

58th Annual North Central Forest Pest Workshop

September 28 - October 1, 2009 – Winnipeg, Manitoba



NCFPW 2009 Group photo, taken on the field trip, at the sand dunes from ancient glacial Lake Agassiz.

Overview

The 2009 North Central Forest Pest Workshop was held September 28 – October 1 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Indoor sessions took place at the Norwood Hotel. The theme of the meeting was “Protect What We Have”, with many talks related to protecting our forests from invasive pests, including Dutch elm disease, emerald ash borer, and other threats. The field trip highlighted the value of trees in Manitoba’s harsh climate.

Schedule

The meeting began on **Monday, September 28th**, with a fun run/walk along the Red River. Registration was available on Monday from 3-5, and an Ice Breaker was held at the Norwood Hotel.

Presentations began 8:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, September 29th** and included: A welcome from the Director of the Forestry Branch of Manitoba Conservation, a SLow Ash Mortality (SLAM) strategy for EAB, Gypsy moth program in Manitoba, management of Dutch elm disease, Dwarf mistletoe of black spruce, Eastern Larch Beetle, Manitoba Conservation’s Trees for Tomorrow program, and miscellaneous other topics. Posters were available for viewing throughout the day.

On Tuesday evening, we enjoyed a dinner cruise on Red River aboard the MS Paddlewheel Queen.

On Wednesday, September 30th, in the morning **the field trip** toured the Prairie Shade Research Centre near Portage la Prairie and parts of Camp Hughes South. We ate lunch at the Spruce Woods Provincial Park Interpretive Centre, then boarded horse-drawn wagons for a tour of the Sprit Sands Trail area of Spruce Woods Provincial Park.

Indoor sessions on the morning of **Thursday, October 1st** included the NCFPW business meeting and station reports. The workshop concluded with lunch.

Link to detailed agenda: [AGENDA](#)

Highlights and notables

- There were 99 participants at the Tuesday indoor session; 40 of those were registered for the entire meeting. Out-of-Province attendance continued to be down from normal due to travel restrictions that reduced participation by many State/Provincial and federal organizations.
- Each participant received a NCFPW mug, a t-shirt, Manitoba honey, and other Manitoba collectibles.
- A large number of local certified arborists were able to attend the Tuesday session and obtain ISA continuing education credits for hearing relevant forest health information from a variety of local and international experts.
- The generous donations of sponsors helped immensely with covering costs of hosting this meeting.
- The field trip: who could possibly complain about a fall day in the woods? See the pictures at the end...
- The dinner cruise aboard the M.S. Paddlewheel Queen provided ample opportunity to visit with colleagues as we slipped between the banks of the Red River. None of our group, however, took the opportunity to prove their talents on the karaoke floor.
- The Business Meeting
 - Thanks to Andrea Diss-Torrance, who completed her 3-year term as Chair. Thanks also to Richard Wilson, Linda Christianson, and John Witter, who completed 3-year terms as Members-at-Large.
 - Election of new Chair and two new Members-at-Large on the Board of Representatives: Richard Wilson as new Chair, Linda Christianson and Linda Williams as Members-at-Large.
 - 2010 meeting in Wisconsin, 2011 in Michigan.
 - Read the complete minutes, posted here: [MINUTES](#)



Registration details

Registration for the 2009 NCFPW was CAN\$220, which included the ice-breaker, meeting breaks, light breakfast on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, dinner and cruise on Tuesday evening, and field trip transportation. A reduced rate of CAN\$65 was available for participation in a single day. A reduced rate was also offered for students. Accommodation was available at the Norwood Hotel at the special meeting rate of CAN\$98/ night plus tax.

Thanks to the organizing committee

Workshop Coordinator: Linda Christianson, Manitoba Conservation

Speakers Committee: Irene Pines, Jon Leferink

Registration and Venue: Daphne Titterton, Kyla Maslaniec

Sponsorship: Russell Eagle, Gord Zubriski

Field Trip: Lyn Dunford, Neil Zalluski

Technology: Glenn Switzer, Robert McMahon

Airport Shuttle: Hailey Wright, Kristen Adair, and Louise McMillan

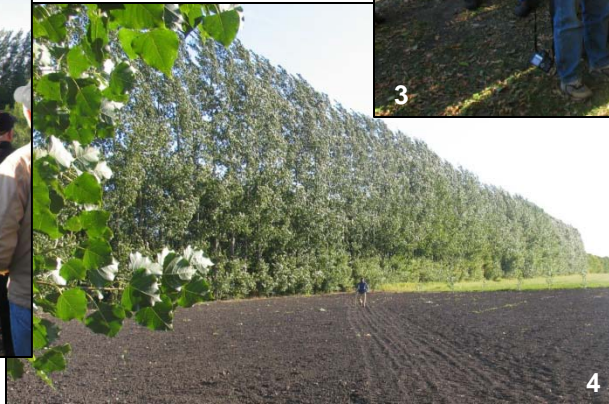
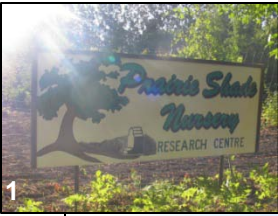
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Images from the 2009 NCFPW Field Trip

1. First stop was Prairie Shade Nursery.
2. We observed trial plantings of many tree species, including hardy Asian versions of North American genera.
3. Each person was able to choose a walking stick from these unique woods.



4. One particular cultivar of aspen showed amazing growth potential age 15 years.



- 5-7. Bronze leaf disease can be particularly debilitating on some of the columnar aspen cultivars.



Images from the 2009 NCFPW (continued)

8. At Camp Hughes, we were amazed by towering Scotch pine.



9. At Spruce Woods Provincial Park, we took an interpretive trip on the Spirit Sands trail, to the Devils Punch Bowl.



10. Did I say we walked? No, we got to ride in comfort on horse-drawn wagons.

11. The end point on the trail was the scenic overlook of Devils Punchbowl, nestled in an old oxbow of the Assiniboine River.



Along the way, we got to observe many pathological delights, including 12. giant artist's conks (Ganoderma) on a dead cottonwood, 13. ubiquitous black knot on cherry, and 14. dwarf mistletoe of spruce.

