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dear Tree Savant,

It’s going to be a long, long summer with my kids out of school. Any ideas about how to introduce them to the magic of trees—and entertain them for a few hours at the same time?

Mom in Atlanta

dear Mom,

We have the perfect plan—the new tree exhibit this summer at *Imagine It! The Children’s Museum of Atlanta*.

For the second year in a row, Trees Atlanta’s NeighborWoods Coordinator, Susan Pierce has consulted with the museum on tree exhibits. This year, Trees Atlanta’s Education Coordinator, Robby Astrove is also joining in as an advisor.

From June 13 through September 13, a traveling exhibit sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation will connect Atlanta’s children and adults to the wonderful world of trees. Susan and Robby are helping museum staff develop key messages, exhibit elements, and public programming pieces. It’s going to be an awesome exhibit for all ages. For more info, contact The Children’s Museum of Atlanta at www.imagineit-cma.org.

PS. After the exhibit, let your kids cool off in the high-flying water spouts at Centennial Park and admire trees planted in years past by Trees Atlanta!

Yours “Treely,”
The Tree Savant

Have a question for the Tree Savant? Email treebune@treesatlanta.org with your queries.



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Trees Atlanta is a nationally recognized citizens group dedicated to protecting and improving Atlanta’s urban environment by planting, conserving and educating.

What is LEED?

LEED is a voluntary, consensus-based national certification program for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings that provide immediate and measurable results for building owners and occupants. LEED awards points in six major environmental categories: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation and design.

Sustainability highlights of the Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center include an on-site rainwater collection system for collecting rain for watering trees and flushing toilets, use of sun shades, a living green roof, geothermal heating and cooling, and use of light tubes and an interior courtyard for maximum natural light throughout the building.

Trees Atlanta Headquarters Awarded LEED Platinum Certification!

The Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center in the Reynoldstown Community of Atlanta has received the U.S. Green Building Council’s certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum.

“We are really proud of this recognition for Trees Atlanta,” said Trees Atlanta Executive Director, Marcia Bansley. “We have been greening Atlanta by planting and caring for trees since 1985, but now our board, staff, donors and volunteers can feel even more confident that Trees Atlanta is walking the talk.”

Trees Atlanta’s new headquarters was designed by Smith Dalia Architects of Atlanta. “This is a project that embraces every aspect of a building on its environment and community,” noted Smith Dalia Architects Principal, Markham Smith. “Trees Atlanta chose reusing a not-so-spectacular warehouse in historic Reynoldstown over building a new building. They are living sustainability.”

In addition to serving as headquarters, the Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center includes the Bartlett Tree Experts Urban Forestry Demonstration Site, The Home Depot Program Operations Center and offers meeting and event space to the community.

Trees Atlanta extends a special thanks to the Kendeda Fund, the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation, the Trees Atlanta Board of Directors and all those who made the new headquarters possible and looks forward to showcasing the Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center as an educational tool and inspiring additional LEED certified projects in metro-Atlanta and beyond.



**Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center:
A Perfect Meeting Place**

For meetings, parties or other events consider renting the Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center. Contact Joe Staley at 404-681-4890 or via email joe@treesatlanta.org for more information.



“Love Your BeltLine” Planting

The West Connection Natural Neighborhood Tree Planting took place on Valentine’s Day, February 14, with the theme “Love Your BeltLine.” Trees Atlanta partnered with Atlanta Audubon on this rainy Saturday. Thirty volunteers planted 44 trees, all part of a *teaching landscape* for ethno-botany, medicinal plants, bio-remediation and urban health. A blight-resistant chestnut grove will be planted soon in this Natural Neighborhood.

Trees Atlanta Hosts Luncheon for City Council

On April 23, Trees Atlanta hosted members of Atlanta City Council for a luncheon in celebration of National Arbor Day. Trees Atlanta shared information about the thousands of trees planted by Trees Atlanta volunteers and contractors throughout the City of Atlanta with specific details about what is happening in each member’s district and with the message that every tree planted brings with it a wealth of human health, environmental, social and economic benefits. Thanks to the Atlanta City Council for their ongoing support of Trees Atlanta’s focus on the City’s defining feature—its trees.

Cut along dotted line and mail to: Trees Atlanta, 225 Chester Avenue, SE, Atlanta, GA 30316

City in the Arboretum Conference Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Are you a Trees Atlanta Member? Yes _____ No _____

(\$25 for Trees Atlanta members, \$35 for non-members)

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During the 11:30 am Breakout Session, do you plan to attend Session A or B? (Circle one.)

During the 1:00 pm Breakout Session, do you plan to attend Session C or D? (Circle one.)

During the 1:40 pm Breakout Session, do you plan to attend Session E or F? (Circle one.)

Vegetarian Lunch? Yes _____ No _____

You can mail this page and your form of payment to Trees Atlanta Conference, 225 Chester Avenue, SE, Atlanta, GA 30316, or you can email the form to bethany@treesatlanta.org, or fax it to 404.681.4909.

Of all the wonders of nature, a tree in summer is perhaps the most remarkable; with possible exception of a moose singing “Embraceable You” in spats.”

— Woody Allen



Atlanta City Council honors Inman Park Arboretum

On March 2, 2009, District 2 City Councilmember Kwanza Hall honored the Inman Park Arboretum at the regular meeting of the Atlanta City Council. “As spring comes to the City, do yourself a favor: put on your walking shoes and take a tour of this remarkable outdoor living tree museum,” said Hall. “When you finish the tour, you will have a newfound appreciation of the role that community-based groups can play in creating a greener, more sustainable Atlanta.”

The Inman Park Arboretum emerged from a partnership between Trees Atlanta, residents and business owners of Inman Park, the Inman Park Neighborhood Association, Inman Park Tree Watch and the Georgia Forestry Commission.

Since its opening in April 2006, Arboretum volunteers have identified nearly 60 tree varieties that visitors can enjoy while walking an area bounded by Dekalb Avenue on the south and Austin Avenue on the north. A walking tour brochure, identifying tree names and locations, can be downloaded at www.treesatlanta.org/Resources/inmanarb.pdf.

TREE WALKS IN NEIGHBORHOOD ARBORETA

Saturday, April 18: 2 pm

OAKHURST Arboretum tree walk with Greg Levine. Meet at Kavarna Coffee House at East Lake Drive and Oakview Road (next to the monument) in Decatur.

Sunday, April 19: 2 pm

MIDTOWN Arboretum tree walk with Susan Pierce. Meet at the Stonehurst Bed and Breakfast, 923 Piedmont Avenue. This tree walk is also part of the Midtown Home Tour Saturday, April 18, 11 am-5 pm and Sunday, April 19, 12 noon-5 pm.

Sunday, May 3: 1pm

VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND Arboretum tree walk with plant expert Erica Glasener, and Trees Atlanta’s Greg Levine. Meet at the home of Stephanie and Tom Coffin, 1021 Highland View, NE.



Cheers for Our Treekeeper’s “First” Graduating Class

L-R: Bill Pardue, Christopher Newman, Brian Williams, Shaun Amos, Laura Elizabeth Sommet, Seth Williams-Welch, Sean Gaynor, Bruce Fabrick, Bob Burns, Stacy Miles, and Trees Atlanta staff Robby Astrove and Susan Pierce.

the crepe myrtle skin

curls back exposing
lean arms

terracotta red

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Trees Atlanta's First Annual *City in the Arboretum* Conference

Sponsored by The UPS Foundation

May 2, 2009 ■ 8:30 am-3:30 pm

Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center, 225 Chester Avenue, SE, Atlanta GA 30316

\$25 for members, \$35 for non-members



For tree lovers everywhere, this is a power-packed, not-to-miss event! This exceptional conference will focus on introducing the components of arboreta and learning about the potential of Atlanta's future outdoor, living "tree museums."

Arboretum (pl: arboreta): a collection of trees and other mostly woody plants that are cultivated for educational and even scientific purposes. Arboreta are also known as tree museums and Trees Atlanta is growing seven Neighborhood Arboreta and is helping to develop the BeltLine Arboretum, the longest arboretum in the world!

All of these arboreta are unique in that many of their successes are due to community involvement. This exceptional conference will focus on introducing the components of arboreta and learning about the potential of Atlanta's future "tree museums."

Presenters will include Landscape Architect Steve Sanchez of HGOR, Inc.; UGA Curator of the Herbarium Wendy Zomlefer Ph.D.; Landscape Architect Shannon Kettering of ECOS Environmental Design; Atlanta History Center's Historic Gardens Curator John Manion; Rob Brawner of BeltLine Partnership; Landscape Architect Kevin Bourke of BeltLine, Inc.; Certified Arborist and great grandson of the Founder of Hastings Nursery Chris Hastings of Arbormedics; Scott Smith, Vice President of Westview Community Organization; and Interpretive Specialist Faye Goolrick.

Conference Schedule	
8:30 am	Breakfast and Introductions
9:10 am	Trees Atlanta Neighborhood Arboreta (staff)
10:00 am	Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum (ABLA) Plan (staff)
10:30 am	<i>Trees for Thought: Thinking Outside the Box</i> (Sanchez)
11:25 am	Break
11:30 am	Breakout Sessions
	Session A: Herbarium Specimen Workshop (Zomlefer)
	Session B: Reynoldstown and Cabbagetown Tree Walk (Sanchez and staff)
12:15 pm	Lunch and Trees Atlanta Site Tour (staff)
1:00 pm	Breakout Sessions
	Session C: Growing Your Neighborhood Arboretum—From Tornadoes to Fundraisers (Kettering)
	Session D: Getting Connected to the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum Natural Neighborhoods (Brawner, Smith and Bourke)
1:40 pm	Breakout Sessions
	Session E: The ABLA Potential—Community in Gardens (Manion and Hastings)
	Session F: Education and Outreach—Your Arboretum Message (Goolrick)
2:20 pm	Break
2:30 pm	<i>An Arboretum is More Than Planting Trees</i> (Zomlefer)
3:20 pm	Finale

See TA newsletter insert for *City in the Arboretum* Conference Registration Form.

community



The Brown Middle School Pilot Project

Leave No Child Inside

It's an exciting breakthrough and it's official. Trees Atlanta, Atlanta Audubon, Atlanta Public Schools and 142 seventh graders at Brown Middle School in West End are partnering in a pilot project in green education. A curriculum designed by Trees Atlanta and Atlanta Audubon staff, in coordination with school faculty, will involve students in environmental study through planting and caring for bird and wildlife-friendly trees and through agro-forestry (the sustainable practice of growing food in a forest) within the setting of the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum. The project kicked off March 12, with thoroughly prepped students planting nearly 1,000 trees and shrubs in the Brown Middle School Wildlife Triangle.

"The Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum and Brown Middle School Wildlife Triangle provide an incredible living classroom," says Trees Atlanta's Education Coordinator, Robby Astrove. Robby provides interactive class presentations on the benefits of trees, wildlife ecology, the BeltLine Arboretum and why it matters. Eric Childs and Greg Levine have designed a hands-on service project for bird-friendly habitat restoration. Forest Restoration Coordinator Blake Watkins will monitor the unique agro-forestry demonstration site to rid invasive invaders through natural techniques. The first forest restoration project at Brown Middle School was April 18. RSVP to blake@treesatlanta.org to join future volunteer efforts to "leave no child inside."



Brown Middle School student examines acorns while learning about how trees support birds and wildlife.

Kudos to all partners

Special thanks to Atlanta Audubon, which received a *TogetherGreen* grant from the National Audubon Society and Toyota, donated school books and volunteers to plant, and is creating bird guides that relate to the BeltLine Arboretum. Thanks to the Atlanta Public Schools and the BeltLine Partnership for public relations and the Georgia Conservancy for curriculum and teacher materials. The West Atlanta Watershed Alliance (which works with Brown students), CVC Farms staff, and West End Neighbors helped with planting. Finally, we thank Robert Hamilton for support and expert consultation, and the neighborhood coalitions and volunteers who continue to offer their time and talent.



Hail the 2009 Atlanta Champion Trees

On Georgia Arbor Day, February 20, Trees Atlanta announced the 2009 winners of the Champion Trees for Atlanta. Visit these locally unmatched giants and admire!

* **Chinese Oak** (*Quercus myrsinifolia*):
1556 Walthall Court, Collier Hill
Nominator: Dallas Covinton
Owner: Thelma Gersch
Total points: 185

* **Willow Oak** (*Quercus phellos*):
McLendon Avenue (between Glendale and Brooks)
Nominator: Eli Dickerson
Owner: City of Atlanta
Total points: 302

* **Silver Maple** (*Acer saccharinum*):
Ponce de Leon Avenue
(between Clifton Road and Lakeshore Drive)
Nominator: Eli Dickerson
Owner: Fernbank Forest and Recreation Center
Total points: 290.1

* **Flowering Dogwood** (*Cornus florida*):
East side of intersection between Charles Allen Drive and 4th Street
Nominator: Paula Reith
Owner: Grace United Methodist Church
Total points: 114

* **American Sweetgum** (*Liquidambar*):
1815 Ponce de Leon Avenue
(corner of Ponce and Lakeshore)
Nominator: Eli Dickerson
Owner: the Frazer Center
Total points: 248.9

What makes a tree an Atlanta champ?

A Champion Tree is one that is usually the largest representative of its particular species. Champions are measured on a points system:

$$\text{Circumference Points} + \text{Height Points} + \text{Crown Points} = \text{Total Points}$$

The circumference or girth is measured in inches at 4 1/2 feet above the ground (or diameter at breast height) at mid-slope, if there is any slope. The circumference measurement then equals the circumference points. The tree height is measured in feet and that height equals the height points. The crown, or the canopy of the tree, is measured in feet and one quarter of that measurement equals the crown point. The total points is the sum of each of these tree measurements.

Trees Atlanta's First Annual "Trees in Art" Exhibition: May 8-27

Sponsored by Whole Foods Market, Fiorello Art and Design, The Art School in Sandy Springs, Digital Arts Studio, Binders Art Supplies and Frames

With over 850 entries from 343 artists across the nation, Trees Atlanta is mounting its first annual national exhibition of 67 select works of art on the theme "Trees in Art." Event co-chairs are Pat Fiorello and Donna Thomas and judge/jury for the show is Anne Irwin, owner of Anne Irwin Fine Art. All art is available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds benefitting Trees Atlanta.

Plan to attend one of two special nights:

May 8, 2009 Meet the Artists and Host Preview

7 pm-9 pm
Open bar and cocktail buffet
\$150 per person

May 9, 2009 General Reception

7 pm-10 pm
Open bar and cocktail buffet
\$50 per person

Latin music and Cuban rhythms provided both nights by Café Mezclao.

The exhibit will be open to the public free of charge at the Trees Atlanta headquarters on the following dates (subject to change):

May 12-14: 3 pm-8 pm
May 16: 11 am-4 pm
May 19, 20: 3 pm-8 pm
May 26, 27: 3 pm-8 pm

Contact Joe Staley, Membership & Special Events Director at 404.681.4890 or joe@treesatlanta.org for more information.

science

Tree-lined Streets Mean Lower Rates Of Childhood Asthma

Just in from *Science Daily*: Research published ahead of print in the *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* suggest children who live by tree-lined streets have lower rates of asthma. The researchers based their findings on rates of asthma rates for the disease among four to five year olds, and hospital admissions for the disease among children up to 15, from 42 health service districts of New York City. Conclusion: Contrary to popular belief, the effects of pollen are outweighed by the benefits of urban trees.



Help us plant and maintain trees and restore urban forests through the NeighborWoods volunteer program. Trees Atlanta's volunteer projects are fun and rewarding. All you have to do is show up, and we provide all tools and instruction. Here are some of our upcoming volunteer project locations, Earth Day events and other events.

Saturdays, 9:00 am—noon (unless otherwise noted)
Meeting place announced weekly

Projects are subject to change, so please visit www.treesatlanta.org for updates and to sign up.

- APRIL**
- 18 EarthShare of Georgia Corporate Green Day Challenge
- 22 Earth Day Party in the Sky with EarthShare of Georgia, 7 pm
- 24 Earth Day Leadership Breakfast with EarthShare of Georgia, 8 am
- 25 Old 4th Ward Mulching
- MAY**
- 2 *City in the Arboretum* Conference at Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center—No project
- 9 Candler Park Mulching
- 16 Peyton Forest/West Manor Mulching
- 23 Adams Park/Allison Ct. Mulching and Watering
- 30 Virginia-Highland Mulching
- JUNE**
- 6 Pittsburgh/Adair Park Mulching and Watering
- 13 East Point/College Park Mulching
- 20 Zip Industrial/Southside Mulching and Watering
- JULY**
- 4 Happy 4th of July—No project
- 11 East Atlanta/Ormewood Park Mulching and Watering
- 18 Grant Park/Boulevard Heights Mulching and Watering
- 25 Riverside/Ridgewood Heights Mulching and Watering