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Arbor Day

On January 4, 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed a tree-planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day" at a meeting of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture. The date was set for April 10, 1872. It is estimated that over one million trees were planted in Nebraska that day. Since that date, 131 years ago, Arbor Day has grown into an international celebration.

The first Friday in April is the official Arbor Day in Missouri, April 4, 2003, this year and National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April (April 25, 2003). This does not mean your community must celebrate Arbor Day then. Your community can set Arbor Day any day you prefer. Many communities hold ceremonies on Saturday's to maximize public attendance. Everyone is encouraged to celebrate this historic event whenever you choose.

There are several ways to celebrate Arbor Day. Of course the traditional way is to plant a tree, but you do not have to stop there. Arbor Day celebrations provides unique opportunities to educate people, get people together in a joint cause, and promote proper tree selection and care. The National Arbor Day Foundation has several suggestions on how to celebrate Arbor Day including presenting a play about a conversation between some kids and a statue of J. Sterling Morton, a block party, and others.

Arbor Day celebrations also provide the opportunity for organizations to work together. Groups that do not always work together can come together for trees. How about the Senior Citizens and a kindergarten class, or the electric utility, park board, and garden club, or a poetry club with local businesses, or any number of combinations of groups. All to celebrate trees.

Need more information or ideas for Arbor Day? The National Arbor Day Foundation provides the history of Arbor Day, teaching materials (many free), celebration ideas, and a free booklet titled "Celebrate Arbor Day Guidebook" and more on their web site at <http://www.arborday.org/arborday/>

It's Time To Climb!

Many professional arborists still climb trees to properly perform their job. For some work, climbing is the only way to do it correctly. To highlight the expertise of these professionals, Dick Alvarez of Atascadero, California, founded the first ISA Tree Trimmer's Jamboree in St. Louis, Missouri in 1976. Now known as the International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC), Championships are now held in 20 countries around the world. The purpose has expanded to promote safe working practices, demonstrate improvements and innovations in equipment and techniques, and provide industry recognition to the public. It is also an opportunity for climbers to gather and exchange ideas with other professional peers.

The Midwestern Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture will hold the Chapter Championship on June 14, 2003, in Phelps Grove Park, 800 - 1200 East Bennett, Springfield, MO. Climbers throughout the Midwestern Chapter region will be competing for the honor of representing the Chapter at the International Championship at the International Society of Arboriculture's Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada.

Climbers do not have to belong to the society to participate. They are required to check-in on June 13 between 5:00 and 9:00 P.M. for equipment inspection, rules review, meet the judges, and an opportunity to get answers to questions. Another required pre-competition meeting will be held at 7:00 A.M. on June 14 to answer any last minute questions and again review the rules.

Those not interested in climbing, but watching this unique event are welcome. The climbing will start approximately at 8:00 A.M., June 14, 2003. Tree industry related vendors are expected at the event as well. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the day, meet and make friends, and browse various types of equipment all at one place.

The local organizers are looking for volunteers, judges, and sponsors / vendors. If you are interested in providing help, sponsorship, or climbing, contact Tim Crews or Charlotte Turnbull at 417-865-1600 or email charlotteturnbull@ryanlawn.com



Kentucky coffeetree
Gymnocladus dioica

The Kentucky coffeetree is a large, deciduous tree with a mature height of 60 to 75 feet and width of 40 to 50 feet. Under planted in urban areas, Kentucky coffeetree is excellent for parks, yards, and larger parkways. The male cultivars should be planted over the female due to the large seed pod of the plant. The banches are course with large leaves and small leaflets making this tree perfect for planting on a south exposure providing shade in the summer while allowing sun through in the winter. Native to Missouri, Kentucky coffeetrees' ranges from Minnesota to Oklahoma to Tennessee to Pennsylvania and New York.

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Web Site Highlight

TreeLink funded primarily through a USDA Forest Service grant and other sponsors. TreeLink was created to provide information, research, and networking for people working in urban and community forestry. For the researcher, the arborist, the community group leader, the volunteer-TreeLinks' purpose is to inform, educate, and inspire. TreeLink provides a rich and flexible set of resources for the urban forestry community. For example, you'll find: educational materials, how-to guides, a research database, discussion forums, a quarterly web-zine, a comprehensive link list of national and local resources, late-breaking news, and interactive tools for tree identification and selection. Visit the TreeLink site at: <http://www.treelink.org/>

"The trees which children plant, or which they assist in dedicating, will become dearer to them as year after year rolls on. As the trees grow, and their branches expand in beauty, so will the love for them increase in the hearts of those by whom they were planted or dedicated, and long before the children reach old age they will almost venerate these green living memorials of youthful and happy days; and as those who have loved and cared for pets will ever be the friends of our dumb animals, so will they ever be the friends of our forest trees. From the individual to the general, is the law of our nature. Show us a man who in childhood had a pet, and we'll show you a lover of animals. Show us a person who in youth planted a tree that has lived and flourished, and we'll show you a friend of trees and of forest culture."

-- John B. Peaslee

Stihl Chain Saw Recall

Stihl, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety commission, is voluntarily recalling about 3,000 chain saws. Fuel can leak out of the chain saw's tank, which could cause a fire or injury.

The recalled Stihl chain saws include model numbers MS 170 and MS 180C with serial numbers 255120848 through 255122797 and 255739074 through 255741150. The model numbers are located on the starter housing and the serial number is printed on the housing near the bumper spikes.

Stop using these saws immediately and return them to the dealer of purchase for a free repair. For more information contact Stihl at 1-800-610-6677 or <http://www.stihlusa.com>

March 6 - 7

Missouri Community Forestry Conference, Kansas City Crown Centre Contact: Justine Gartner, 573-751-4115 Ext 3116, gartnj@mdc.state.mo.us

March 7

ISA Certification Exam, MDC Discovery Center, Kansas City

March 11 - 13

National Arbor Day Foundation's 10th Annual Trees & Utilities National Conference, Arbor Day Farm, Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE Contact: National Arbor Day Foundation, 402-474-5655, conferences@arborday.org

March 27

Building Better Trails Workshop, Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center, 11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood, MO Contact: Missouri Park and Recreation Association, 573-636-3828, <http://www.mopark.org/education.htm>

April 4

Missouri Arbor Day

April 5

ForestKeepers Introductory Workshop (Free), Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4600 S. Chrisman Contact: 1-888-936-7378, <http://stlouis.missouri.org/501c/forestkeepers/training.html>

April 17

ISA Certification Exam, Runge Nature Center, Jefferson City, MO

April 17

TRIM II Grant Application Workshop, Walter Woods Conservation Area, Joplin Contact: Jon Skinner, 417-629-3423, Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.us

April 25

National Arbor Day

May 5 - 7

Urban Wildlife Management National Conference, Arbor Day Farm, Lied Lodge & Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE Contact: The National Arbor Day Foundation, 888-448-7337, <http://www.arborday/uwmconference/>

June 14

Midwest ISA Jamboree & Tree Climbers Competition, Springfield, MO Contact: Tim Crews or Charlotte Turnbull, 417-865-1600, charlotteturnbull@ryanlawn.com

An Arbor Day Celebration and Proclamation is a Tree City USA requirement!

Sponsoring and/or participating in an Arbor Day Celebration is a Tree Line USA requirement for utilities!

REFLECTION

The groves were
God's first temples.

-- William Cullen
Bryant

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