

# Community Forest News

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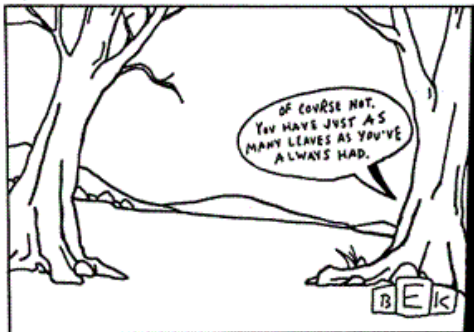
**Don't Forget, October is Maine  
Community Forestry Month!**

**The "Spirit of the Sea"  
Enhanced with Flora**

After a year of planning and fund raising, the famous sculpture created by William Zorach was re-dedicated on August 7<sup>th</sup> 2005 before a crowd of several hundred people. Besides renovating the statue and the pedestal she rests on, the committee had significant landscaping done around the pond she is the center of attention in. Rocks were installed that look like granite outcroppings, but that can be used as benches and the pump and filtering equipment is housed inside of one of these rocks. Andreas Von Huene, a local artist and sculptor created this design. Jorgensen Landscaping constructed the stonework.

The use of trees and shrubs to help create a "room within the park" was designed and executed by Tom Hoerth. Using the statue as the focal point shrubs were used as a backdrop and trees frame the statue. Shrubs also enhancing the stonework installed and give the entire area a "finished appearance."

- Denny Hebert



**"Of course not, you have just as  
many leaves as you've always had."**

**JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING!**

The Bath Community Forestry Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month, September to June from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. in the Bath City Hall. The public is always invited to join us. We will have our meetings in the basement conference room. Go directly down the stairs from the side door of the City Hall, and take a left. For more information, call Letha Bennett at 443-8345.

*The Cornell Guide for Planting and Maintaining Trees and Shrubs*

By  
Richard Weir III and George Good

This publication is a benchmark text written for professional horticulturists and homeowners alike. Offering practical information with clear, easy to follow instructions for successful planting and maintenance of ornamental trees and shrubs, it is designed to become a classic, must-have title for the gardener's library.

Beginning with reliable tips for properly selecting plants from nurseries, readers then find guidance for appropriate site selection, transplanting processes and schedules, drainage management, and soil preparation. Important tasks immediately following planting—from watering, mulching, staking and wrapping, to pruning, fertilizing, and anti-desiccant application provide professionals and hobbyists with knowledge to ensure their trees and shrubs flourish and thrive. Regular maintenance practices, including tips for protecting plants during construction, and the importance of monitoring for insect and disease problems round out this useful and informative 25-page publication. Numerous drawings, tables, tips, historical references, and a glossary of important terms add grace and character to the reading.

*The Cornell Guide for Planting and Maintaining Trees and Shrubs* was developed and written by Richard Weir III, Extension Program Leader (retired), Cornell Cooperative Extension, Nassau County Association Office, and George Good, Professor, Department of Horticulture, Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

This title is the sister publication to the famous text, *Pruning: An illustrated Guide to Pruning and maintaining Ornamental Trees and Shrubs*. Together, these books provide for virtually every bit of information a homeowner or landscape professional will need for growing ornamental trees and shrubs. Both titles may be ordered as a set (*Planting, Pruning and Maintaining Trees and Shrubs—Set*) at a savings of \$1.95 over buying titles separately.

Get your copies of these titles at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Bookstore secure online website:

<http://www.ccc.cornell.edu/store>.

You may also call-in (1-607-255-2080) or fax-in (1-607-255-9946) your order with a valid credit card, or mail a check to The Resource Center, 750 Cascadilla Street, Ithaca, New York 14850. Make your check payable to Cornell University. Add \$5.00 shipping for the first item, and \$1.00 shipping for each additional item. NYS and CA residents add 8.25% sales tax.

*The Cornell Guide for Planting and Maintaining Trees and Shrubs*, \$8.95, (2005), 25-pages, paperback. (121B24).

*Pruning: An illustrated Guide to Pruning and Maintaining Ornamental Trees and Shrubs*, \$5.95, (1996), 28-pages, paperback. (141B23).

*Planting, Pruning, and Maintaining Trees and Shrubs—Set*, \$12.95, 53-pages, paperback. (141B2324).

- *NEC-ISA Journal*, Volume 2, Summer 2005, "From the Bookshelf", page 12.

**"Happiness is sharing a bowl of cherries and a book of poetry with a  
shade tree. (It) doesn't eat much and doesn't read much,  
but listens well and is a most gracious host." ~Astrid Alauda**

**New Publication**  
**“Oak: The Frame of Civilization”**  
**By William Bryant Logan**

From ink to sailing ships, a biography of the essential tree.

The story of the oak is at the root of everything we know. The oak tree is everywhere in the temperate zones of the world; knowing how to use it has made an astonishing difference to human history. Acorn-eating has sustained humans and animals; oak has been central to religious rites, heating, homemaking, and travel by land and sea; the ink of the oak galls advanced the written word; oak casks have made possible food and drink storage and transport; oak ships have fought the dramatic naval battles that determined political and economic history.

William Bryant Logan combines science, philosophy, spirituality, and history with a quirky curiosity about why the natural world works the way it does. In lively literary prose, he narrates the biography of the tree that since time immemorial has been a symbol of loyalty and strength, generosity and renewal. The oak has been both a patient teacher and an inexhaustible subject. Recent studies reveal remarkable facts about its communitarian nature—proving that the oak can yet instruct us.

The book includes 30 illustrations.

The author is an ISA Certified Arborist and award-winning writer. He lives and gardens in Brooklyn, New York.

The book (ISBN 0-393-04773-3) is published by W.W. Norton & Company, Inc.

**Trimming The Unruly Urban Tree**

A group of tree enthusiasts met on Wednesday, August 10th, from 5-7 p.m., in the basement conference room of City hall for a pruning clinic led by Thomas Hoerth, Bath City Arborist. Those attending were Larry McNeill and Tom Barrington of Bath; four of our Brunswick neighbors, Macky Bennett, Debby Price, Harry Hopcroft and Marji Greenhut; and Janet Clement of Richmond.

After the basics of tree pruning were reviewed, there ensued a discussion concerning the special techniques of pruning fruit trees. The group later adjourned to Waterfront Park for some practice on City trees.

An earlier pruning workshop was held on March 26th with twelve participants. A few of the trees on Centre Street hill near Middle Street were used as demonstration and practice trees.

It is reassuring to know that many of our urban trees, wherever located, will receive the care they deserve. An uninformed pruner, without realizing it, can do permanent damage from which a tree must compensate, if it can.

**Reminder:** February and early-March are the best tree pruning months; July is also another good time. Always prune Oaks in the Winter because of their susceptibility to Oak Wilt during warmer months.

- Gerry Coombs

**7th Annual Low-Impact Forestry (LIF) Workshop**

On November 18 & 19, attend one of MOFGA’s most interesting and popular events, the Low-Impact Forestry (LIF) Workshop, and join the swelling ranks of Maine folks discovering the rewards of working in the woods with horses. At the LIF Workshop, participants of all levels of experience are invited to learn and practice sustainable woodlot management, timber harvesting and processing, draft horsemanship and chainsaw safety from a crew of experts. Hearty food, great company and a memorable learning experience are guaranteed. Be sure to register early, since this event fills quickly.

For more information, contact The Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association, at:

**MOFGA**  
 P. O. Box 170  
 Unity, Maine 04988;  
 (207) 568-4142;  
 mofga@mofga.org;  
 www.mofga.org;

or drop by the LIF Area at this years Common Ground Fair, in Unity, Maine, September 23, 24 & 25.



**Bath’s State Champion Tree Highlight**

If you wish to see the whole listing of Maine’s Big Trees, visit Project Canopy’s web-site at, [www.state.me.us/doc/mfs/pubs/pdf/projcanopy/bigtrees\\_2003.pdf](http://www.state.me.us/doc/mfs/pubs/pdf/projcanopy/bigtrees_2003.pdf).

Bath is home to the State’s largest Honeylocust (*Gledistia triacanthos*) which is located at the intersection of High Street and Getchell Street. It is located on the north-east side of intersection on Getchell Street. This magnificent specimen was first identified and registered by Mr. Timothy Lindsay of Bartlett Tree Service. It presently has a height of 50 feet, a crown spread of 80 feet and a trunk circumference of 178 inches. A “sweet champ” indeed! Nice job, Tim!

- Thomas C. Hoerth

**Druid Park Progressing**

Over the Spring and Summer, The Bath Community Forestry Committee’s vision for Druid Park, the triangle of land at the gateway to the Oak Grove Cemetery, began to take shape. Trees now line the park echoing the original vision laid out nearly one hundred years ago when the Park earned its name on a Landscape Architect’s plans.

The community has stepped forward to show its support for this newest green-space with generous donations, large and small. Now, you can step forward by helping the committee purchase the stepping stones, one paver at a time. The total cost of the pavers will be \$8,000.

You may purchase one, ten, one hundred or whatever number between and beyond for \$10 a piece. Your gift will be memorialized on a plaque to be mounted at the time of the completion and dedication of the park. Give a lasting memory of a visit to Bath to a traveling friend. Celebrate your anniversary, your spouse’s birthday, or a great moment in a friend’s or child’s life. Christmas is just around the corner and this piece of Bath’s future would be a fitting and unusual package under the tree.

To buy your paver or your gift, send the below coupon to the Bath Cemeteries and Parks Dept., One Oak Grove Avenue, Bath, ME 04530

Purchaser:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: each @ \$10.00  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

In the name of  
 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Please advise if you would like a gift certificate send directly to the recipient?  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
 (add \$1.00 per certificate and advise of mailing address)

**Homeless Little Pines Confront Cold, Cruel World. Why Not Adopt?**

Free Trees and Plants in Lincoln, Nebraska salvages unsold saplings, shrubs and bulbs from nurseries and garden centers, selling them by Internet or phone order for \$6.95 for packages of two or more plants to cover shipping and processing by workers with disabilities. A white pine sapling from Free Trees, 10 to 20 inches tall, could someday grow to 70 feet or higher; shrubs include lilacs, forsythia or rose of Sharon. The inventory changes regularly, with the Web site ([freetreesandplants.com](http://freetreesandplants.com)) listing available plants. Order on-line or at (402) 475-5631.

- Marianne Rohrllich, *New York Times*, 7/5/2005, Section D, page 3.

## 8th Annual Bath Community Forest Foliage Photography Contest!

**The City of Ships is also the City of Trees.** During the months of September and October, look within the city limits of Bath for the most striking trees in full fall color and photograph them, or images of trees taken at any time of the year! **Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter!** The contest is open to anyone. Note the tree's location (address/cross-streets), camera type used, film used, date photo was taken, time of day, camera settings (if any), and give the image a title. Please, limit the number of entries per person to three (3), and remember to include all information with each entry. Please look for extra copies of the application forms in **Bath City Hall, the Bath Cemeteries & Parks Department Office, the Patten Free Library** and at all the sponsoring businesses. Entries can be mailed in at any time during the contest. All photographs become the property of the Bath Community Forestry Committee. For more information, or if you have any questions, please call **443-8345**.

All entries will be judged on composition and presentation. This year's judges will be **Ms. Danielle King**, from Kennebec Camera & Darkroom, **Ms. Kate Bussey**, a local artist, **Ms. Jacqueline Zimowski**, of Through My Eyes Photography, and **Ms. Darreby Amber**, a local resident. Two (2) awards will be given to adult entrants, and two (2) awards will be given to student entrants. Prizes are being generously donated by **Full Spectrum Art Supplies, Kennebec Camera, Skillin's Greenhouse, York's Rhododendrons, Bart & Greg's DVD Explosion and Bull Moose Music**. The two First Prizes are: Adult Category, a 2-inch caliper tree from Skillin's Greenhouse and, Student Category, a \$75.00 gift certificate from York's Rhododendron's and a \$30.00 gift certificate from Bull Moose Music. The Second Prize for the adult entrant is a custom 11" x 14" enlargement (either color or black and white) from Kennebec Camera and a \$25.00 gift certificate from Full Spectrum Art supplies. The Second Prize for the student entrant is a custom 11" x 14" enlargement (either color or black and white) from Kennebec Camera and a \$10.00 gift certificate, also from Kennebec Camera. All entrants who get their film developed at Kennebec Camera will receive a 10% discount on developing when they show their filled out contest application! Where possible, save one copy of your image on a PC disk. Images can be developed on PC disk at Kennebec Camera and Shaw's Supermarket.

All entries received by **Monday, October 31st**, will be displayed in the Patten Free Library Children's Room starting **Friday, November 11th**. An awards ceremony will be held at the Patten Free Library on **Friday, Nov. 11th, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.** All entries will also be displayed on the Bath Community Forestry Committee's

web-site found at <http://www.cityofbath.com>. Members of the Forestry Committee and their families are prohibited from entering the contest.

All entrants will be recognized in our Forestry Newsletter and adults will receive a \$10.00 discount coupon from Skillin's Greenhouse. Students will receive a free DVD rental from Bart & Greg's DVD Explosion, which can be picked up during the afternoon awards ceremony at the **Patten Free Library on Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Images and Application Forms can be sent to:

**8th Annual Community Forest Photo Contest  
C/O Bath Dept. of Cemeteries & Parks  
1 Oak Grove Ave.  
Bath, Maine 04530**

**"A seed hidden in the heart  
of an apple is  
an orchard invisible."  
~Welsh Proverb**



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### Urban Forestry Web-sites

Welcome to Maine's Official  
Fall Foliage Website!  
[www.state.me.us/doc/foliage/](http://www.state.me.us/doc/foliage/)

The Foliage Network  
[www.foliagenetwork.com/](http://www.foliagenetwork.com/)

Fall Colors for 2005  
[www.fs.fed.us/news/fallcolors/](http://www.fs.fed.us/news/fallcolors/)

Fall Foliage Reports  
[www.maine.info/foliage.html](http://www.maine.info/foliage.html)

The Miracle of Fall Foliage Trees  
[www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/fallcolor/trees.html](http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/fallcolor/trees.html)

For a larger selection of sites and related links, please visit our web-site, located at:

[www.cityofbath.com/forest/index.htm](http://www.cityofbath.com/forest/index.htm).

## Summer MDOT Project in Bath

This summer, the Maine Department of Transportation / Landscape Division offered financial and personnel support to the City of Bath, on a project to landscape the median along North-bound Route 1, near the Holiday Inn and Cahill Tires. The material was planted by the Hyde School's Summer Challenge students.

Plants included Red-twig Dogwood, 'Grace' Smoke Bush, 'Lynwood' Forsythia, 'Winter Flame' Dogwood, 'Winter Red' and 'Southern Gentleman' Winterberry, and 'Alba' Rosa Rugosa.

The project was coordinated by Ms. Katy Stebbins, MDOT Volunteer Program Coordinator and Americorps Volunteer. Thanks go to Katy, the MDOT and Hyde School for all their help and support!

## Woodland Owners Forum Scheduled for October 22nd

As has been mentioning in the last several newsletters of the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine, SWOAM is planning a major event for small woodland owners on October 22nd of this year. It is perhaps the most challenging event they have ever planned. Its importance is evidenced by the fact that SWOAM have rented the main floor of the Augusta Civic Center, and they hope to have the largest turnout of small woodland owners ever in Maine. They are still working on the details and presenters, and they will have much more information in the next issue of the newsletter. But, if interested, you are urged to register early for this event.

While the idea for the event came from SWOAM, they have had many organizations helping with this event. And they are proud to announce that the University of Maine, along with others, has agreed to be a major sponsor of the event.

The focus of the event is: 1) to raise public awareness of the importance of small woodland owners and all they provide to the economy, environment and society in general; and 2) to help small woodland owners become better equipped to face the future challenges and joys of owning forestland.

There will be an impressive lineup of presentations. In addition, there will be experts on such topics as estate planning, taxes, forest management assistance, wildlife management and many other topics available for you to meet with and discuss your particular situation. And remember, you don't have to be a member of SWOAM to attend. Just have an interest in learning and enjoying a day focused on issues related to woodland ownership in Maine.

Registration includes lunch, refreshments at breaks, access to the entire program and a copy of the 2005 Guide to Owning and Managing Woodland in Maine. Please register early. You can watch our website [www.swoam.com](http://www.swoam.com) for more information.

Learn how to maintain woodlots sustainably and safely. For more information about this MOFGA sponsored event, call the Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Association's (MOFGA) office at 568-4142, or e-mail [mofga@mofga.org](mailto:mofga@mofga.org).

**October 23-25**

**"New England Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture Annual Conference—Burlington, VT"**  
Visit [www.newenglandisa.com](http://www.newenglandisa.com) for more information.

**October 12**  
8:00—5:30

**"5th Annual Maine Downtown Conference: Main Street Works?"**  
The mission of the Maine Downtown Center is to foster dynamic, community-based downtown development, resulting in economic development, business growth, job creation, housing revitalization, historic preservation, and cultural enhancement. To quote the Society of Municipal Arborists, "Trees make the City!" For more information, contact Mari Eosco at 442-7291 or by e-mail at [marmartha@mainstbath.com](mailto:marmartha@mainstbath.com).

**November 18 and 19**  
**"Low Impact Forestry Workshop" - Common Ground, Unity, Maine**

Join in the Maine Arborist Association at Maine Wildlife Park in Gray, Maine for the annual work project to benefit the Park. For more information contact Ted Armstrong at c/o Whitney Tree Service, 199A Portland Rd., Gray, Maine 04039, 207-657-3256, or e-mail at [tedarmstrong5@maine.rr.com](mailto:tedarmstrong5@maine.rr.com).

**November 13**  
**"MAA Annual Work Project"**

Leaves must be in 40 gallon paper trash bags in order to be collected. Call 443-8356 or 443-8357.

**November 7, 14, 21 & 28**  
**"Bath Curbside Leaf Pick-up"**

Maine Pomological Society members; \$4 for the general public. For more information or for a detailed flyer, call 568-4142 or 933-2100.

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**"The 5th Annual Great Maine Apple Day—Unity, Maine"**  
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**October 8**  
10:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

**"Organic Orchard #5—Taste a Variety of Maine Apples"**  
Teltane Farm, Monroe. Mark Fulford, John Bunker and Michael Phillips conduct working and learning tour of this diverse orchard. A rewarding wrap-up to the series. Bring your own apples to share and identify.  
Cost: \$50 for one workshop or \$175 for all five; 20% discount for students and apprentices. Call MOFGA at 568-4142 to register. Enrollment is limited.

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