

# **JOINING US IS EASY!**

BGWA is made up of local woodland owners and enthusiasts with a vision to promote healthy forests & ecosystems. We believe in doing this through education, recreation and sustainable forestry management practices.

Yearly membership \$30/year or pre-pay for up to 3 years for uninterrupted membership at a fixed price\*

Youth membership (under 25) \$15/year

Join instantly online at **www.bgwa.ca** or mail-in form below with a cheque.

name: _		 	
Address	s:		
Phone:		 	
E-mail:			

#### Communication:

Communication from the BGWA is principally by email. You will receive:

- Greenleaves A quarterly newsletter
- Advance notice of BGWA events
- Periodic local events and woodland news

The BGWA does not share your email address or our membership list.

\*Life Membership option available \$750

### **Connect with us online!**

Learn more about BGWA + get links to immediately useful woodland resources

#### For everyone:

- Local woodlands-related news
- Resource links: woodlot reference, local groups, tree/forest health & more
- Listings for local woodlot tours, workshops and learning events
- Past years newsletters

#### Members' Pages:

- Sign-up for events/workshops/tours
- Event photo gallery
- BGWA documents
- Slides & handouts from presentations
- Current year newsletters
- Notice board/Trade/Buy/Sell
- Ask-a-Forestry-Professional feature

# **Bursary Opportunities**

The BGWA is pleased to offer a bursary to a graduating student in each of the high schools throughout Bruce and Grey communities. The annual bursary recognizes students advancing in post secondary studies in Forestry, Forest Management or related Biological Science Studies. Interested students can contact their Guidance Department.

## **Contact Us:**

For general inquiries, comments or suggestions

communications@bgwa.ca

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# Bruce Grey Woodlands Membership Benefits:

Through membership you will support our vision and objectives, have the opportunity to participate in events, gain access to local woodlot management resources and network with some of the leading experts in the area.

- The Bruce Grey Woodlands Association (BGWA) is a
  collective force helping to demonstrate the value of
  privately owned woodlands in the community as a whole.
  Healthy forests provide clean air, water and offer a myriad
  of other benefits that support our ability to live on the planet.
- We present an opportunity for property owners to network with other like minded individuals and managers along with local resource management professionals to stay up to date on the latest information regarding threats and challenges to a forested ecosystem.
- We believe in the social contract: If we all do our best to look after our own properties, the collective becomes a healthier and nicer place to live.
- We serve as a voice for the membership with respect to legislation, taxation and regulations as they affect forest property and associated business interests.
- We welcome property owners moving to or purchasing land in Grey/Bruce and offer educational and networking opportunities, promoting best management practices for woodlands, enabling owners to realize their goals in owning a rural property.
- We help to educate by dispelling rumors, myths and misinformation about forest management and proper management practices.

- The BGWA provides opportunities to learn from the experiences of others, to find reputable contractors/partners, to stay current with modern and up-to-date policies and practices, to learn about non-timber forest products and alternative management practices.
- We act as an educational resource to help guide woodlot owners through effective management practices, helping to potentially increase returns on investments through improved yields, higher quality timber and value added wood products. Well managed forest are an economic asset.
- Woodland owners are a key element in prioritizing sound mananagement of a decreasing resource while supporting a balance between agriculture, development and forested lands through effective and informed management.
- We socialize, share knowledge and network with other people who are engaged in making their community a better place through healthy woodlands.
- Membership offers exclusive members only website, library, quarterly newsletter, events and guided tours by experts in numerous fields with a wide range of subject matter.
- We offer a quarterly BGWA members' newsletter with informative articles by members and local forestry experts, upcoming events/speakers and highlights of past events.

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