

Community Forest News

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To protect, to expand, to preserve, and use wisely, the forestry resources and greenspaces found within the City of Bath, Maine.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Spring 1998 Workshop Series

These 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 Gail Rioux at the City of Bath Cemeteries & Parks Department Office at 443-8345, for more details and any questions. Donations to the Bath Community Forestry Trust are welcomed.

Arbor Week May 17th - 23rd Activities

May 19th - Rotary tree planting in the Library Park late morning.
See page 3 for details.

May 21st - Tree City USA® award ceremony Augusta Maine State Arboretum.
See page 2 for details.

May 30th, **9:00 - 11:30 am**

"Butler Head Walk - Spring Birding"

Maurice Dauphin, Merrymeeting Audubon Society
See page 2 for details

June 27th, **9:00 - 11:30 am**

"Tree Pruning Techniques"

Thomas Hoerth, Bath Community Forestry Committee Member
See page 2 for details.

**Stop by and see our display board currently at
Skillins' Greenhouses today!**

Call For New Members!

The Bath Community Forestry Committee is looking for people interested in trees and urban forestry issues to join us. Bath residents are considered voting members of the committee, and non-residents of Bath are considered consulting members. If you are interested or know of someone who would be interested in joining us, please call Gail Rioux at 443-8345 for further information or refer to the bottom of this page for meeting times and details, and we'll see you at our next meeting!

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING!

The Bath Community Forestry Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month, from 7:00 - 9:00 P M. The public is always invited to join us. Please note our location in City Hall has been changed, again! We will have our meetings in the first floor conference room. Go directly up the stairs from the side door of the Bath City Hall, and the room is on the left. For more information call Gail Rioux at 443-8345.

"Tree Care and Forest Health"

Learn the basics of tree care and to recognize the presence of disease, insect infestation and other stress factors. Find out about Integrated Pest Management (IPM); understand what you can do and when to seek professional assistance.

Instructor Dick Bradbury, Maine Forest Service. 9:00am - noon. Call Pine Tree State Arboretum. 621-0031. for information.

"Professional Assistance"

This workshop will focus on recognizing where and when to seek professional assistance. Representatives of natural resources professions will be on hand to describe the services they provide and explain how they can assist landowners in meeting their natural resource stewardship objectives. These will include foresters, loggers, wildlife biologists, pest management specialists, arborists, and other trained professionals. Learn what type of work is done by the different disciplines and what to look for when selecting a professional.

9am - noon. Call the Pine Tree State Arboretum, 621-0031, for more information.

"Trees modify climate by screening wind and sun."**"Butler Head Walk-Mushrooms"****Maurice Dauphin, Merrymeeting Audubon Society**

This free walk on May 30 will be lead by Mr. Maurice Dauphin, a member of Merrymeeting Audubon Society. Mr. Dauphin has been birding for 40 forty years, and is an expert birder. He leads these types of walks for the Audubon Society.

Bring binoculars, if you have them, but 2 or 3 can be loaned, dress warmly, and if rain, the rain date is the next day if clear on Sunday, May 31. We will meet at 7:30 am in back of the Bath Police Department, where a bus will take us to Butler Head. The walk will run from 8:00 - 11:00 am. We will be back at the Police Station by 11:30 am. The Bath Community Forestry Committee is sponsoring this walk. Mr. Dauphin says, "Warblers have just arrived and shore birds, and we should see eagles. When the leaves are on the trees it makes it hard to see them, so now is the time."



"Don't Forget To Visit Our Web-site <http://www.clinic.net/forest/> Soon!"

**Contributors to Bath Community Forestry Trust**

When we were given an anonymous challenge grant in December of 1997 for the Bath Community Forestry Trust, it seemed that it would be a daunting task to our small Forestry Committee to raise the \$1000 necessary to receive the second half of the challenge grant while carrying on the business of the Committee. Our concerns were for naught! Friends of Bath's urban forest came through generously with \$1,285.00, as of June 19th, 1998. Gifts ranged from \$1.00 to \$150.00, and all were gratefully received.

The following people helped us meet our present goal for the Trust:

Theresa Ceruti
Anonymous
Col. Dummer Sewall Chapter, D.A.R.
Dr. Paul D. Doolan
Thomas & Julie Rice
Richard Card
Mark Jorgensen Landscaping
T. Holtwijk & Heidi Johnson
Anonymous
Steve & Joyce Wilson
Sharon Drake Reality
Arthur & Martha Mayo
Jacqueline Barrett Landscaping
John & Audree Fox
Edmund Jurenas
Mildred Jones
Vincent Messler
James & Denise Larson
John & Fleta Metcalf
Mary L. Murphy
Robert & Katherine Falt
Michael & Marion Fear
George & Judy Metcalf
Max & Holly Dawson
James & Susan Hummer
Alfred & Maria Holt
Marc & Lauren Lieberman
John & Anne Marsh
Abbot Fletcher
George & Sallie Pollard
Elizabeth Hughes
Maxie Haney
The Cosmopolitan Garden Club

The larger we can grow the Trust, the more income it will produce for forestry purposes. Our dream for the Forestry Division of the Cemeteries & Parks Department include a special truck for high pruning of large trees; a chipper; a machine for stump removal; the hiring of an arborist, for education and inventory work; the opportunity to plant more trees

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and care for them. With effort on our part and a supportive community, we are convinced that, eventually, these good things will come to pass.

For a more beautiful and healthy Bath!
Gerry Coombs, Chairperson
Bath Community Forestry Committee

"Wildlife Habitat in a Developing Landscape"

This educational conference will offer information to understand and conserve wildlife habitat. The conference will include local examples of successfully planned habitat protection. Various tools and methods for protecting habitat will be highlighted. Speakers include Ken Elowe from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and Gary Donovan, from Champion International Corporation. This conference provides a meeting place for volunteers and professionals involved in the development of our communities, whose work directly or indirectly impacts wildlife habitat. Living with wildlife is part of the Maine way of life. As we develop the landscape, it is important to identify and conserve habitat. Informed local decisions benefit our economy, our communities and our environment.

Municipal officials, staff, and volunteers, landowners, developers will benefit from this conference, as will anyone interested in how we use the landscape. The conference will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Central Maine Technical College in Auburn. Cost per person is \$25, and includes lunch. The deadline for registration is October 9. Please call Nancy Coverstone, UMCE, at 1-800-287-1458 for more information and a conference brochure.

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Managing Backyard Habitat Seminar an Inspiration and Success

The Bath Community Forestry Committee and the Department of Cemeteries and Parks co-sponsored a wonderful Friday evening seminar titled "Managing Backyard Habitat" on March 6, 1998. The speaker, Nancy Coverstone, a University of Maine Extension Educator, outlined the four basic wildlife needs, namely food, water, shelter or cover, and space. Then, she shared marvelous slides which admirably demonstrated the relatively easy manner in which human beings and wildlife, including birds, could share our backyards to the enjoyment of all. Nancy had marvelous freeliterature and research resources to supplement her talk. She emphasized the importance of planning your garden space so that the wildlife does not interfere with the use of the land by its owners. This peaceful coexistence is a fundamental principle of planning community forests as well. One must evaluate the best species for the land given its uses and maximize the potential from those uses. Many people participated in Nancy's talk, which included a viewing of a truly inspirational film known as "The Man who Planted Trees. They surely benefited from her simple and enthusiastic advice. The talk was free, as were the scrumptious refreshments!!

- Judy Metcalf

Software Upgrade Needed!

The Bath Community Forestry Committee is looking for donations to upgrade our current DOS version of "Tree Manager™ System" software, by ACRT, Inc., to the current Windows™ version. This computerized record-keeping system allows us to enter and electronically maintain information about our urban forest population. In 1992 an inventory of Bath's urban forest was completed and recorded electronically into a database. This database serves as a management and maintenance tool to promote and preserve the health of our urban forest. The cost of purchasing the more efficient upgrade is \$1500.00. We are looking for donations that would go towards the purchase of such an upgrade. Please call Gail Rioux, at the Bath Cemeteries & Parks Department Office, at 443-8345, to find out how you can help Bath keep its urban forest healthy, and to make your donation.

The Bath Rotary Club celebrates Arbor Week with a Tree Planting on May 19th

The partnership between the Bath Rotary Club and the Bath Community Forestry Committee continues on Tuesday, May 19, 1998 at noon when the Rotary Club will plant and donate a Turkish Filbert (*Corylus colurna*) to the Bath Community Forestry Committee. The tree will be planted in the Bath Library Park. The Rotarians will plant the tree and have pledged to water and care for it throughout the year. This is an extension of the marvelous support the Bath Rotary has given the Bath Community Forestry Committee since its inception in 1992. The endowment for the Bath Community Forest has been substantially funded by the Bath Rotary Club.

The tree is a non-nut-bearing hybrid. It is a stately tree from southeastern Europe and western Asia. It is very symmetrical and has light brown corky or scaly bark. It is noted as a useful tree for formal avenues, such as that being developed in the Bath Library Park, or as a specimen tree. The Turkish Filbert withstands a range of adverse conditions.

The committee is thrilled to be a beneficiary, once again, of the generous support of the Bath Rotary Club. Please join the Committee and the Club at the Rotary Club to join in the planting and the celebration.

- Judy Metcalf

Forestry Group Recognized

Mrs. Gerry Coombs, Chairperson of the Bath Community Forestry Committee accepted a Certificate of Appreciation for the committees work and support with the Hyde Park neighborhood for past tree plantings.

"The fabric of community life is strengthened by these individual acts of unselfishness and caring. You have made your mark on our community with your commitment to make it better for you and your neighborhood. The City of Bath is very proud of you." Signed Sgt. Pete Lizanecz, Acting Chief of Bath Police and the Rev. Greg Vinson, Chairperson of the Bath Community Policing Advisory Group.

- Thomas Hoerth

Brunswick's Village Improvement Association Honors Achievements of the BCFC

On Friday, May 1, 1998, the Village Improvement Association of Brunswick held its 120th Annual Meeting. Its board asked representatives of the Bath Community Forestry Committee to attend as the featured speakers. The VIA was particularly interested in learning how to foster a partnership with the local government such as that which Bath's Community Forestry Committee and The City of Bath have enjoyed throughout the years. The BCFC assured the VIA that the secret was merely an open mind, open heart, and a lot of backbreaking commitment on the part of both the citizen volunteers and the city employees. The Committee shared its video "Bath's Trees: Lost, Living and Loved" to much applause and pleasure. (Many copies were snatched up at the end of the meeting at \$5.00 a piece). This 120-year-old organization's members expressed great enthusiasm for the projects that the BCFC has implemented and its achievements in its fledgling history.

As the meeting ended, the VIA surprised the Committee with a gift to the city of Bath of one of the VIA's Liberty Elm Trees. The tree will be planted in the next several months and marked with a plaque (near, not on, the tree) as a lasting testimonial to a common bond between Brunswick and Bath: the love of trees and the recognition that they enrich communities.

- Judy Metcalf

Forestry Trust Challenge

The Bath Community Forestry Committee is thankful for the anonymous donation of **five hundred dollars** to the Bath Community Forestry Trust. If the Trust raises at least **one thousand dollars** by the end of 1998, this generous donor has pledged to contribute an additional **five hundred dollars!** To date we have received **two hundred dollars** towards the matching donation. We only have to receive **eight hundred dollars** more in order to fulfill this generous matching donation offer! Please help us reach this goal.

For more information about making a donation, please contact the Forestry Division, Bath Cemeteries & Parks Department, 1 Oak Grove Ave., Bath Maine 04530, 443-8345, e-mail to dhebert @clinic.net or visit our web page that contains the Trust document at <http://clinic.net/forest/>.

- Denny Hebert



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"YES! I want to be a part of Bath's Future. Enclosed please find my donation to the Bath Community Forestry Trust."

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\$100.00

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