

Community Forest News

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

A Very Fond Farewell

Ms. Judy A. S. Metcalf, an original member of the Bath Community Forestry Committee when it was established in 1992, has resigned from the Committee to devote her considerable talents and limited time to the responsibilities of new involvements. We will miss her greatly!

She was the spark plug of the Committee, having served as its first Chairperson, fund-raiser, enthusiastic public relations person, tree watering volunteer coordinator and secretary.

Always full of ideas and good humor, nothing daunted her. Her commitment as a citizen volunteer to the growth and nurture of Bath's community forestry program was exemplary.

Thank you so much, Judy, and best wishes,

-The Committee



Tree selling hot chestnuts.

Champion Tree Project International presents Christmas Gifts from Ancient Trees

Washington D.C. - The non-profit Champion Tree Project International will gift offspring from two of the oldest-known trees in the world to the **Washington National Cathedral** and the **National Institutes of Health** during a presentation to the inaugural **Land Development Breakthroughs Conference**, at the Washington D.C. Convention Center on December 14th, at the 1:30 PM session on **Building a Sustainable Community Forest**. These precious Holiday trees will be Christmas gifts to the organizations, and the world.

A seedling from the 4,770 year old "**Methuselah**" **Bristlecone Pine**, the oldest-known living Christmas Tree on Earth, will be gifted to the Washington National Cathedral for eventual planting on their 59 acres of grounds, which includes a remnant old growth forest. According to Dede Petri, President of the All Hallows Guild which is the guardian of the grounds, "We are most interested in adding a "Methuselah" pine to our collection - not only because of its wonderful horticultural attributes and history, but also because of its unmistakable relevance to this sacred place."

The first successful clone of the "**Hippocrates Tree**" at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will also be announced. This historic tree came from the very Sycamore tree under which Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, is said to have conducted his classes in Greece some 25 centuries ago. NIH has earned high praise from experts for their state-of-the-art Urban Forest Conservation Plan which serves as a model for watershed restoration. According to NIH's long-time chief of grounds maintenance and landscaping, Lynn Mueller, "The reforestation of the creek and upland areas here is unique for a government agency facility and can serve as a model for other institutional settings."

A strategic consortium of major land development industry organizations have partnered together to introduce the Land Development Breakthroughs – Best Practices Conference. Throughout history, the industry has been instrumental in helping society achieve unprecedented economic and social growth. But this has been achieved by consuming nature's resources. Gains in our quality of life are accompanied by increasing environmental degradation, which – if not addressed – will result in the declines of local economies and the societies they supported. Sessions will explore sustainability throughout the entire land development process and provide attendees ample ammunition to optimize and maximize ecological, social and economic opportunity.

Champion Tree Project International (CTPI) has a mission to lead society towards sustainability by preserving, propagating and planting a living legacy of Champion Trees - the largest and oldest individual trees of their species. CTPI is focusing on using exact genetic duplicates of outstanding individual trees to restore watersheds across the country to demonstrate the importance of preserving the biodiversity of our old growth trees to rebuilding sustainable community forests of the future. CTPI's president and co-founder David Milarch says, "With 98% of our old growth forest now gone, isn't it time to put a team together to put it back? The health of the entire Chesapeake Bay Watershed depends on the restoration of a sustainable community forest to filter the life-giving water of the region."

For more information:

Champion Tree Project International - <http://www.championtreeproject.org/>

National Institutes of Health - <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/tour/hippocrates.html>

All Hallows Guild of Washington National Cathedral - <http://www.cathedral.org/ahg/>

Land Development Breakthroughs - Best Management Practices Conference - <http://www.ldbreakthroughs.com/main/index.php>

*"Of the infinite variety of fruits which spring from the bosom of the earth,
the trees of the wood are the greatest in dignity."*

- Susan Fenimore Cooper

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.

Maine Community Foundation Benefits Druid Park Project

Directors of the Maine Community Foundation approved a grant of \$5,000, in late-July, for the Bath Community Forestry Committee's restoration and revitalization of Druid Park. This grant was made from the Kay E. Dopp Fund, a component fund of the Community Building Grant Program.

This money was not only very important to the progress of the Druid Park Project, but it was also an encouragement to the Committee. Volunteer projects do not always progress as fast as one would like, but that is the nature of such ventures, even with much citizen support. We are very grateful to the Maine Community Foundation for this funding.

As "a statewide organization with offices in Ellsworth and Portland, the Maine Community Foundation works in partnership with donors and community groups to strengthen Maine." For more information, newsletter readers may visit the Foundation's web-site at www.mainecef.org, or call toll-free 1-877-700-6800.

- Gerry Coombs

ALL THINGS WOODS EXPO

PORTLAND EXPOSITION BUILDING

Saturday, October 14, 2006
10am - 4pm

Join Forests for Maine's Future and a host of Maine forest-based companies and service providers at a free public expo - All Things Woods - at the Portland Exposition Building, on Saturday, October 14, 2006 from 10am to 4pm.

The expo aims to bring attention to all aspects of Maine's forests - from jobs, clean water and rural economies to unique habitats, recreational opportunities and wood product industries. It's designed as a fun, learning and retail experience for the general public, families, recreational enthusiasts and those with an interest in Maine forests.

For further information, please visit www.forestsformainefuture.org, or contact Mary Beltrante, Burgess Advertising & Assoc. Tel: 207 321 2527 x 137
Email: mary@burgessadv.com

Forests for Maine's Future is a working group comprising representatives from four of Maine's key forestry groups - The Maine Forest Service, University of Maine's Forest Resource Programs, The Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine, and The Maine TREE Foundation. Its mission is to promote greater public awareness of Maine's forests and their importance to the state's economic, social, and environmental health.

Thank You Watering Volunteers!

The Bath Community Forestry Committee thanks it's watering volunteers for the terrific job that they are doing to keep our recently planted trees watered this summer. The volunteers included: **Margo Oliver; David Smith; Aaron Park; Ed Benedikt; Gerry Coombs; Mary Roger; Bill Roger; Judy Metcalf; Sandy Stenquist; Tom Barrington; and Jim Hummer.** Trees that have been in the ground for less than three seasons are being cared for. These folks have been out all over the city, stopping by young trees and placing 40 gallons of water in buckets at the base of these trees. After the buckets slowly drain they come back by to collect the buckets and off they go to another group of trees. The trees need approximately 1" of rain per week, so on weeks that don't get natural rainfall they are out there doing their thing.

More trees went in this summer and will need care during the next three summers so if you would be interested in helping out please contact Bruce Brennan at 443-8651 or Letha Bennett at the Cemeteries & parks Office at 443-8345.

-Bruce Brennan



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.

Bath is home to the State's largest Paperbark Maple (*Acer griseum*) which is located at the intersection of Corliss Street and Washington Street. It is located on the north-west side of intersection on Washington Street. It presently has a height of 41 feet, a crown spread of 37 feet and a trunk circumference of 81 inches. A champ to write about indeed!

- Thomas C. Hoerth

How Do I Take Great Fall Foliage Pictures?

Here are a few tips for those of you who are taking photos with point-and-shoot cameras.

- 1. Use 400-speed color print film.** The lenses of most point-and-shoots are fairly slow. A fast film helps you on those less-than-bright days and the quality and sharpness of modern 400-speed print films is outstanding. Don't worry about using it when the sun is bright. Print films have broad exposure latitudes and at worse, your automatic camera will be using its fastest shutter speeds (cutting down on camera shake) and its smallest lens openings (improving depth of focus).
- 2. Add Depth.** Add a sense of depth to your landscapes. When shooting the distant hills of color, include a closer tree, or other object in the foreground.
- 3. Scale.** Occasionally include an object for a sense of scale to visually depict how large a landmark is in real life. This way, when you're home looking at your vacation photographs, you can point to how high you were on top of Mt. Battie in Camden, for instance. You can include a man-made object or another person to achieve a sense of scale.

4. Think Macro! Don't forget the macro setting on your camera. Most point-and-shoot cameras have a close-up or macro setting (many times indicated by a tulip symbol on the controls). Bringing your camera as "up close and personal" as its minimum focusing distance will allow, can give you a whole different type of foliage photo to enhance the large landscapes.

5. Cloudy Skies? Don't Despair! If the sun isn't out, sometimes the best foliage shots are possible. As long as you're not insistent on having blue sky in your photos, the light available from overcast or even rainy days can give you a host of colors with a nice even contrast. On especially dark days, one of the new 800 or 1000-speed films might be advisable.

Low-Impact Forestry Workshop & Chainsaw Safety Course.

This is one of MOFGA's unique and most popular events, for beginners and experienced woods workers. Discover the rewards of working in the woods with horses and appropriate machinery. 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. Register early; this event fills quickly. A separate chainsaw operation and safety workshop will run concurrently. November 17 & 18.

For more information, call MOFGA at 568-4142, e-mail at mofga@mofga.org, or visit www.mofga.org.

9th 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. Images of trees taken at any time of the year are encouraged! **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. Look for extra copies of the application forms in **Bath City Hall, the Bath Cemeteries & Parks Department Office, 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. Jacqueline Zimowski**, of Through My Eyes Photography; and **Ms. Darreby Ambler**, 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, Just Framing, Now You're Cooking, 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 gift from Now You're Cooking and a \$45.00 gift certificate from Just Framing. The Second Prize for the student entrant is a \$45.00 gift certificate from Just Framing and a \$10.00 gift certificate from Full Spectrum Art Supplies. 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.

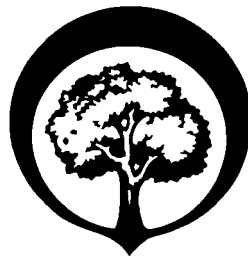
All entries received by **Tuesday, October 31st**, will be displayed in the Patten Free Library Children's Room starting **Friday, November 10th**. An awards ceremony will be held at the Patten Free Library on **Friday, Nov. 10th, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.** All entries will also be displayed on the Bath Community 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. Adults will receive a \$10.00 discount coupon from Skillin's Greenhouse, and 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. 10th**.

Images and Application Forms can be sent to:

**9th Annual Community Forest Photo Contest
C/O Bath Dept. of Cemeteries & Parks
1 Oak Grove Ave.
Bath, Maine 04530-2236**

"Oak trees come out of acorns, no matter how unlikely that seems. An acorn is just a tree's way back into the ground. For another try. Another trip through. One life for another."
- Shirley Ann Grau



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Urban Forestry Web-sites

Welcome to Maine's Official
Fall Foliage Website!
www.state.me.us/doc/foliage/

Maine Fall Foliage Info
<http://www.maine.info/foliage.html>

Maine Living
<http://www.meliving.com/foliage/>

A Photographers Guide to
New England Foliage
<http://photo.net/travel/us/ne/foliage>

Fall Foliage Links
<http://phototravel.com/fall.htm>

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

www.cityofbath.com/forest/index.htm

Organic Orcharding Workshop

The above workshop will be held at Teltane Farm, Monroe, on October 7. Celebrate the harvest with apple picking, varietal tasting and fall orchard care! This is sure to be a rewarding wrap-up to MOFGA's series of orcharding workshops. Participants are encouraged to bring their own apples to share and be identified. Cost \$50. Enrollment is limited.

For more information call MOFGA at 568-4142, e-mail at mofga@mofga.org, or visit www.mofga.org.

Habitat Steward™ Program Offered Fall 2006

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension will offer a Habitat Steward™ Program in the fall of 2006. This volunteer education program will provide participants the necessary knowledge and skills to coach people in their community to create and enhance wildlife habitat in yards and other parts of the settled landscape. In exchange for the 30-hour training program, plus continuing educational opportunities, Stewards commit 30 hours during the year following the training, to share information and knowledge with others in their communities.

Topics covered will include wildlife survival needs, habitat components, landscaping for wildlife, native plants and more. The six classes are alternate Saturdays, beginning September 9 and ending November 18, at the Androscoggin-Sagadahoc Counties Extension office in Lisbon Falls or nearby locations. Program fee is \$50 to cover basic costs.

For an application and information, contact Nancy Coverstone, Extension Educator, University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Androscoggin-Sagadahoc Counties, 24 Main Street, Lisbon Falls, ME 04252, phone 353-5550 or 1-800-287-1458. Habitat Stewards™ is a program of the National Wildlife Federation® and, in Maine, is a joint effort with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension.

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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.

November 17 & 18

“Low Impact Forestry Workshop” - Common Ground, Unity, Maine
 Bring your shears! A hands-on demonstration of the basic principles of pruning with Head Honcho, Dennis Anderson. For more information call 207.882.6200 or e-mail at andersonfarm@verizon.net.
 Raindate: November 5, 1:00-3:00 P.M.

November 4

“Pruning: The Basics”
 Leaves must be in 40 gallon paper trash bags in order to be collected. Call 443-8356 or 443-8357.

October 30, November 6, 13, 20 & 27

“Bath Curbside Leaf Pick-up”

Sponsored by the Maine Pomological Society and held in MOFGA's Exhibition Hall in the Common Ground Education Center. Apple enthusiasts will celebrate the fall harvest with apple and cider tastings, a pie contest, displays, lectures, workshops and many apples and apple-related products for sale. Admission: \$2 for MOFGA and Maine Pomological Society members; \$4 for the general public. For more information or for a detailed flyer, call 568-4142 or 933-2100.

October 14

“The 6th Annual Great Maine Apple Day—Unity, Maine”

10:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

“New England Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture 40th Annual Conference—Providence, Rhode Island”
 Visit www.newenglandisa.com for more information.

October 22,

“Preparing Trees & Shrubs for Winter”
 Let our fearless leader, Dennis Anderson, show you simple steps you can take to protect against winter damage when putting your plants “to bed” for the season. All workshops to take place at Anderson Farms, 290 Route 1 (1.4 miles north of Wiscasset Bridge), Edgecomb. For more information call 207.882.6200 or e-mail at andersonfarm@verizon.net. You can also visit them at www.andersonfarm.net.

October 7

“Organic Orchard #5—Taste a Variety of Maine Apples”
 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.

September – October

“9th Annual Bath Community Forest Photography Contest”
 See page 3 for further information and reminder.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Fall 2006 Workshops & Upcoming Events
 Some of the workshops are co-sponsored by the City of Bath Cemeteries & Parks Department and the Bath Community Forestry Committee. Please note times, locations and dates (including rain dates). Call Letha Bennett at the City of Bath Cemeteries & Parks Department Office at 443-8345 for more details and any questions.



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