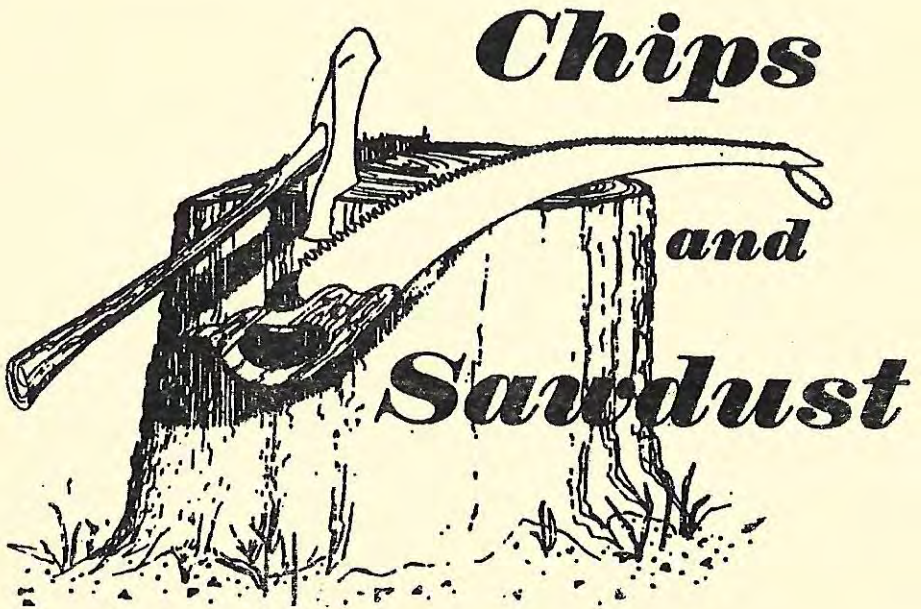


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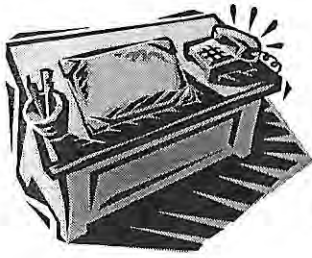
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**Happy New Year  
From the FHAW!!**

**NOTE:** The Forest History Association of Wisconsin is searching for a new *Chips & Sawdust* editor. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Kurt Korten Hof at 952/808-1475 or via e-mail at [fhaw\\_editor@msn.com](mailto:fhaw_editor@msn.com).



## From the President's Desk

There are some interesting things coming up in 2004. That year marks 100 years since the first State Forester was named. I just got off a conference call with the Planning Committee for the Wisconsin Statewide Forestry Centennial Celebration and they are looking for a variety of people and organizations to join in their celebration. There have been a number of items discussed at our Board meetings that can dovetail very nicely with the Planning Committee's query of how FHAW might help or be involved.

1. We have been discussing the possibility of expanding our FHAW display and the pictures that go with it. There are two things some of you may be interested in working on.
  - A. We can use any amount of quality pictures with information about them. These are used on the boards in our display kit and are changed with the event.
  - B. We have been discussing getting two or three more display kits which we would then locate in strategic areas of the state. This would allow easier access to the displays for those wishing to use them in different regions of the state. Also, having multiple exhibits would allow FHAW members to display them at multiple events on the same day.
2. We have not set the annual meeting location for 2004 yet. We can use it to join in the celebration of the states Forestry Centennial. One suggestion for the meeting place is the Wade house near Fond du Lac where an operating old time water saw is located. The second possibility is in the Forest Products Lab in Madison. Interestingly enough the Forest Products Lab will be 100 years old within the decade too.
3. The ever present other.

So, what does this mean to you? Well I'm hoping this will stir up something in your mind of how you could be involved. The interesting thing about these kinds of projects is that they usually take just one person to catch fire and one more to help along and suddenly there is a team working on it. When it happens the satisfaction is a thing to be cherished.

IF AN IDEA OR DESIRE HAPPENS FOR YOU, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH ME OR ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. You can be sure we will appreciate it and I know many of the people in this state will as well.

JUST ONE LAST THOUGHT ON THAT "EVER PRESENT OTHER." This project doesn't have to be a big statewide thing. It could be something done in your community. Just keep us informed so FHAW and the State Division of Forestry can appreciate it too. Don't hesitate 2004 is not that far off!

Miles Benson,  
FHAW President



## **Board of Directors' Update**

### **☞ Minutes of the November 1, 2002 Meeting**

#### **Call to Order**

President Miles Benson convened the meeting at 10 A.M. in the Shawano County Courthouse. Directors present included Albrecht, Baumann, Benson, Brisson, Cline, Einspahr, Lambrecht and Rohe. Also present was Robert Walkner, host of the 2003 Annual Meeting. Cline reported that Director Harm is recovering from surgery and unable to attend. Grosman e-mailed that he would be out of state and unable to attend. Kortenhof sent a written report and was not able to attend.

#### **Minutes of the August 1, 2002 Meeting**

President Benson asked for corrections or additions to the minutes as recorded by Bob Brisson, published in *Chips & Sawdust*, and distributed. None forthcoming, the minutes were allowed to stand as published on motion by Einspahr and support by Lambrecht, all in favor.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Albrecht presented a report for the period July 1, 2002 to November 1, 2002. He explained details of the report showing operating receipts of

\$5,752 and expenses of \$2,385 with cash assets of \$40,665 at the end of the period. Albrecht noted \$10,000 has been invested in certificates of deposit recently. Revenue from sales of the book, *Ghosts of the Forest* was \$17,805 less expenses of \$1,118 to date. He informed the group that sales tax of about \$800 is due to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. A motion by Baumann, supported by Lambrecht, to accept the treasurers report was approved, all in favor.

### **Secretaries Report**

Secretary Brisson reported having requests for member identification cards to be used for admission to State Historical Society sites. Benson will try to develop a card. John Cline asked if FHAW could make logo caps available to members. Dean Einspahr will investigate possibilities for purchasing caps and report at the next board meeting.

### **Election of Officers**

Chair Benson called for nominations for Treasurer; Dean Einspahr nominated Tom Albrecht. Albrecht was elected without opposition on voice vote. Chair Benson called for nominations for Secretary; Don Lambrecht nominated Bob Brisson. Brisson was elected without opposition on voice vote.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Annual Meeting**

Rohe requested that a special table be set for Distinguished Service Award recipients and FHAW officers. Einspahr suggested that the best articles be published in the *Proceedings* and others be summarized in *Chips & Sawdust*. Lambrecht suggested FHAW purchase a portable sound amplifier system and remote microphone that could be used on tours and at the meeting podium. Grosman has agreed to look at the tour and meeting sites and arrange for equipment.

### **2003 - Two Rivers**

Chair Bob Walkner reported the dates will be September 12-13 or 19-20 at the Washington House Museum. The tour may include the Hamilton Wood Type Museum, Point Beach State Forest, Pine Crest Village, Eggers Industries, and the Manitowoc School Forest. The meeting may include presentations on Point Beach, Eggers Industries, the Engine Company, and the Christmas Tree Ship.

### **Archivist**

Benson suggested a four volume set of the *Early Loggers in Minnesota* publications be placed in the FHAW archives. Brisson is to get them to the archive or to Archivist Shrake.

### **Auction**

Albrecht reported all funds were accounted for and the auction netted \$780.

### **Publications**

Kortenhof's report indicated an issue of *Chips & Sawdust* would be out soon and that articles submitted should include date source and author information. Kortenhof reported the *2002 Proceedings* were in preparation with several articles yet to be received. Benson suggested the publications be maintained at a high quality to attract professional historians to membership.

### **Distinguished Service Awards**

Chair Randy Rohe requested nominations for the 2002-2003 DSA awards. Randy suggested the following nominees: John Berg and State Historical Society of Wisconsin for the Greenbush sawmill reconstruction project.

### **Exhibits**

Albrecht reported the exhibits are stored at the WDNR in Shawano and available for events.

### **Forestry Hall of Fame**

Chair Don Lambrecht reported that the deadline for nominations is April. Rohe suggested Increase Lapham if he is not already in and if he meets the qualifications for membership. A Motion by Albrecht, supported by Baumann for FHAW to nominate Lapham was carried, all in favor.

### **Membership**

Brisson reported the membership is at an all time low of 162. Einspahr reported that on 10/28 he had sent letters to 52 Wisconsin businesses soliciting membership.

### **Scholarship**

Brisson reported that a chair is needed for the committee.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

## **Annual Meeting 2004**

Options suggested were:

- ◆ Wade House Historical Site, Greenbush
- ◆ US Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Forestry Division centennial

## **By- Laws**

Chair Benson suggested the by-laws need changes to conform to current operations.

### **Article II, Section 2**

A motion by Lambrecht, supported by Cline, is to have the by-law state "Term of office shall be two (2) years; five (5) directors shall be elected in alternate years and five (5) in alternate years." Motion carried, all voting aye.

### **Article III, Section 7**

A motion was made by Lambrecht, supported by Baumann, to add "The President, Secretary and Treasurer may serve as an Executive Committee to decide to invest and reinvest funds of the Corporation." Motion carried, all voting aye.

### **Article V**

A motion by Albrecht, supported by Baumann, is to have the by-law state "Amendments to the By-Laws may be adopted either by the members or the Board of Directors, but no By-Law adopted by the members shall be amended or repealed by the directors. Any By-Law adopted by the Board of Directors shall be subject to amendment or repeal by the members as well as by the directors."

Motion carried, all voting aye.

## **Web Site**

Rohe reported he would explore possibilities with UW-Waukesha for establishing a FHAW site.

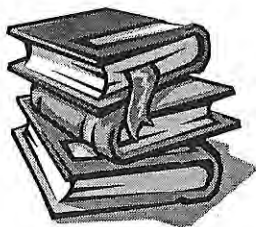
## **Next Meeting**

By consensus the next meeting was set for May 9th in Wausau at the Wausau Fire Hall.

## **Adjournment**

A motion by Einspahr, supported by Baumann, to adjourn was approved at 1:50 PM.





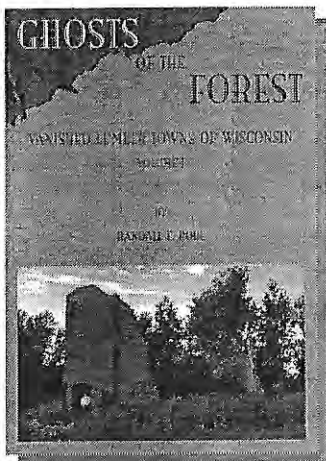
## Forest History Books of Note

### ***Ghosts of the Forest* Wins State Historical Society Award**

On November 2, 2002, the Wisconsin State Historical Society awarded Randall Rohe one of five Local History Awards of Merit for *Ghosts of the Forests: Vanished Lumber Towns of Wisconsin*.

The following is excerpted from the award citation.

*Ghosts of the Forest* presents the growth and virtual disappearance of fourteen lumber towns in a thoroughly researched, carefully documented, and highly engaging story. Each chapter profiles a town or group of towns beginning with the building of a lumber mill and the development of railroads, stores, hotels and other economic activities. Yet, Randall helps the reader understand that companies may establish towns but people make them communities. He recounts the schools, churches, fraternal organizations and social activities that brought these towns to life. In *Ghosts of the Forest*, Randall carried the story further to the mill closings



and depopulation that rapidly drained the life of many lumber towns away. The arc of the complex story is richly illustrated through photographs covering an entire range of scenes from homes under construction in Shanagolden in 1903 to the ruins of the Kneeland-McClurg sawmill in 1986, from the Heineman School picnic in 1908 to the abandoned cemetery at Parrish today. A useful appendix even provides directions for visiting the sites of abandoned lumber towns. Through 328 fascinating pages of text, photographs, illustrations and notes, all concluded with a thorough index, readers learn that few questions are more interesting than "What happened?"

as told in *Ghosts of the Forest: Vanished Lumber Towns of Wisconsin* by Randall Rohe.

The Wisconsin Historical Society is very pleased to present this local history Award of Merit to Randall Rohe for his outstanding book *Ghosts of the Forest: Vanished Lumber Towns of Wisconsin*.

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FOREST ORDER  
FORM ON PAGE 15!**



## **Hodag Press Books Highlight Northern Wisconsin Logging History**

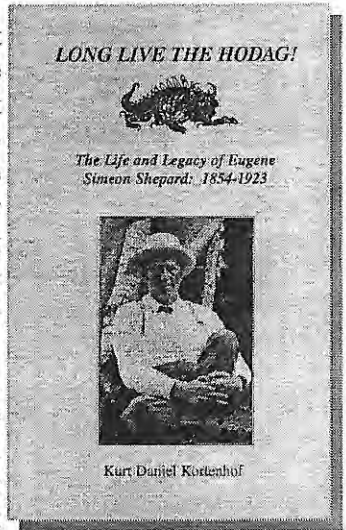
In addition to serving as the publication editor for the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, I have also written and published two books focusing on Wisconsin logging history. Both books are published under the Hodag Press label, a company I developed to write, produce and distribute regional historical publications. Through a special arrangement with the FHAW, I am happy to offer the books for sale to our members. Under an agreement with the FHAW Board of Directors, 30% of every sale resulting from this advertisement will go to support the activities of the FHAW. Please review the book overviews on the following page. If you are interested in ordering either or both of the books refer to the HODAG PRESS—FHAW order form on page 14. We also suggest you take this Hodag Press information along with the *Ghosts of the Forest* information (Award announcement, page 7-8; order form, page 15) to your local school or public library to inquire if they might be interested in the publications.

**HODAG PRESS-  
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Kurt Kortenhof  
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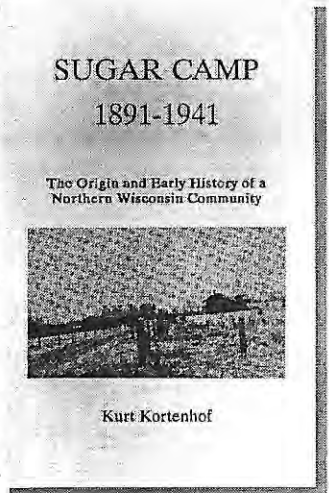
***Long Live the Hodag! The Life and Legacy of Eugene Simeon Shepard: 1854-1923.*** 1996. 160 pages, illustrations, footnotes, bibliography. ISBN: 0-9653745-0-5. (soft cover, \$12; hardcover, \$32)

Eugene Shepard's most notable accomplishment was his 1896 capture and popularization of the Rhinelander Hodag - a fictional lizard-like beast born of the lumber camps and employed to promote the city. Today, over 100 years later, the Hodag is Rhinelander's high school mascot, city symbol and most prized tourist-attracting peculiarity. This account of the Hodag and its creator highlights numerous aspects of turn-of-century Wisconsin logging history, including: timber cruising, land speculation, lumberjack lore, community boosterism and development, the rise and decline of the lumber industry in northern Wisconsin, Eugene Shepard's intriguing personality and the wonderful story of the Hodag and the legacy it left behind.



***Sugar Camp 1891-1941: The Origin and Early History of a Northern Wisconsin Community.*** 1993. 97 pages, illustrations, endnotes, bibliography. ISBN: 0-9653745-1-3. (soft cover, \$10; hardcover, \$30)

The northern Wisconsin community of Sugar Camp bisects the portion of State Highway 17 that connects Rhinelander to Eagle River. The community was initially known as Robbins, honoring a Rhinelander-based lumber baron responsible for establishing the Robbins Railroad which serviced Robbins and Brown Brothers logging camps throughout the area around the turn of the 20th century. This is a representative study of a WI community developed by the lumber industry and details the logging operations of Robbins, Brown Brothers, and Thunder Lake lumber companies, the intriguing relationship between a community and the narrow gauge railroad that gave it life, and the struggle of "farming the cutover."





## News and Announcements

### **FHAW Members and the City of Oconto Enjoyed 2002 Annual Meeting**

The FHAW received the following letter and press release from Dick Doeren, a FHAW member who assisted Carl Krog in organizing the Oconto Annual meeting. FHAW thanks Carl, Dick and everyone else who put on such an enjoyable meeting!

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October 12, 2002  
Mr. Miles Benson, President  
Forest History Association of Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Benson:

On behalf of all of us from the city of Oconto we would like to thank you, your fine organization, and its members for selecting Oconto for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of FHAW.

We heard many enthusiastic comments on the FHAW two-day event in Oconto. We would be honored and more than happy to host any future FHAW events. Please feel free to contact us at any time if we can be of service to you and the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Inc.

Sincerely,

Dick Doeren  
Program Planning Committee

## NEWS RELEASE

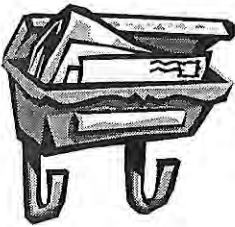
**RELEASE DATE:** October 14, 2002

Recently the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, Inc. held their 27th Annual Meeting in Oconto. We would like to thank the community of Oconto for the warm welcome extended to the FHAW members and guests during their two-day visit.

Over 60 people were in attendance from Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. The bus tour included guided tours of the Sentinel Structures Corporation, the Peshtigo Fire Museum and Randy Rohe gave a history of Peshtigo Harbor. An afternoon trip to the historic Arndt sawmill archeological dig site in Pensaukee with Monette Bebow Reinhard, Pete Stark and Richard Doeren explaining the mill site complex. A tour of Beyer Home Museum in Oconto, the West Main Street Historic District and other points of interest completed the day.

Day two was spent at the Oconto Elks Club. Miles Benson, President, FHAW began the day with a welcome; Dr. Thomas Pleger, archeologist, UW-Fox Valley spoke on the Indian Copper Culture in the Oconto area; Richard Doeren, Pete Stark and Monette Rebow Reinhard presented information on the archeological findings from the John Arndt Sawmill site in Pensaukee; Dianne Nichols re-enacted a young wife and mother from the Peshtigo Fire; Laurie DeWitt Davidson spoke on the Holt family - Remembrance of Times Past; and Donnie DeWitt presented a study of the lumbering railroads and dams built during the early lumbering days in northeastern Wisconsin. A breakfast, lunch and dinner was served by Brothers Three, Ron Piche and staff.

Randy Rohe, VP, FHAW presented a Distinguished Service Award to Bruce Mommaerts of Oconto County Economic Development Corp. Doug DeWitt spoke of his boyhood memories on his Grandfather Holts lumber camps while sharing family movies taken at these camp sites. An annual meeting was followed by an auction of historical forest artifacts, books and memorabilia. The day ended with a re-enactment of the hard life of a lumberjack given by William Kamke.



## Member Correspondence

### **Logging Photos, County Plat Books, Maps, etc... for Sale**

Ray Clark, long-time FHAW member and past editor of this publication, is selling a 25-year old collection of logging photos. The collection includes: 120 old postcards, 60 old photographs, 30 prints from *Harpers Weekly* - (late 1800s). Also for sale are plat books from Oconto, Manitowoc, Marinette, Gates (Rusk), Menominee (MI) counties; Wisconsin Historical Atlases from 1878 and 1881; other Wisconsin maps, log books, and miscellaneous materials some pertaining to railroads. If interested, please call Ray Clark at 920/822-2004 or write him at:

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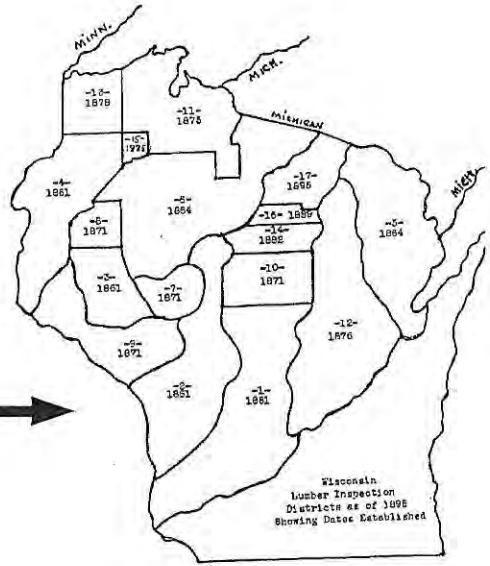
### **Member seeks information on Logging Inspection Districts and Log Marks**

Paul Brenner is seeking information on Logging Inspection District boundaries and headquarters for the districts illustrated in Howard Peddlers book, *Wisconsin Log Marks*. If anyone has information on the districts identified in the following three maps reproduced from Peddler's book, please contact Paul. On a related note, Paul has been indexing Wisconsin log marks and is interested in any log mark information members might have. Additionally, he already has a lot of marks indexed so he can help members identify log marks they may have. Paul can be reached at:

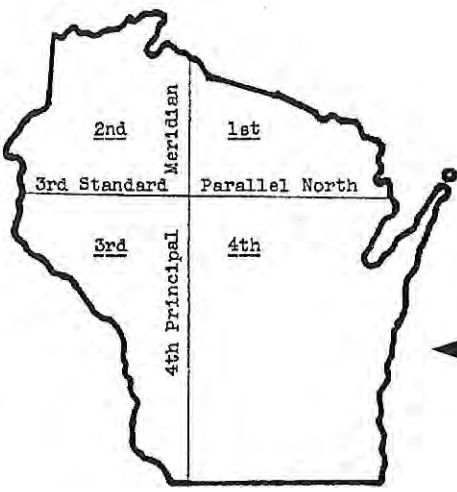
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**Map 1:** Showing boundaries of the four original Wisconsin Lumber Inspection Districts 1861-1864



**Map 2:** Wisconsin Lumber Inspection Districts as of 1895, showing dates established



**Map 3:** Wisconsin Lumber Inspection Districts 1919-1927, showing boundaries of the last four districts.

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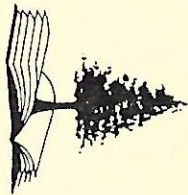
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