



CommuniTreeLink

Connecting people with resources to help them improve their Community Forests

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 25-28, 2004

PNW Tree Symposium & Farwest Show, Portland. The Farwest Show is one of the largest nursery trade shows in the US. This year, the show will be preceded by a daylong symposium on tree selection which will include nursery tours. Featured speaker is Dr. Larry Costello of the University of California Extension. Larry will be joined by panels of local and regional green industry professionals to look at the various implications of tree selection. Visit www.farwestshow.com for a registration form and more details.

September 26-29, 2004

PNW-ISA Annual Training Conference, Coeur d'Alene, ID. "Trees: Connecting the Past, Present and Future" will be the theme of PNW-ISA's 25th Annual Conference. More information and a registration form is on the Chapter website at www.pnwisa.org

October 19-20, 2004

PNW Utility Vegetation Management Conference, Welches, OR. The topic of this year's event is Earth, Wind, Fire, and Power, focusing on how utilities deal with disasters. More information and a registration form will be posted in September at www.pnwisa.org

November 1, 2004

Deadline for 2005 ODF Community Forestry Assistance Grants.

November 1, 2004

Deadline for submitting applications for the 2005 Community Tree Management Institute.

November 1-2, 2004

Plant Health Care and Building With Trees Workshops, Portland. Cosponsored with National Arbor Day Foundation. Watch for more details soon.

December 10, 2004

Oregon Community Trees Board of Directors Meeting and Annual Members Meeting, Silverton. For more information contact Katie Kause at kkause@odf.state.or.us

From The Editors

Kristin Ramstad, Community Assistance Forester for western and southern Oregon, returned from maternity leave in June. Welcome back, Kristin! Cynthia Orlando is happy to be assisting ODF's Urban Forestry Program with a variety of publications and marketing projects. Cynthia joined the UCF staff on a part time basis in April. A graduate of Humboldt State University with a degree in Forestry, Cynthia's email address is corlando@odf.state.or.us Her phone number is 503-945-7421. Let us know how we can help you!

Bud Breaking News

CTMI 2005 Applications Now Available

The Oregon Department of Forestry and the Washington DNR will again offer our Community Tree Management Institute (CTMI) training next year. CTMI is a year-long crash-course in urban forest management for municipal employees who have tree related responsibilities. CTMI 2005 will consist of 9 instructional days spread out across 4 sessions from March to November. Tuition costs are \$495, which covers meals and lodging for two multi-day retreats, lunches at the other two sessions, and course materials. Registration forms for CTMI 2005 are now available from ODF UCF staff members.

NEW Invasive Species BMPs available

The Nature Conservancy has compiled, written, and summarized the best management practices for several common weeds in the Pacific Northwest, including Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*), English ivy (*Hedera helix*), and the knotweeds (*Polygonum* spp.). The development of these summaries was supported, in part, by Metro and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Greenspaces Program, and with help from other partners. They are available to download from <http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu>, along with information about other invasive species, including a new review for reed canarygrass (*Phalaris arundinacea*).

ODF Announces 2005 CFA Grant Program

The ODF Urban Forestry program, in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service, is offering up to \$50,000 in Community Forestry Assistance Grants. These are 50% matching grants, and volunteer time is an eligible form of match. Eligible projects include UCF program development, education, demonstration projects, and more. Application deadline is November 1, 2004. See your Community Assistance Forester for an application form.

Free Publication Available

For communities developing tree protection ordinances, OFRI's illustrated manual of Oregon's Protection Laws may be a handy resource. The Oregon Department of Forestry administers the state's forest protection rules, but will not do so within city limits if a community adopts an ordinance that conflicts with any part of the agency's responsibility. Thus, it is important for a community to know the reach of the state laws so that any locally-adopted tree protection ordinance can provide the same level or higher protection of natural resources as the Forest Practices rules. This manual is not a boring black and white document filled with legalese. It is a slick, colorful, wire-bound, easy-to-understand, question-answer format, illustrated manual, useful to anyone who need/wants to know more

Quotable Quotes

"Suburbia is where the developer bulldozes out the trees, then names the streets after them."

-- Bill Vaughan

Urban Forestry By the Numbers:

2.6

The number of **tons** of carbon dioxide removed annually by one acre of trees.

From: Fun Facts About Trees
<http://www.treesaregood.com/funfacts/funfacts.asp>

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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about the Forest Practices Act and how to manage forested land within Oregon. If you are interested in trees and forests in Oregon, both within and outside of cities, you will want to have a copy of this manual. To get a FREE copy of this manual, send your contact information to Ray Gress at rgress@odf.state.or.us

Resources You Can Use

Forestry Speakers Bureau

The Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) Speakers Bureau offers an outstanding 20-minute presentation on "Fire in Oregon's Forests" to community organizations and middle and high school classrooms statewide. Available speakers include Steve Fitzgerald and Mike Cloughesy, OFRI's Director of Forestry, plus a number of volunteers from the forestry community around the state. The presentation, illustrated with photos and graphs, explains why Oregon's forests are increasingly at risk of uncharacteristically intense fire, and it offers treatment options for making the state's forests more fire resilient. Speakers arranged through OFRI's Speakers Bureau have been delivering the fires presentation statewide. Organizations needing speakers can request this presentation by contacting Dave Odgers at OFRI at (503) 229-6718 Ext. 26 or via e-mail at odgers@ofri.com

Grant Program Directory Available

The Environmental Finance Center (EFC) at Boise State University has developed a database listing environmental grant programs in the Northwest. The EFC has conducted several activities that have focused on the financing issues associated with watershed restoration within the Pacific Northwest. At the heart of the EFC's efforts is providing watershed stakeholders with the information they need to make their own decisions. The goal is to assist local communities and watershed groups in finding creative funding solutions to support their own plans for environmental protection. To access the data for Oregon, visit <http://ssrc.boisestate.edu/searchmenu.asp> and sort for Oregon, for federal and state programs, or any other criteria.

Did You Know....?

Downloadable Urban Forestry Publications Are Available

The ODF urban forestry webpages (www.odf.state.or.us/UF) include a variety of downloadable urban forestry publications suitable for use in educating city councilors, the public, or people new to urban forestry. These materials can help you make the case for trees with community decision makers.

Oregon Community Trees Needs You

Oregon has a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting urban and community forestry. Oregon Community Trees (OCT) is a member organization representing all facets of the green industry, community organizations, and interested agencies and individuals. Membership is only \$30 for individuals, and group rates are also available at \$100 for 4 or more people. Visit the OCT website at www.oregoncommunitytrees.org for a membership form and join today. OCT also has "The Forest Where We Live" T-shirts available for purchase. Contact gail@oregoncommunitytrees.org for more information. Make your voice heard!

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.