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Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. It is a time to remember and celebrate the contributions of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans to the American society. AAPI Heritage Month started initially as a week in May and is the brainchild of former staffer on Capitol Hill, Jeanie Jew. The original week was chosen to commemorate two significant dates:

- May, May 7th, 1843 marks the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States.
- May 10th, 1869 marks the completion of the transcontinental railroad, to which Chinese workers contributed significantly.

To celebrate this month at Urban Forestry we have selected a few articles that explore the connection between AAPI communities, the natural world, and history in the US.

[Read more](#)

Take Care of Young Trees this Summer



Photo 1: a watering bucket with small holes drilled into the bottom for slower percolation of water.

Photo 2: Mulch donut, not volcano. Make a donut ring around your tree with mulch that is 3 inches from the trunk, 3 inches deep, and 3 feet wide.

We are starting to move into longer, warmer, drier days in Portland. That may mean more fun for many of us, but we need to remember our new and recently planted trees too! Until the rains return in the fall, trees that have been in the ground for about 3 years or less will need water each week.

Urban Forestry is here to help you help your trees. Check out our tree care tips, and feel free to reach out to us for more information!

[Learn more](#)

Upcoming Events



Tree Walk at Columbia Park

Saturday, 05/13/2023, 10:00 am – 11:30 am
Columbia Park ([4339 N Lombard St, Portland, OR 97203](#))

Join us on a leisurely tree walk around Columbia Park. This event is a great opportunity to practice tree identification skills and to learn some neat facts about trees of the park. Be sure to bring water, a hat, and comfortable walking shoes. We will see you there! Learn more about this event and [register online](#).



Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Webinar

Tuesday, 05/23/2023, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Online via Zoom

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive insect pest. EAB larvae damage ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.) through their feeding activity. EAB was detected in Forest Grove, Oregon in June of 2023. Join Urban Forestry staff at this online

webinar to learn about what you can do to help minimize EAB's damage to Portland's ash tree population. [Learn more and register](#).

Photo by Leah Bauer, USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station, Bugwood.org.

Event Highlight: Tree Walk at Knott Park, Heritage Tree Designation, and Award for Gregg Everhart



Saturday, April 29th Urban Forestry held the first tree walk of 2023 in Knott Park. Almost 30 community members joined us to learn about and celebrate the trees of the park. After the walk we held an award ceremony for a newly designated [Heritage Tree](#), a Turkish Hazelnut.

Then we had a celebration of long-time heritage tree advocate and Urban Forestry volunteer, Gregg Everhart. Gregg recieved the 2023 Heritage Tree Hero award from the Oregon Heritage Tree Program.

There was a short talk about the history of the tree followed by some time for mingling and hazelnut-themed refreshments. Thank you all the participated and congratulations to Gregg Everhart!

In Other News

Celebrate Parks and the people that make them great with the Portland Parks Foundation (PPF)! May 18th will be hosting the annual Friends and Allies summit to celebrate our parks and honorees of the PPF Parks Champion award and the Joey Pope award for Parks Leadership. This event will be held at the Laurelhurst Club. Come out and connect with fellow volunteers, advocates, and community builders. [Learn more](#).

Join Connecting Canopies for a paid urban forestry pre-apprenticeship for BIPOC young adults. Get paid to learn about tree planting and maintenance, food systems, habitat restoration, and more. Participants must be 18 years of age or older by the start of the program. This is a 9-month-long position that collaborates with various city, non-profit, and for-profit industry partners. For more information email theresa@ubrangreenspaces.org. Check out the [flyer](#).

Is there a mother tree? Researchers from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences set to find out. The 'mother tree' is an exciting hypothesis that posits the oldest and biggest trees in a forest are able to send resources to younger saplings in shadier spots or detect when other trees are sick or stressed and send nutrients to them. This would all be possible through the fungal networks found under the forest floor. Researchers weighed the evidence of if this phenomenon truly exists. [Read more](#) about their findings.

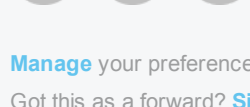
Pando is talking. Can you hear it? Pando is presumably the world's heaviest living organism. It is a "forest" of genetically identical Quaking Aspens in Utah. It is thought to be connected by one root system and each tree may be individual branches. A lot remains unknown about Pando and that drove acoustic artist, Jeff Rice, to ask the question "What is the sound of one of the world's largest organisms?" He set out on a mission to listen. [Read more](#) about his project.

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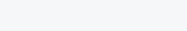
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