



# Northeastern News

## A Quarterly Update for Northeastern Region Members of the International Wood Collectors Society

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### What are you thinking about for 2016?

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Hello again, fellow wood collectors of the Northeastern Region...and surrounding states and provinces!

As autumn draws to a close, and winter comes upon us, our thoughts turn to what another year might bring. For me, it brings the promise of another exciting year with IWCS and our fellow members. The society has been dealing with change, and part of that change is that I will be handing over the reins of Northeastern trustee to another energetic and knowledgeable member. Please see page 5 of this newsletter.

My hope in this end of year newsletter is that you turn are planning for more involvement with IWCS and looking to improve your contribution to the hobby and to our world. The work of educating people about wood will never be done, and IWCS members are at the forefront of that effort.

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### World of Wood 2015 Successfully Hosted by Northeastern Members of IWCS



The IWCS 2015 Annual General Meeting was held this July in State College, Pennsylvania. The meeting was attended by 87 folks, including 42 IWCS members, 12 of whom were from our Northeastern region.

It would probably not be too much of a stretch to say “A good time was had by all.” From the IWCS board and business meeting on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, to the closing banquet on Thursday evening of that week, IWCS members and other attendees, including members of the International Association of Wood Anatomists, were provided opportunities to attend various presentations on assorted wood topics, both practical and technical; wood turning demonstrations by local turners; tours of local natural attractions; and social functions to build the spirit of the event. An article on the meeting, authored by World of Wood editor Mihaly Czako, appears on page 21 of the September/October 2015 issue of World of Wood.

I’ll include a few of Art Lee’s pictures of the meeting in this newsletter so you can get a feel for how it all went down.

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## World of Wood 2015



(Above) Stephen Hoy of the American Chestnut Foundation explained Penn State's efforts to help re-forest chestnut back into the wild. (Below) Auctioneer David Munzberg of South Australia explains how the green lumber bidding will proceed.





Bidders examine specimens from the collection of Charles Carter (#5245) that were offered for auction. Mr. Carter's donation brought \$939 into the Society.



A mid-week highlight was the evening tour of the Penn State arboretum.





Attendees browse the grounds of the arboretum.



Dendrology professor and tree walk guide Margot Kaye explains how a transplanted Tree-of-heaven, *Ailanthus altissima*, may be the mother tree of millions of such invasive trees across central Pennsylvania, and youngest IWCS member Rosie Ray considers the future of the American chestnut.



## Changing of the Guard

It doesn't seem so long ago that I stepped in to try to fill the large shoes of Ron DeWitt as Northeastern Region trustee. But the time has come for me to pass the honor on to our next trustee. I have the honor to announce the candidacy of Mark Peet to represent our region to the organization for the next three years. Mark writes...

*"My name is Mark Peet and I was born and raised in the hands-on way of living life. My early years were shaped by the honest and challenging life of the small farm. This opened my eyes to the reality of life and death and the ever changing balances in life's ever intertwining circles. When markets crashed and things got tight, life morphed. My father reverted back to his other hands-on trade before my birth, carpentry. So from there on my life was influenced by wood. My older brothers became carpenters. I followed higher education and acquired a few equivalent degrees from Penn State. Shortly after graduation, I took up employment with Pennsylvania's DCNR for a brief stint and then moved into a roll with the USDA Forest Service. Marriage and children moved my employment to change. To be closer to home I joined employment with several different landscape companies. I've since settled into a school bus driving position and perform consulting on forest and ornamental stock on the side. I still work part time for a landscape firm as a senior crew leader with a focus on training summer recruits.*

*My hobbies include participating in sport activities, aiding 4-H activities, supporting The American Chestnut Foundation, being a chair on the Greene Dreher Alumni Association's scholarship committee, being a volunteer firefighter with Greene-Dreher Vol. Fire Assoc. and teaching boy & girl scouts environmental education classes. And like many of you, am pulled to assist many more activities than time to list.*

*Where do I see the IWCS? Great question, I see crossroads, and not just one set of them but several sets. We need to reintroduce our organization to youth and educational facilities across our area as well as the areas of our whole organization. As a trustee, I will not be able to actively participate in as many ways as I would like because I put priorities as God first, family second and work in that order. What will I do? I will try to be available to our local regional members and represent them to the best of my abilities as well as get in touch with others in our organization. I expect our regional members to step up and assist me assisting them by providing information about activities throughout our vast area that could benefit our members. I hope to be able to send out mass e-mails and letters if need be to inform our members of these events. I hope to be able to staff an information booth at some of these events to bolster membership. I would love to meet up with others at some of these events to simply share in the experience."*

I have known Mark for awhile now, and he has been the most helpful member to me in terms of feedback and hands-on help of getting things done in the region. It is my honor to recommend that the membership of Northeastern region of the IWCS elect Mark Peet for NE region trustee for 2016-2018.



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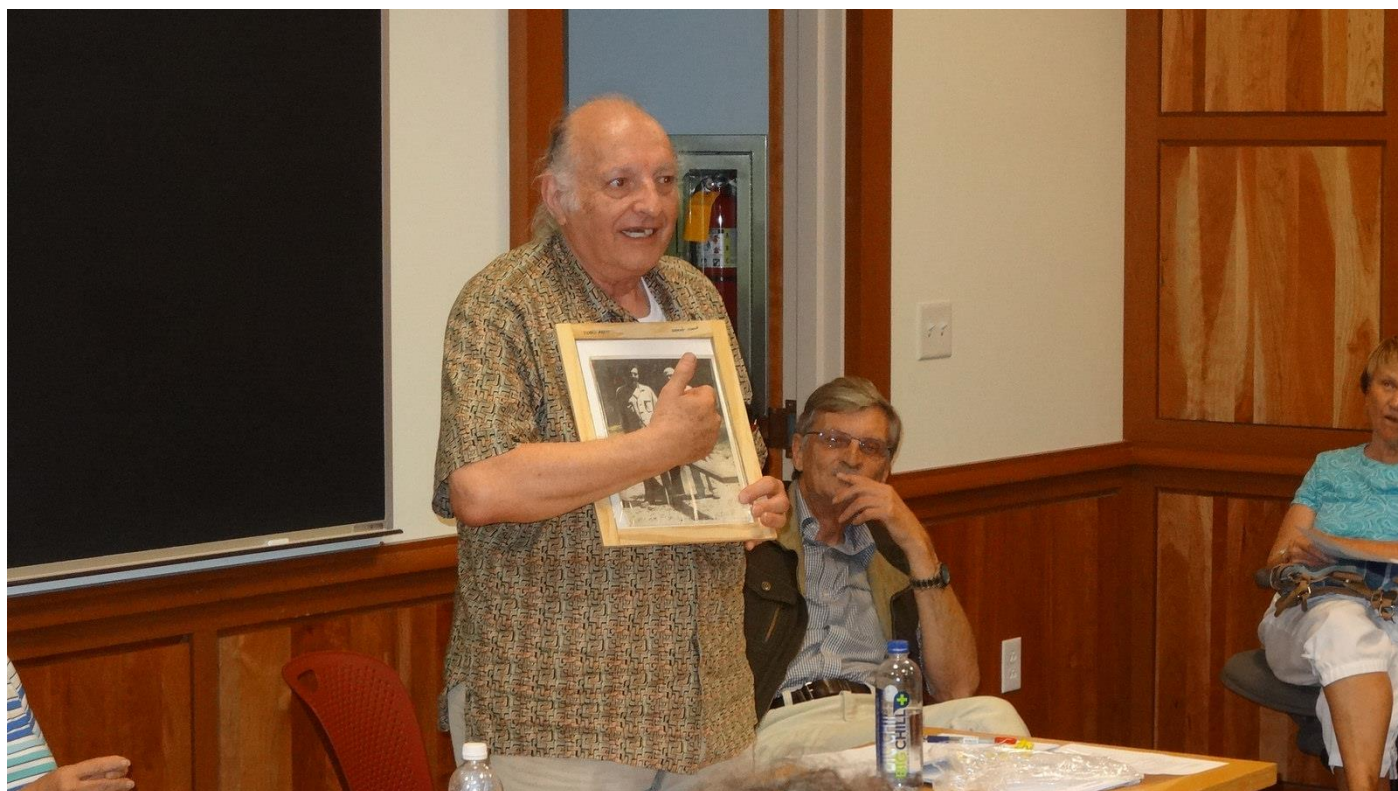
Please detach and send your vote to Chuck Ray, 205 FRB, University Park, PA 16802 or email your vote to [cdr14@psu.edu](mailto:cdr14@psu.edu)

For NE Region Trustee to IWCS:

Mark Peet \_\_\_\_\_

Write-In \_\_\_\_\_





**Dennis Brett, IWCS # 257**, shares with the IWCS Board of Trustees a photograph of he, as a younger man, visiting with IWCS founder Harold Nogle at his camp at Big Cow Creek, Texas. Mr. Brett donated the framed photograph to the IWCS for posterity.

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