Quote of the Month

"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature -- the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after the winter."  Rachel Carson

Redbud in flower. Photo: Denise Ellsworth/ The Ohio State University, Bugwood.org

Timely Tree Tips
If spring is lagging behind in your part of Washington, bring the outside in. Learn how to force flowering shrubs for a little early spring in your home, and get some pruning done at the same time.

Read more.

Coordinator's Corner
Happy Arbor Day. Sarah congratulates Washington Tree Cities, Tree Line and Tree Campus USAs and announces recipients of the 2013 Community Forestry Assistance Grants.

Read more.

Spring Poe-tree
A tree poem in April is written in bountiful blossoms. Cherries, plums, and magnolias are blooming profusely, showing off their spring-time beauty. This time of the year you may find yourself considering adopting a bit of spring.

Read more.

PLAN - ting Trees: Selecting the Right Tree
Tree planting projects and events are the focus of most Arbor Day events. It is important to plan ahead when selecting trees to plant.

Read more

Think carefully before selecting a tree.

Tree Planting Grants for Tree City USA Communities

DNR's Urban and Community Forestry Program is excited to announce that funding is available for tree planting projects. Only cities that are one of our Tree City USA communities can apply (unless your city is planning to apply for that designation this year).

Read more

Planting a windbreak. Photo: Paige Eliz/Flickr

Council Communique'

Seeking Exceptional Tree People

Do you know a person or a group who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, creativity, cooperation and stewardship through their work in urban and community forestry? If so, the Washington Community Forestry Council would like to recognize her, him, or them! Read more.

Web-ucation: Links to help you learn

Celebrate our changing seasons, and Arbor Month, with this time-lapse video of a forest year in 3 minutes. (from The Grove, a website for sharing about trees). Boards to boats? Great idea for partnering to utilize wood for its highest and best use in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.
Operation Lorax Developed by Christina Escobar, coordinator with the Kittitas County/Yakima County Red Cross, this effort to replant trees after last summer's massive Taylor Bridge Wildfire, recently gained national recognition. Volunteers planted about 1,000 ponderosa pines in October along the north side of Lookout Mountain near Cle Elum. A second phase of replanting for Operation Lorax is scheduled for April 27.

Tree Myth: Root-filled drain pipes Disturbance to pipes and sidewalks caused by roots is one of the most commonly cited complaints about trees. Can trees really penetrate and plug up drain pipes? The answer -- perhaps, surprisingly -- is no. (Read more from the Deep Root Blog)

Calendar of Events, Activities, and Opportunities

Symposiums, classes, workshops and more await you on both sides of the Cascades. Read more

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