

ARBOR DAY SCHEDULE

"Trees, Trails and Treats" ---Saturday April 25

The Forestry Committee and the Woods Group are co-sponsoring Arbor Day activities this year and we have a full slate of events!

9AM: Our Arbor Day celebration kicks off with the dedication of a memorial tree honoring our friend and neighbor, Susie Cox, in Wade Park. The Woman's Club of Washington Grove will be providing coffee to get our blood moving and trail mix to provide an energy boost for the big day.

9:30AM-12:30PM: The Woods Group will be working with volunteers to reconfigure the Cherry Avenue extended trail in the woods. This project begins on March 28, and we know we can make tremendous progress when we bring our town spirit to the Woods on Arbor Day! If you are starting the day with this group, please meet at the gazebo at 9:30AM.

12:30PM Alice Negin is organizing food for participants at the Hall. Parents planning to bring children to Arbor Day events should email the number of children to alicenegin@msn.com to help ensure having enough age-appropriate munchies.

10:30AM-12:30PM: Adults are invited to learn and work, "hands-on," alongside Audrey Maskery, Jeannie Myers and Joy Montefusco as they discuss and demonstrate the finer points of lifting, dividing, siting, and re-planting perennials and groundcovers. This work will take place around McCathran Hall where a new landscape design was begun last fall.

11:00AM-12:30PM: Children ages 4-11 are invited to come out and get dirty with Carol Uhlendorf, Maria Montefusco, and Sylvie Favret. These ladies will work with the kids to create container plantings for the Hall entrance. When our contribution to the Town's landscape is complete, we'll have a brief, age appropriate Botany lesson. Each child (or anyone who cares to join us) will learn about how trees grow from seeds, and get to scarify, plant, and take home their very own Gleditsia Triacanthos Inermis seed.....growing medium and all! And if you don't know what "scarify" or "Gleditsia" mean...you're age appropriate. ☐

11:30AM to 1:00PM: Woods Group member (and professional potter) Leigh Partington will be conducting a pottery "hand-building" session for children age 6-15. Participants will be making ceramic creatures and plants to inhabit a "Tree of Life" in McCathran's Lower Hall.

1:30PM: Still energized and ready to roll? John Bradfield and Keith Gillis will host a Woods Walk to observe the Grove's noteworthy trees and birds.

And at the end of the day, let us all remember why we have come together and given our time to re-dedicate ourselves to the stewardship of trees, one of the natural resources we here in the Grove hold most dear.