Our Splinter books continue to be very popular and many teachers take them to make copies of the pages for their classrooms.



Ann, Betty-Ann, and Sophia McDonald

We had some interesting talks with people, including a young woman logging truck driver. More and more women are getting jobs in various sectors of the forest industry, including machine operators and mill workers. Betty-Ann, Ann and Vicki, with help from Nancy (ILA), set up and ran the silent auction, with part of the proceeds going to CWIT. Thank you to all the donors and bidders for their support.



The ILA continues to be a strong supporter of Canadian Women In Timber and we thank them for all their support and promotion of our group.

Special thanks to the WOODLAND EQUIPMENT Group of Companies for donating a Kayak to the silent auction with all the proceeds going to CWIT.



## Vancouver Island School Presentations



Brynn and The Forest Tree

**Steve Baumber from the Vancouver Island Branch** recently gave two presentations at Quadra Elementary School in Victoria. Steve's two daughters attend the school, one in Grade 1 and one in Grade 4. Through images and questions, Steve led the kids on a journey of discovery to see how we depend on the forest every day, even when living in a big city. From oxygen to solid wood products, to the hidden wood products in numerous food and consumer items, the kids came away with a new appreciation of why we are still harvesting our forests. By exploring how logging and milling has changed over time, the kids were able to connect how sustainable forest practices become a sustainable use of a renewable resource. And by thinking about fire in a new way, the kids came to realize how trees (and all green plants) capture and store sunlight!

For the Grade 1 class Steve introduced a large "Forest Tree" image on poster paper, and challenged the kids with a small project; to decorate the tree with pictures of things from their own lives that they get from trees or from the forest. It was amazing to see the tree proudly displayed and full of great artwork in only a few days (see image).

The Grade 4 students were given an extra part to their presentation, where Steve described how a tree grows, and the marvelous reality that a tree doesn't change as it matures like we humans do - it never loses its younger self! As a coniferous tree grows, each year of its life is wrapped up and protected inside the bole of the tree. We can see this in the knots in solid wood products, but he also showed pictures of the incredible art of Giuseppe Penone. By painstakingly chipping away the years of wood, Giuseppe reveals the shape of the younger stages of a tree's life, 'releasing' it from within the stem. Steve reminded the kids that we can be very similar to trees in this way if we always remember that the young person we once were is still inside of us, just waiting to share the sun! (see image right)



Steve then and now



## CANADIAN WOMEN IN TIMBER MATERIALS

If you know of a school or event that you would like to give some of our CWIT material to, please contact us through our website - [www.canadianwomenintimber.com](http://www.canadianwomenintimber.com) or Betty-Ann at [bettyann@telus.net](mailto:bettyann@telus.net). There is no cost for our material although a donation to cover mailing is always appreciated, especially for larger amounts. We have colouring sheets for little ones and Splinter activity books for Gr 1-3 and Gr 4-7, Forestry Fact booklets, fact sheets and Splinters Timber Log for Secondary students and adults.

## COFI CONFERENCE 2018

**COFI** (Council of Forest Industries) and Diana Gillrie made it possible for Betty-Ann and Ann to attend the COFI conference in Prince George, April 4-6<sup>th</sup>. It was the largest COFI conference ever held in Prince George, with 570 registered delegates, and 51 exhibitor booths. There were seminars throughout the day, with speakers including, Minister of Forests Doug Donaldson, Chief Forester Diane Nichols, Minister of Canadian Forest Service Beth McNeil, Premier John Horgan, and CEO's and presidents from various companies from BC to Ontario.



Students from the College of New Caledonia (CNC)

We were very busy at our booth, and had lots of interest in CWIT and encouragement to continue on. We met new people and connected with those we had met at previous events. We handed out a lot of our material, and had requests for our Splinter books, which were mailed out.



Thank you very much to COFI for providing a booth and exhibitor's packages for CWIT. We greatly appreciate the generosity and support. The annual COFI conference is excellent venue for CWIT to promote our materials and "Forest Awareness Through Education".

## Myths and Facts

**Myth:** Canada must preserve our forests untouched or intact to keep them healthy.

**Fact:** There is no such thing as untouched forest in Canada.

A forest is a living community that naturally experiences constant change. Over time, forests experience many disturbances (including fire, insects, disease drought, wind throw, floods and timber harvesting), yet trees continue to grow back naturally. In the forest, nothing is ever static. This is particularly true in the boreal forest, which is ecologically adapted to renew itself through disturbances such as fire.

Although many forests are in remote areas, inaccessible to people, human activities such as harvesting do affect other forests. However modern methods of harvesting trees are often intended to mimic natural disturbances and harvested areas are regrown. Canada's managed forests generally grow for 60 to 100 years between harvests, so most managed forest areas return to a natural state for considerable lengths of time.



## 2018 Revelstoke Timber Days

Betty-Ann and Ann travelled with the ILA Forestry van to Revelstoke on May 19 for Revelstoke Timber Days. The van was set up along with our CWIT display table at Centennial Park where the Logger's sport competition was taking place.



The family friendly event was well attended and we gave out a lot of our materials. There was a steady flow of people, of all ages, going through the van, with lots of interest and positive comments. Our display board of old logging pictures, some of the Revelstoke area, drew a lot of people to our table, with some good stories of the "old days".

People from Australia, the UK, Montana,

Quebec, Virginia and many other areas were in attendance. Both men and women competed in the logger's sports with many categories, including, axe throwing, pole climbing, log birling and the CANLOG 140cc Hot Saw Championship. The youngest contestant was 9 years old and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Women's log birling.



There were free arts and crafts for the kids and Kid's Logger's Sports with nail hammering and choker races.

And for the adults there was a beer garden, especially enjoyed on a very hot day.



Canadian forest product companies will need to hire 60,000 or more new workers by 2020 to meet demand.



  
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