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Spring Renewal

"Have you ever noticed a tree standing naked against the sky,
How beautiful it is?

All its branches are outlined, and in its nakedness
There is a poem, there is a song.

Every leaf is gone and it is waiting for the spring.

When the spring comes, it again fills the tree with

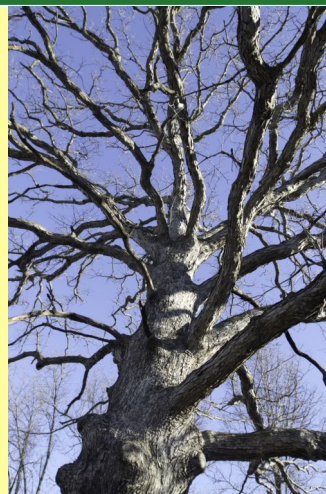
The music of many leaves,

Which in due season fall and are blown away.

And this is the way of life."

-Jiddu Krishnamurti

Spring is uplifting, even to pessimists like me. Flowers and leaves explode from their dormant buds. We concentrate on transplanting trees to new sites. A true expression of optimism for the future. People and wildlife become more active as the area begins growing.



This past year has been full of isolation, frustration, and depression for many. Unfortunately, many have lost loved ones. As the various COVID-19 vaccinations are utilized, we will be given more hope with the spring season and engage in even more outdoor activities than the upswing observed during the pandemic.

Trees play an important role in outdoor activities and you have the ability to influence where and how many trees may be planted and cared for in your community. Take the opportunity to encourage good choices for the location and keep the good feelings for decades to come by a properly selected, planted and cared for tree.

Missouri's Jim Rocca sums up the ability of trees to heal the human soul with his poem.

A GROVE OF TREES

Why is it that a grove of tall trees
Makes a person stop and look up in wonder?

Perhaps it's that...

A grove of trees is many things,
It's all in the eye of the beholder;
A resting place for those with wings,
A warming den as nights get colder.

Perhaps it's that...

A grove of trees has many ages
Of plants and animals in it;
The years pass by as turning pages,
Yet we are here for only a minute.

Perhaps it's that...

We fear the enemies of a grove of trees
That change with each passing day;
Bugs, so tiny, come with the breeze,
While disease and fire have their say.

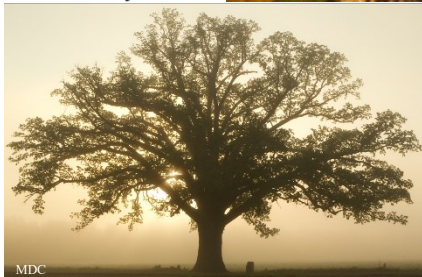
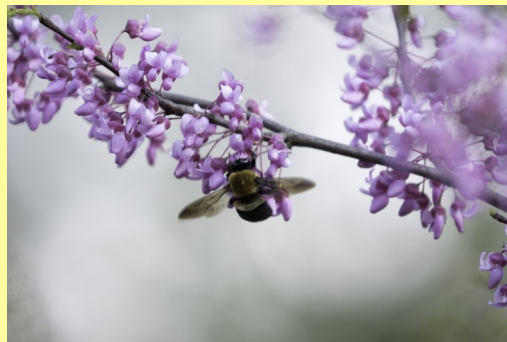
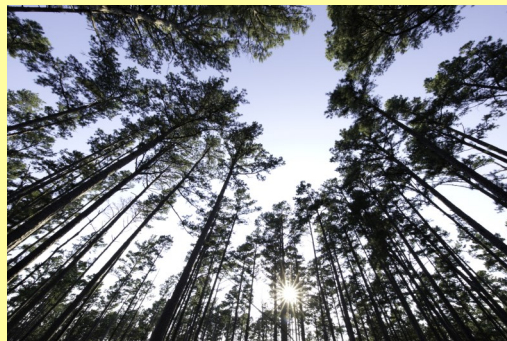
Perhaps it's that...

The moods of a grove of trees
Can be restful, quiet, or calm;
The beauty can bring men to their knees,
And the mystery can bring sweat to his palm.

Perhaps it's that...

The friends of a grove of trees
Are nature, animals, and man;
And we need to be sure that all of these,
Will continue doing the best they can.

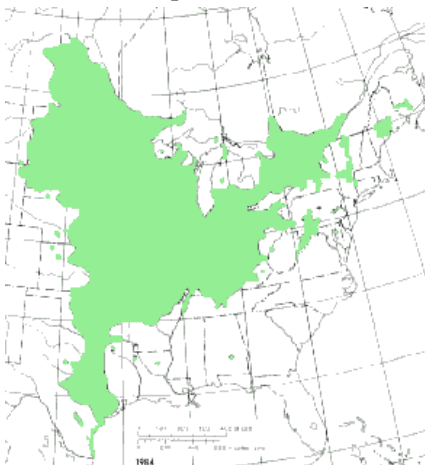
-James P. Rocca



bur oak

Quercus macrocarpa

Bur oak is a large tree with a mature height of 70 to 80 feet with a spread up to 100 feet. This tree is appropriate for medium to large yards, parks, and street side plantings with large boulevards. The specie does best on deep, rich, moist, well-drained soil but will grow almost anywhere. The huge size of mature trees are awe inspiring, providing a sense of timelessness in their presence. The leaves are variable in their shape depending on placement in the canopy. They can be deeply lobed to nearly no lobes present. The golf ball sized acorns are the only detrimental aspect of this tree.



Don't Prune Oak From April 1 to June 31

Oak wilt is easily transmitted by nitidulids during the spring. They are attracted to fresh wounds on oak to feed. Fungal spores that may be on their body is easily transferred to the wound.

Web Review - Urban Forestry Workshop Webinar Series

In fall of 2020, the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension held an online Urban Forestry Workshop webinar series. The separate topics have individual links and the handout material is found on the original registration site (<https://kenosha.extension.wisc.edu/horticulture/urban-forestry-training/>). Watch them at: Sept 25 – “Money Does Not Grow on Trees, or Does It?”, Dr. Laura Jull, <https://youtu.be/4T6FhbqGOYk>
Oct 2 – “Selecting Quality Trees: Don’t get caught with your plants down!”, Dr. Laura Jull, <https://youtu.be/kTj5ntCwqOo>
Oct 9 – “Managing a Mature Community Forest”, Dr. Rick Harper, <https://youtu.be/YMfbfngyR9s>
Oct 16 – “Gravel Bed Program”, Adam Alves, <https://youtu.be/h1CWuoreTDw>

Cold Damage Possible from February

The record and near record low temperatures in February have the potential to damage some plants. I have seen an abundance of hardiness zone 7 and higher plants used in our area. These should never have been used in our zone 6 environment. This puts them at risk of cold damage in any given year. The cold we had in February could also put some more exposed or unhardened off zone 6 plants at risk of damage.

What could you see? Some plants like crapemyrtle are known to die back to the ground when it cannot withstand the temperature. It depends on the specie and cultivar. Some evergreens will have “winter burn” - dessication of leaves. This could show up as discoloration, and leaf drop. Some will recover, some will not.

Trees without buds open, especially early bud openers like silver maple, fruit trees that are more sensitive to temperature ques than light ques could have leaf and flower damage in bud. This could show as failure to expand, wilting, leaves or flowers with dead patches, but functional. Some trees could have dieback of twigs.

I’m certain there may be other odd things that may show up, but keep this in mind when the calls come in for weird plant issues this year.

With the COVID-19 situation, all listed events may occur, be postponed, or cancelled depending on the host groups' decisions. Verify before going.

April 6, 13, 20, 27

ISA Southern Chapter Annual Conference - Virtual, 8 - 11 AM CT each day., Info and Register at: www.isasouthern.org/conference.

April 7 - 9

TCIA Executive Arborist Workshop, Milwaukee, WI, Info at: <https://eaw.tcia.org>.

April 10

ISA Certified Arborist, Utility Specialist, and Municipal Specialist Exam, O’Fallon, MO, Information at www.isa-arbor.com/Credentials/Exam-Information, Deadline March 24.

April 12, 27, May 6, 17, June 1, 15 (individual webinars)

TCIA CTSP Workshop, webinar, Info at www.tcia.org/TCIA/Education_Events/Education/TCIA_Credentialing_Programs/Certified_Treecare_Safety_Professional/About_CTSP.aspx.

April 14

Nursery Tree Production Techniques, webinar, Noon CT., Info and Register at: <https://experience.morrisarboretum.org/Info.aspx?EventID=31>.

April 17

ISA Certified Arborist, Utility Specialist, and Municipal Specialist Exam, Edwardsville, IL, Information at www.isa-arbor.com/Credentials/Exam-Information, Deadline April 1.

May 5

Tree Work Safety - Don't forget your feet!, webinar, Info at: www.tcia.org/TCIA/EVENTS/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=WEB21_ARB1.

May 20 - 25

2021 ASCA All Access Spring Conference, Tucson, AZ, Info at: www.asca-consultants.org/page/AnnualConference.

May 18 - 21

2021 ASCA’s Consulting Academy , Tucson, AZ, Info at: www.asca-consultants.org/page/ConsultingAcademy.

June 8

TRAQ Renewal Course- Bentonville, AR, Registration Required, information at: www.isasouthern.org/traq-events.

June 9 - 11

TRAQ Full Course- Bentonville, AR, Registration Required, information at: www.isasouthern.org/traq-events.

SWMCFC and Joplin MCFC meetings will be sporadic due the COVID-19 situation. Watch for individual emails announcing meetings as they occur.



APPRECIATION SONG

How nice of God to make this tree
With branch akimbo just for me,

And in the summer when it’s hot
To cast in shade this very spot,

Placing the trees so I can fly
Around and through them to the sky,

And offering all the fruits that shine
Scarlet and blue on bough and vine.

All this my Lord has done for me
Alone of all the beings that be.

- E.A. Hebb
Marianna, Florida

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