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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 21-23, 2003

The 2003 Farwest Show, Oregon Convention Center, Portland. This annual nursery trade show features an expanded format this year, including a new exhibit hall, seminars, and more exhibitors, thanks to completion of construction of the Oregon Convention Center. Show hours are noon-6 p.m. daily. More details are available on the show website at www.farwestshow.com or by calling OAN at (800) 342-6401.

September 17-20, 2003

The National Urban Forestry Conference, San Antonio, Texas. The theme of this year's conference is "Engineering Green", and this event always attracts top-notch national speakers. More information on this event is available at www.americanforests.org/conference/.

September 29 - October 1, 2003
Building for Greener Communities National Conference, Arbor Day Farm, Nebraska City, NE. Formerly the "Building with Trees" conference, this conference will focus on preservation, protection, enhancement and management of natural and man-made environments. For more information contact NADF at <http://www.arborday.org> or call 402/474-5655.

October 6-8, 2003

The PNW-ISA Annual Training Conference, Sunriver. The theme of this year's conference is "The Power of Trees", and features many well-known speakers. The event includes a field day, tree academy, and indoor sessions. More information is available online at www.pnwisa.org/conference.html or by calling 503/874-8263.

From The Editors

Summer is in full swing, so for many of us in urban forestry things begin to slow down after a hectic spring. Summer is a good time to evaluate your tree planting plans for fall and winter, and make some trips out to local nurseries. Last month, several of us toured the J. Frank Schmidt Nursery in Boring. Keith Warren gave us some great insights into nursery production and new cultivars. You can find out more about what is hot in the nursery market by attending the Far-West Show (details in our calendar sidebar), and if you logon to the website you can even get a free trade show floor pass. Don't miss it. - Paul

Bud Breaking News

Continuing Education Scholarships Awarded

The ODF Urban and Community Forestry Program and the USDA Forest Service are pleased to offer scholarship grants to cities and non-profit groups to help cover the cost to attend urban forestry training sessions scheduled in 2003. The recipients for scholarships to the National Urban Forestry Conference being held September 17-20 in San Antonio, TX are Jane Foreman and Rachel Sanchez from Friends of Trees, Peter Gutowsky from the City of Salem, and Rob Crouch of the City of Portland. The recipients of scholarships to the PNW-ISA Annual Training Conference being held October 6-8 in Sunriver, are Anil Devnani and Chad Honl from Friends of Trees, and Matt Stine of the City of Tigard.

Greg Paulson (aka the LORAX) Retires From LBCC

Longtime Horticulture Instructor Greg Paulson of Linn-Benton Community College retired at the end of the school year. Greg has been a friend and mentor to many arborists and urban foresters in the Northwest, as well as an active contributor to Oregon Community Trees, PNW-ISA, and local community forestry efforts in Albany and Corvallis. He also received the OCT Lifetime Achievement Award this past year. On June 13, many of his friends and colleagues "roasted" him at a picnic in Corvallis. A scholarship has been established in Greg's name at the Linn Benton Community College Foundation. To contribute, contact LBCC at <http://www.lbcc.cc.or.us/foundation/> or (541) 917-4209.

Resources You Can Use

How to Make Your City Park System Great

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) has released a report on the nation's park systems, "The Excellent City Park System: What Makes it Great, and How to Get There." The report focuses on park funding and acreage in 55 cities and includes the measures of park excellence, called "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Park Systems." For more information on this report or to get a copy, visit http://www.tpl.org/tier3_cd.cfm?content_item_id=11428&folder_id=175

Free to A Good Home

The ODF Urban Forestry Staff has about a dozen copies of "Compatible Tree Factsheets for Electric Lines and Restricted Spaces." This full color publication lists trees suitable for planting under powerlines, and includes photographs and technical information designed to help you make the right tree choices. Send an email request to urbanforestry@odf.state.or.us and we will put one in the mail to you. Limit one per city please.

Quotable Quotes

"To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people, we must have trees."

Theodore Roosevelt

Urban Forestry By the Numbers:

\$60

The annual value a large 40 year-old tree pays back to tax payers and homeowners in cities in eastern Oregon

From: *Northern Mountain and Prairie Tree Guide: Benefits, Costs and Strategic Planting*, by the Center For Urban Forest Research. Contact Katie Kause at kkause@odf.state.or.us or 541/447-5658 to get a copy.

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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Trees and Fertilization Publication Available

The International Society of Arboriculture has published the proceedings from an International Conference on Tree and Shrub Fertilization. Retail Price: \$30.00; ISA Member Price: \$25.00; Call 1-888-ISA-TREE to order.

Does Your City's Parking Lots Help Manage Stormwater?

The city of Sacramento, CA has developed design specs for parking lot shading and stormwater retention design. A copy of the report can be found online at http://www.cityofsacramento.org/planning/longrange/shading_guide.pdf, but note that the tree species list may not be suitable for your corner of Oregon.

Tree Replacement and Tree Care Education Grant Funds Still Available

ODF is offering a Hazard Tree Mitigation Grant Program in cooperation with the Oregon office of Emergency Management (OEM) and FEMA. For 2003-2004, up to \$90,000 in 75%-25% matching grants are available in **Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Linn, and Lane counties**. Eligible projects will be a) educational efforts, and b) tree removal and replacement under powerlines. Applications for these mitigation grants are available from the ODF-UCF website at www.odf.state.or.us/forestlandowners.

Did You Know....?

Tree Crimes Don't Pay

A Bellevue, WA couple has agreed to pay that city \$150,000 and publicly apologize for cutting 26 trees along a public trail, hoping to enhance the view from their hillside home. The couple must also put in 32 hours to "personally assist in restoration efforts" and admit to "unlawful cutting on city property" under the agreement. King County prosecutors declined to file criminal charges against the couple, saying civil penalties were adequate and would require the couple to pay a stiffer fine for what they did. Last June, the couple hired landscapers to top and severely prune 26 trees along a trail on city park property. An arborist valued the lost evergreen and deciduous trees at \$50,000 to \$70,000. See http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/128664_trees28.html for the complete story.

Which Comes First, the Root or the Sidewalk Crack?

Researchers from the Ohio State University and City of Cincinnati Park Board conducted a study of street trees in Cincinnati. The study included 600 trees, 20 years old or less. Four genera were observed: Quercus (oak), Koelreuteria (golden raintree), Zelkova (zelkova) and Gleditsia (honeylocust). All genera responded similarly. During the first 20 years at a site, tree roots are more likely to be found underneath a sidewalk crack than under an intact sidewalk. Of 351 sidewalk joints (designed failure points in sidewalk or an expansion joint), observed with **no roots**, 39% were intact and 61% were cracked. Of the 260 joints with roots, only 16.2 % were intact and 83.9% were cracked. The soil underneath cracked sidewalks showed a higher concentration of oxygen. This higher Oxygen concentration may contribute to root growth underneath sidewalks. (The full story is in the Journal of Arboriculture, Nov. 2002)

The ODF Urban Forestry Program Has A Summer Intern

Rena Peck joined the ODF staff for the summer as an intern working on the Hazard Mitigation projects funded through FEMA & OEM. Rena just graduated in June from Western Oregon University with a degree in Communications. She can be reached at rpeck@odf.state.or.us or 503/945-7367.

Your Story Is Waiting to Be Told!

The UCF staff is 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. If you have something interesting to share, send it to one of the staff and we might use it in an upcoming news release, newsletter story, or report.