



TreePAC Newsletter - April 2018

Article: What is a Seattle 'Heritage' Tree?

The **Seattle Heritage Tree** program was begun in 1995 by PlantAmnesty, and the City of Seattle joined the program in 1996. Some history on the program can be seen [here](#). Per the City's Heritage Tree Program [website](#):

“Heritage trees may be on either City or private property. Each candidate tree is assessed by a certified arborist and evaluated by a review committee. Trees can be nominated as an individual or a collection, but must have the owner's approval and meet criteria for health in addition to being selected according to one of the following categories:

Specimen: A tree of exceptional size, form, or rarity.

Historic: A tree recognized by virtue of its age, its association with or contribution to a historic structure or district, or its association with a noted person or historic event.

Landmark: Trees that are landmarks of a community.

Collection: Trees in a notable grove, avenue, or other planting.

Of course, we at TreePAC would like **every** potential Heritage Tree owner in Seattle to nominate and certify any such trees they may have on their property; to preserve, protect and share this conservation with our greater community, and inspire others to do the same.

If you would like to nominate a potential Heritage Tree, you should:

- 1) Check to see if the tree is already in the Inventory for Heritage Trees by clicking [here](#).
- 2) The tree owner's consent is **required**. If you are the owner of the property that includes the potential Heritage Tree, fill out the [Nomination Form](#), print and send to the Heritage Tree Committee at

seattle.trees@seattle.gov or
SDOT Urban Forestry Arborist's Office
P.O. Box 34996
Seattle, WA 98124-4996
206-684-8733

- 3) If you are **not** the owner of the property, you will need to secure the owner's approval before the tree can be nominated or certified as a Seattle Heritage Tree. So you should print the materials from the website and reach out to the owner in person, materials in hand, to move the process forward. If we at TreePAC (or, PlantAmnesty) can help in this process, please let us know.

More info:

[Seattle's Heritage Trees](#) - Arthur Lee Jacobson

[Greenwalks](#) – a Heritage Tree

[Seattle's most breathtaking heirloom trees](#) – Seattle PI, June 2017

Local Tree Activism and Events:

- NOTE: these are tree-supporting area groups, if they do not have tree-specific activities this month, we will simply link to their events calendar. If you have event(s) not seen here, please let us know so we can add them – Ed.

TreePAC: If you wish to become involved in working on an updated Seattle Tree Ordinance, please come to the meetings! Future meetings of the *Working Group* will be as follows:

Saturday, April 28, 2018, 3-5pm: [Montlake Public Library](#)

Seattle Urban Forestry Commission: Next meetings are Wed May 2 and Wed May 9.
[Meetings are held in Room 2750 of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue downtown.](#)

Arboretum Foundation - [Earth Day at the Arboretum – Sat April 21, 9am -1pm](#)

Bloedel Reserve – [April 21: Koichi Kobayashi](#)
[April 27-28: Bloedel & Earth Month Bainbridge Island: Tree Walks](#)

Earth Corps – [Volunteer Calendar](#) (most environment restoration work events are on Saturdays throughout the month, usually several listed each day, not all in Seattle)

Forterra – [4/13 3-8pm - Port Gamble Forest Community Celebration](#)
[4/14 9am-12pm - Restoration Opportunity at South Everett Forest Preserve!](#)
[4/14 9am-12pm - Learn about Forest Restoration in Redmond!](#)

Friends of Seward Park – Monthly Meeting and activities - [2nd Sat of most months](#)

King County Earth Day Events – all April long, [tree volunteer work events!](#)

Nature Consortium – West Duwamish [Urban Forest Restoration volunteer work parties](#),
Tuesdays and Saturdays throughout the month, 10am-2pm.

Seattle Audubon – click here for their [Events Calendar](#).

Sierra Club of WA – Wed 5/2, 7-9pm; [National Forest Committee Meeting](#) (Monthly)

NOTE: The above meeting repeats next on **Wed, 6/6** and **Wed, 7/11**, same location and time.

Trees for Seattle – [Upcoming events](#) – regular Work Party and [tree-related activities!](#)

WA Native Plant Society – [Central Puget Sound Chapter Programs](#)

(Seattle mtg 1st Tues of the month, 7pm; Bellevue 2nd Tues of the month, 7pm) – A plant identification workshop precedes Seattle meetings, at 6pm.

Local/PNW Tree News:

[Plant a tree at Arbor Day-Earth Day festival](#) – City of Bellevue - 4/6/18

[Beavers chewing up trees at water's edge along Spokane's Riverfront Park](#) 3/30/18 SeaTimes

[Sugar pines to stand on scorched patch of Ashland forest](#) (OR) - 3/26/18 – SeaPI

[10 reasons to plant a tree this spring](#) - 3/20/18 – SeaPI

[Kent park: public's right to know](#) - 3/12/18 – SeaTimes

[Residents, forestry officials clash over Sunriver wildfire](#) (OR) - 3/9/18 – SeaPI

[Rant & Rave](#) - 3/4/18 – SeaTimes

[More than 30 trees illegally cut down in Lake Oswego](#) (OR) - 3/1/18

[Centralia Closes Fort Borst Park Playground Due to Risk From Dying Trees](#) - 2/16/18

[They fought to save pieces of Seattle's soul — and won](#) - 11/28/17 - SeaTimes

[Greenwood neighbors battle developer over century-old cedar](#) - 9/12/17 – SeaTimes

Garden book review: 'The Trees of North America: Michaux and Redoute's American Masterpiece' (OR) – 8/30/17 – The Oregonian

[Remember the trees: Letter to the editor](#) - 8/11/17 – The Oregonian

Other Tree News and Articles:

[Environmental officials to give away 90,000 tree seedlings](#) (NJ) – 4/3/18 – SeaPI

[Grants offered for planting trees, restoring vegetation](#) (MI) – 4/3/18 – SeaPI

[Book World: The most exciting novel about trees you'll ever read](#) – 4/3/18 – SeaPI

[Exhibit looks at history, influence of French parks, gardens](#) (NYC) – 4/3/18 – SeaPI

[FDR's forest army: How the New Deal helped seed the modern environmental movement 85 years ago](#) – 4/2/18 – SeaPI

[Maine city takes ownership of canals for planned renewal](#) - 3/22/18 - SeaTimes

(Other Tree News and Articles – Cont.)

[Robert Miller: Start locally to help natural world thrive](#) (CT) – 4/1/18 – SeaPI

[State giving away 1,000 free trees in conservation effort](#) (RI) – 3/31/18 – SeaPI

[No vote yet as hearings continue on massive Shelton development](#) (CT) – 3/30/18 – SeaPI

[Officials: Pine trees impeding view from critical fire tower](#) (NJ) – 3/29/18 – SeaPI

[Students get up-close tree lesson](#) (IL)– 3/29/18 – SeaPI

[Board approves tree removal at Burlington park](#) (VT) 3/21/18 SeaTimes

[Nine Pin planting small orchard in Washington Park](#) (NY)– 3/17/18 – SeaPI

[Soil district, organic group wants to renew old apple trees](#) (ME) 3/17/18 – SeaPI

[Auburn takes part in urban tree canopy study](#) (AL) 3/17/18 – SeaPI

[Maine giving out grants to protect community forest health](#) - 3/11/18 – SeaPI

[Indiana Parks Alliance wins grant for saving 100 ash trees](#) - 3/4/18 SeaTimes

[Eagles nest in Cleveland for 1st time in more than 100 years](#) (OH) 3/3/18 SeaTimes

['Trump Forest' Hits a Million Trees in Bid to Curb Climate Change](#) – 2/27/18 - Global Citizen

TreePAC organization info:

“Are you tired of pleading, asking, arguing and proving that trees have public value? Join TreePAC and make change happen. Together we will be a lobby as powerful as the sports lobby.” Cass Turnbull, TreePAC founder.

Mission: The TreePAC mission is to influence the government to protect, maintain and increase the Seattle-area urban forest.

Website: <http://www.treepac.org/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TreePAC.org/>

How to join TreePAC: <http://treepac.org/join/> Who we are: <http://treepac.org/board/>

Mailing List: send an email to ovaltinelatte@hotmail.com to be added