



## URBAN FORESTRY

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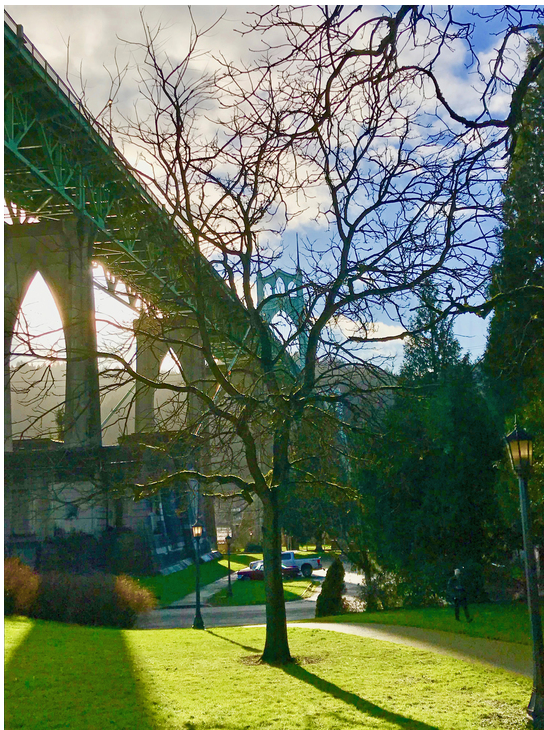


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# Turn in Your Heritage Tree Nomination by May 1, 2020!



*The St. Johns Bridge peeks out from behind Heritage Tree # 353, a Kentucky coffeetree, still relatively rare in Portland. Heritage Tree # 355, a Japanese red pine, has colorful red, gray and brown bark. Remember to nominate Portland's next Heritage Tree by May 1, 2020.*

**You can be part of Portland's history! Each year, Portland's [Heritage Tree Program](#) sends a list of trees to City Council. Not just any trees: This list offers protections to some of the finest trees in Portland. To get on the list, all of the trees had to be nominated by someone. Maybe this year it will be you!**

Every tree that is nominated will be considered, but not all will make it through to the end. So, what

improves the chances that your nomination will become a Heritage Tree? Here is a short list of some things the Heritage Tree Committee is looking for when they consider a tree:

1. Is this tree species already well represented? If so, how does it compare to the others? If it is rare, or larger than others like it, that is a big plus!
2. What does the tree look like? Is it in good shape? Beauty is different for everyone, but some trees just have something special.
3. Does the tree have a history that is interesting or unique?

We get calls and emails from around the country asking how to make a Heritage Tree Program like ours. There is a lot that goes into it, but the real secret is the quality of our trees. And we need your help to discover them.

**Learn more about nominating a tree [here](#).**  
**Be sure to turn in your [nomination form](#) by May 1!**

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## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

[www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/workshops](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/workshops)



### Local Tree Care Providers Workshop

Friday, May 15, 2020, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Multnomah Arts Center Gymnasium, 7688  
SW Capitol Hwy. ([map](#))

Calling all tree care professionals! If you work on trees within the city limits of Portland, then this workshop is for you.

Register [here](#).

Learn about different kinds of tree permits and how to submit applications. Urban Forestry staff will be there to answer your questions. ISA CEUs may be available.



### 2020 Flowering Tree Photo Contest

Now - April 30, 2020

**New this year:** Prizes! The Top 3 individuals can choose from: a tree seedling and watering bucket, Science Comics: *Trees: Kings of the Forest*, or an Urban Forestry water bottle.

Urban Forestry is looking for you to get outside, get creative, and send us your best photos of trees in all their flowering glory. New perspectives and species are encouraged.

**Please observe the following contest rules:**

- The photo must be your own original photo
- The photo must be of a tree in the City of Portland

- Please provide the location with your submission
- Multiple submissions are allowed
- All rights to the photos are released to the City of Portland and may be published with or without photo credit
- Be respectful of private and public property, do not trespass
- Submissions are due by April 30, 2020

**Submit your photos [here!](#)**

Winning photos may be featured in Tree Bark and on our social media platforms.

## More Upcoming Events

**4/11/2020, Spring Tree Identification Walk:** Urban Forestry Outreach and Science Manager, Angie DiSalvo, will lead a special spring tree walk. Bring your cameras or sketchbooks and learn to identify trees while exploring Ventura Park. We will get to know common tree species by looking beyond the leaves at flowers, bark, and buds. The workshop will start at 10:00 am and end at 11:30 am. Register [here](#).

**4/25/2020, Outreach Tabling at New Year in the Park Festival:** Help hand out free tree seedlings to festival goers! New Year in the Park celebrates a cultural festival that is important in several Southeast Asian countries. The event takes place at Glenhaven Park. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. [Sign up now!](#)

**Ongoing:**

**Sign up for a Pop-Up:** An arboretum is a collection of trees that have a purpose – and our purpose is to share the trees in Portland's parks with everyone who passes by. If your Tree Team is interested in having a Pop-Up Arboretum in your local park, please complete an interest form, available [here](#). Interest forms are due by March 31, 2020.

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## In Other News

**Proposers Sought for Tree Planting and Establishment Services by Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry:** A request for proposal (RFP) is expected be released around March 10, 2020 and will be posted at <https://procure.portlandoregon.gov>. There will be an optional information session, tentatively scheduled for March 17 from 2-3:30 pm at the East Portland Community Center ([map](#)). The scope of work will cover trees planted in public rights-of-way, city property, and private property. Proposers will provide tree procurement, delivery, installation, and three years of establishment services. More details will be available in the RFP.

**Green Workforce Academy, a Five-Week Green Jobs Training Program:** This workforce readiness training program is available to Native American and African American youth ages 18 - 25. The five-week academy begins April 13, 2020. It will meet Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Two of the days will be spent in the field, and two will be classroom days. Participants will be paid. For more information contact: Teresa Gaddy | [tgaddy@ecotrust.org](mailto:tgaddy@ecotrust.org) | 503.467.0789

**Portland Publishes Draft Climate Emergency Declaration:** Although [Milwaukie](#) was the first city in Oregon to declare a climate emergency, Portland was not far behind. Last month, Mayor Ted Wheeler released the first draft of a Climate Emergency Declaration. Click here to see the [draft](#). Scroll to page 5



to see the 20 actions identified to address climate change. Public feedback is wanted now! Comments will be accepted until March 16 at 5:00 pm. Click [here](#) to share your comments.

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