

Tuesday Thoughts for April 27, 2021

My Dear Garden Club Friends!

Already the end of Arbor month! Governor Brown announced that from now on April will always be Arbor Month in Oregon!

One of the Clubs in Klamath District is the Tree League! They have been a member of OSFGC for the past 8 years or so. But they have been in existence for much longer than that.

As their name says, they focus on trees. "Promoting proper planting and care of trees in the urban environment".

Yesterday they organized another Arbor Day tree planting at Hosanna Christian school here in Klamath Falls. They have done that for the last 25 years, with just last year missing.

Every year is a bit different. Sometimes just the student council comes out to participate, other times the whole school is involved. One year the principal was so enthusiastic that it involved a whole morning of celebrations and every kid who had a permission slip received a fruit tree to plant at home! It always involves a song, a poem, a recitation that the kids perform. The Mayor of Klamath Falls reads a proclamation and often the County Commissioners are present also. The fun part is when the kids get to help plant the tree.

A few years ago the Tree League applied for and got AAMES tools. And the kid sized shovels come in very handy every year! So a big event! Something the kids will remember the rest of their lives. I know I remember exactly where I planted my little tree back in Blaricum, Holland. Also the kids will grow up and come back and see how much their tree has grown.

So it is a big event! Sometimes the weather is beautiful, sometimes awful. Yesterday at least the sun came out and it wasn't snowing like the day before!

One of the reasons Klamath Falls has been awarded "Tree City" status for 18 years now, is because of the Tree League. They are the advisory board for the city, which is one of the requirements to become a "Tree City".



Hosanna Christian School in Klamath Falls



2nd grade



3rd grade



Mayor Carol Westfall



City arborist and Park Manager John Bellon and Jesse Navarro .

The tree that was planted this time was a River Birch. Many birches have had problems with Birch borers lately. The River Birch is not susceptible to them.



From left: Kaylee Barta, Oliver Johnson, Caleb Rice, Ashlyn Cross

Here is their poem!

Lets Plant a Tree

By Aileen Fisher

It's time to plant a tree, a tree.
What shall it be? What shall it be?

Let's plant a pine-we can't go wrong:
A pine is green the whole year long.

Let's plant a maple-more than one.
to shade us from the summer sun.

Let's plant a cherry-you know why:
There's nothing like a cherry pie.

Let's plant an elm, the tree of grace,
Where robins find their nesting place.

Let's plant an apple-not too small
With flower in spring and fruit in fall.

Let's plant a fir-so it can be
A lighted outdoor Christmas tree.

Let's plant a birch, an oak, a beech
There's something extra-nice in each...
In winter, summer, spring or fall.

Let's plant a...

Why not plant them ALL?


Besides the Arbor day events the Tree League also manages the Arboretum at OIT.
(Oregon Institute of Technology)



Members give tree
pruning demonstrations



Some of our Clubs are brave and are planning Plant Sales. My District (Klamath) is planning one for the first Saturday in June in a brand new park in downtown Klamath Falls. With one way in and one way out and social distancing and masks! Here is one that is perhaps closer to you.

<p align="center">BEAVERTON GARDEN CLUB</p>	
<p align="center">SATURDAY, MAY 15TH 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM</p>	
<p align="center">ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARKING LOT 5105 SW FRANKLIN AVENUE</p>	
<p align="center">1000+ PERENNIALS, TREES, SHRUBS, VEGGIE AND HERB STARTS, HOUSEPLANTS, PLANTED CONTAINERS</p>	
<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: LYDIA HOLDEN EMAIL: LHOLDEN627@YAHOO.COM</p> <p>WE WILL FOLLOW COVID SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. PLEASE WEAR MASKS.</p>	



Thank you to all the Clubs, Districts and individuals who have donated to the Promise Trees project. We now have enough money to start handing out vouchers to Lincoln and Klamath Counties. Just have to get the OK from the Oregon Organization of Nurseries before we can actually print the vouchers but soon. Stay tuned for pictures! We need a lot more money so please ask anyone you can think of to donate!

We missed some entries last week and I am sorry, but here are the ones we missed:

Sharon Hamner
Blue Mountain District

Red osier dogwood stems with shoots bundled together to look like two rockets getting ready to shoot for the moon with elkhorn sumac seed heads to represent the blast-off clouds and sprouts of larkspur to hide the rubber bands at the bases of the bundles.



Phyllis Olson



May Design
Jazzy
A Creative design
Due May 28
More details next
week

Stay Happy and Healthy and Hopeful! Love from Tanja!