



CommuniTreeLink

Connecting people with resources to help them improve their Community Forests



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3-8, 2006

Arbor Week in Oregon

How is your community planning to observe Arbor Week? Check out the Oregon Arbor Week website at www.arborday.org/oregon for ideas.

April 24-27, 2006

WRPA/ORPA Joint Conference, Vancouver, WA

Over 50 educational sessions are available to park and recreation professionals in the Northwest. Visit www.orpa.org for more details.

May 18-19, 2006

PNW Community Trees Conference, Anchorage, AK

Every two years, urban forestry enthusiasts in the Pacific Northwest gather to share knowledge and expertise. This year's featured speaker is noted landscape architect James Urban. Event registration materials are now available on the web at www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry

June 1, 2006

Annual Oregon Urban Forestry Conference, Salem

This year, the state's annual urban forestry conference moves from March to June. The theme will be **Essential Tools for Growing Your City: Urban Forestry Management Plans and Inventories**. Registration materials will be available this spring at www.oregoncommunitytrees.org

August 24-26, 2006

Farwest Show, Portland.

One of the largest nursery trade shows in the US, this event also includes educational programs from a variety of green industry professionals. Visit www.farwestshow.com for a registration form and more details.

From The Editors

How much are volunteer hours worth? Many city community forestry programs use volunteers to help plant trees, as members of city tree boards or advisory committees, and in other supporting roles. A national group called The Independent Sector (www.independentsector.org) provides a value for volunteer time based on data from the previous year. For 2006, they value volunteer time at \$18.04 per hour. If your city is a Tree City, you can count the time donated by volunteers as part of meeting your \$2 per capita requirement. Even if you aren't a Tree City, take a moment to thank your citizens and volunteers who help make your city livable through planting or caring for trees.

Bud Breaking News

Call For Arbor Week Activities

Oregon Arbor Week 2006 will be celebrated from Sunday, April 2 to Saturday, April 8. Once again, Oregon will have a website that lists anything and everything that will take place in Oregon in preparation for Arbor Week, and in celebration of Arbor Week or National Arbor Day on April 29. The webpage can be found at www.arborday.org/oregon. If you have events or activities to list on this page, please send the information to gail@oregoncommunitytrees.org as soon as possible. Please include the who, what, where, when, and why information in no more than several sentences. List a contact phone number or address for more information. If you have any questions about the list, contact Gail Gredler at 503-580-2960.

Forest Industry Directory Can Help You With Urban Wood Issues

What does your city do with the wood from public trees that have to be removed? Rather than cutting it up as firewood, have you considered selling the logs? Large logs of common species like Douglas-fir, or even small logs of more unusual species are candidates to be used by woodworkers, artisans, and even furniture makers. But where do you connect with people who could use your wood? That is where a new online wood products directory comes in. The Oregon Forest Industry Directory (OFID) at www.orforestdirectory.com contains nearly 1,600 listings for all sectors of Oregon's forest industry including sawmills (large and small), cabinet and furniture makers, small woodland owners and others. Users can search the directory by any combination of company name, county (or region), species used, products purchased, products produced, residue (chips, bark, etc.) available or services provided. And now, a new category has been added for people looking to buy or sell urban wood. To find a custom sawyer, search for "Services = Custom Sawing" (you might also find such firms under "Equipment = Sawmill, portable"). Firms that have listed themselves as purchasers of urban wood can be found by searching "Products Purchased = Urban Wood." The directory is a joint project of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, the Oregon State University Forestry Extension and the Northwest Wood Products Association, with funding from the Oregon Forest Resources Institute.

Forestry Education Resources

The Oregon Forest Resources Institute has a variety of forestry education materials available for teachers and environmental educators. Check out their materials at: http://www.oregonforests.org/media/pdf/Teacher_Spring_06.htm

Quotable Quotes

"I like trees because the seem more resigned to the way they have to live than other things do."

- Willa Cather

Urban Forestry by the Numbers:

\$147.8 Billion:

The economic impacts of the environmental horticulture industry in the entire US during 2002

From: Economic Impacts of the Green Industry in the United States, found online at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/FE566>

Do you have an interesting number to share that reflects the value of trees to our cities? Send it to the editors and you might see it in a future issue.

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A New Event - Oregon Wood Fest

The Oregon Wood Fest will be held Saturday, May 6, 2006 at the World Forestry Center Discovery Museum. Come experience family-oriented, hands on Wood Magic activities, watch members of the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers demonstrate their work, and see the all wood 1932 Ford Roadster from Andersen Wood Company. Free admission. For more information please visit www.worldforestrycenter.org.

Resources You Can Use

New Ponderosa Pine Advice For Central Oregon

Large, healthy ponderosa pines are an asset to both homes and businesses. How to keep your ponderosa pine trees healthy? A new handout, "Maintaining Hazard-Resistant Ponderosa Pine Trees," is now available on the Oregon Department of Forestry's (ODF) web site. Topics in the flyer include tips for care of trees on new home lots or subdivisions, planting young trees and selecting sites for planting, and instructions on properly assessing the condition of your tree following a storm. To get a copy, go to: http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/URBAN_FORESTS/ucf_publications.shtml

A Practical Guide to Oak Release

For cities interested in managing their Oregon White Oak stands in parks or natural areas, this new publication should be of some assistance. Download a copy at this link: http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/pubs/pnw_gtr666.pdf

Soil Information Web Site

The Natural Resources Conservation Service recently developed a new soils web site that is more user friendly and has additional information. Visit the site at: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>

CD ROMs Containing Tree Information

The International Society of Arboriculture has a number of CD-ROMs containing the latest ideas and best management practices for tree selection, tree pruning, safety, and other topics. A new feature of ISA's website is that you can now test drive the new CD ROMs! To view a sample of these training materials, visit <http://www.isa-arbor.com/publications/CDDemos.aspx>

Did You Know....?

Hillsboro Tree Inventory Featured In National Publication

Doug Miller, planner for the city of Hillsboro, reports that an article about his city's tree inventory project recently made national news. This project was funded by a grant from ODF and the USDA Forest Service. The article appeared in the print and online versions of ArcNews, and can be viewed at: <http://www.esri.com/news/arcnews/winter0506/articles/4h-clubs.html>

Do You Have Something To Share?

If you have a success story or an interesting piece of tree news in your city, send it in to the ODF Urban Forestry Staff. We are always looking to highlight successful urban and community stories or projects. We are often asked for success stories and feedback about our program for regional and national reports, so send something in for your city's 15 seconds of tree fame.