

Zoe Panchen is a horticulturist and botanist with a special interest in woody plants and the timing of leaf out and flowering. She has a diploma in horticulture from Algonquin College, a Masters in Public Horticulture through Longwood Gardens graduate program and a PhD in Biology from Carleton University. Her love of woody plants stems from her horticulture diploma, where the Arboretum served as the class room to learn the identification and culture of woody plants. Zoe has been recording the leaf out times of over 150 tree, shrub and vine species at the Arboretum for the past six years and has collaborated with researchers around the world studying the leaf out times of woody plant species.

Ken Farr is Manager, Science Integration at NRCan. He has been active in the arboretum for over twenty years, including for production of Canadian Forest Service publications such *Trees in Canada* (several of the tree photos in that text were taken in the arboretum) and more recently, for photographic content in the CFS mobile phone app MyTree. Additionally, he taught horticulture and arboriculture at Algonquin College for twelve years and the arboretum was the primary teaching site.

Diane Lepage is very grateful that her parents introduced their children to the beauty and wonder of the natural world. Her family spent hours exploring Carlsbad Springs and searching for winged creatures in the open spaces around the Ottawa Airport and Mer Bleue. Diane is known as the champion for the Butterfly Meadow at Fletcher Wildlife Garden. She is a skilled nature photographer and has published a five-year study of moths of the Larose Forest. She received the OFNC's Anne Hanes Natural History Award in 2012.

Henri Goulet has worked on wasps and sawflies with Agriculture Canada from 1978 to 2011, and as an Honorary Research Associate since then. His primary interest has been in the ecology and biology of ground beetles. His undergraduate work was at MacDonald College and a Masters and Ph.D. from the University of Alberta. He has a love for all aspects of the natural world, being a naturalist for over half a century.

Chris Schmidt is a research scientist with Agriculture and Agri-food Canada. His current research focus is on taxonomy and systematics of cutworm moths and their relatives, with interests and expertise in Lepidoptera diagnostics, ecology, faunal inventories and conservation.

Robert Glendinning has worked with Agriculture Canada in the Arboretum for the past 12 years. While he finds himself involved in everything from tree removal/pruning to data management, his passion is the propagation of trees and shrubs. The result is evident in the nursery and growing new plants, essential to renew the ever-changing tree inventory, and made possible through connections with other arboreta, botanical garden and committed individuals.

Roman Popadiouk was born in the Ukraine, has a Ph.D. in Forest Ecology from Moscow University and a Master's Degree in Forestry from L'vov Institute of Forestry Engineering, Ukraine. He began research and writing on trees in the Arboretum, leading to the book "For the Love of Trees" for the Friends of the Farm. He has led many guided tours of the Arboretum.

Owen Clarkin grew up near Russell Ontario, and has been studying the trees of Eastern Ontario as a dedicated amateur since the age of 4. Since finishing a terminal degree in the natural sciences in 2012, he is more seriously exploring topics in tree identification and ecology from an Eastern Ontario perspective, together with a core group of colleagues. In addition to leading public nature hikes, Owen regularly contributes to local and worldwide plant identification forums on social media.

Michael Rosen is the President of Tree Canada - a national, charitable organization committed to *Growing Better Places to Live*. Michael led Tree Canada's transition to private sector support in 2007 and successfully advocated for a *National Tree Day* for Canada in 2011. Previously, he was a Stewardship Coordinator and Forester with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. As a summer student he worked for the NCC treating trees along the drives (including Experimental Farm Dr.) of Ottawa for Dutch elm disease. He presently serves on the Boards of a number of organizations and presents and writes on various topics related to urban forests, carbon and trees and forest history. He has a B.A. in History from Trent University, a B.Sc.F. from the University of Toronto and a Diploma in the Ontario Advanced Forestry Program from U of T and Lakehead University.

Ramin Izadpanah is an award-winning photographer in Ottawa, specializing in landscape and nature pictures. He relishes the time spent outdoors in nature. Among other prizes, he has won Canadian Geographic's 2015 Landscape Category and 2016 Flora-and-Fauna Category prizes. He also teaches photography at the Ottawa School of Art.

Eric Jones is the Past President of Friends of the Farm. He's also involved with the Friends' Arboretum Team and related activities. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto's former Forestry program specializing in wood science, and worked for the Canadian Wood Council as the Vice President of Codes and Engineering.

Bettina Henkelman is an ISA certified arborist and Tree Risk Hazard Assessor, and a qualified Butternut Health Assessor (a Species at Risk). She grew her life-long experience and interest while providing hands-on care for trees as a Landscape/Horticulturist for places like the Experimental Farm, the Governor General's Residence, Sheridan Nurseries, and as a Park Ranger in B.C. Currently, she uses this experience preparing Urban Forestry Plans and tree protection and compensation plans for major projects.