

Girvan Harrison, CFT, RPF

Girvan Harrison was born in Westville, Nova Scotia. His career includes work in surveying, forestry consulting services, Crown land management, and most recently, as an instructor at the Maritime College of Forest Technology, formerly the Maritime Forest Ranger School (MFRS).

Girvan graduated from MFRS in 1980. He returned there as an instructor in 1988. During his term there, Girvan made an indelible mark in the hearts and minds of his many students while providing them with the skills necessary to build fine careers.

Girvan is a credit to the forestry profession. In professional and private life, he demonstrates what a technician can become through dedication and determination. His wisdom, leadership, and hard work over the years have not gone unnoticed. Distinctions he has received include the C.I.F. "Tree of Life" Award, the "Council of Eastern North American Forestry Technician Schools Graduate Forestry Technician Achievement Award", the NB Forest Technicians Association (NBFTA) 2002 "Technician of the Year" award, the NS Forest Technicians Association (NSFTA) 2003, "Technician of the Year" award, and the Lester B. Pearson Poetry contest First Place Award. Girvan is a gifted and celebrated author with such works as "Out Roddies Way" and "So Ya Wanna Be A Ranger?" to his credit.

Girvan is one of the founding members of the NBFTA and has served as president for the NBFTA and NSFTA. Girvan also was successful in achieving his RPF status in 1991.

"Girv" is known to his countless friends as a patient, caring and devoted friend. Those who know him well wonder what is more important to this kind man – people or trees. He is known to accomplish great things by paying attention to little things. His knowledge in forest silvics has earned him the reputation as an expert in his field.

Girvan currently resides in Gagetown, NB with his wife Marie. They have two daughters, Heather and Jena.

The people and the forest that have the benefit of Girvan Harrison's friendship are richer for the encounter!