SPECIAL MESSAGE

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Trees: Feelings are Key

We value the role of science at the Sacramento Tree Foundation in bringing us a wider and more detailed understanding of the value of a healthy tree and a robust urban forest, but feelings play a key role as well.

While science is an integral part of our guiding principles, we equally value the way people stand up taller and smile a bit wider when talking about trees. Our staff repeatedly tells us that one of their favorite perks of working at this nonprofit is the way faces light up as a story is told about favorite childhood experiences in the woods or future plans for back yard trees. We enjoy deeper conversations about the spirit of place trees bring to a community as well as the spiritual feelings and awe trees inspire in so many of us. We walk away from these conversations feeling refreshed with a renewed sense of purpose and hope.

It should come as no surprise then, to learn the results of our first-ever focus groups. RESOUNDINGLY, and across different demographic groups, all conversations turned to the ways trees make us FEEL.

Instead of talking about the amazing scientific benefits of trees, we heard stories of how a peacefully serene backyard setting offered healing to a family dealing with Alzheimer’s disease. We also heard from a man who treasured the family of owls living in the pine tree outside his bedroom window and the measure of consistency and comfort they added to his day.

With so much of our time spent on linear tasks at work and at school, where we strive to be logical, rational, and professional, it’s too easy to overlook the importance of the warm feelings of comfort trees provide.

Stop and think for a minute: what do you feel when you walk into a grove of majestic trees? It seems to me that I always take a deep breath and a moment of serenity and relaxation washes over me. I feel good among the trees. As one teenage volunteer put it, “I feel like I’m on top of the world.”

My favorite book that quickly takes me back to how the natural world is an evolving, dynamic landscape of wonder and unfolding magic is by the naturalist extraordinaire Aldo Leopold. From his ‘Sand County Almanac’:

“Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets, but humbler folk may circumvent this restriction if they know how. To plant a pine, for example, one need be neither god nor poet; one need only own a good shovel. By virtue of this curious loophole in the rules, any clodhopper may say: Let there be a tree—and there will be one.”

If everyone stopped to think of a memory or a feeling inspired by trees, we could easily have 5 million stories. That’s why we’re so excited about the goal of 5 million new trees by 2025.

Send us your personal tree story and please nominate your favorite local tree or grove for our Tree Hero Awards, celebrated this year on May 13, 2009.

Ray Tretheway
Connecting Trees & Public Health

INTRODUCING DESIRÉE BACKMAN, DRPH, MS, RD

In Spring of 2008, the Sacramento Tree Foundation announced plans to grow its internal leadership by adding a new position: Deputy Director. After an intensive search, Dr. Desirée Backman was hired for the position. Dr. Backman now works closely with our Executive Director and management team to direct all programs and services of the Sacramento Tree Foundation.

Dr. Backman’s background allows the Tree Foundation to utilize her expertise in public health and community development to build the best urban forest for the Sacramento region. Prior to joining the Sacramento Tree Foundation, Dr. Backman graduated at the top of her class from Loma Linda University where she earned her doctorate in public health. She then directed a statewide, nationally recognized initiative designed to increase fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity and reduce chronic diseases among Californians.

She has published numerous research articles on the topics of cancer prevention, health promotion, and public health intervention approaches and effects. Her experience in research, the built environment, policy and advocacy, and community mobilization will be a great asset to the Tree Foundation. Dr. Backman has received multiple academic and public health practice awards including the 2007 Joint Health, Fitness, and Nutrition Award from the California Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and the National Association for Health and Fitness. The Tree Foundation is very pleased to have Dr. Backman’s leadership at the forefront of the conversation of trees and public health.

Constance Crawford

Join us at the Home & Landscape Expo ‘09

Mark your calendar now for the area’s most prestigious home event, the Northern California Home & Landscape Expo, January 23 -25 at Cal Expo.

Over 1,200 exhibits of the finest products and services for your home and yard will be on display, filling every building at Cal Expo. Be sure to see the popular Landscape Showcase where this year’s theme is “A Haven at Home”. You’ll see five innovative landscape designs that show how you can make your yard an extension of your home.

Attend a variety of workshops covering topics of great interest to homeowners and gardeners. This is the most comprehensive show of its kind and you won’t want to miss it.

Visit www.HomeandLandscapeExpo.com for more information about show times and parking.

The Tree Foundation will once again have a strong presence at the show so be sure to visit us in the Pavilion building.

Be our guest at the show with complimentary tickets available at the Tree Foundation office.

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Volunteer Spirit Awards

The Volunteer Spirit Awards is Sacramento’s largest volunteer recognition ceremony based solely on the volunteers who change and improve our community. Individuals and groups who have performed exceptional volunteer service during the past year can be nominated for the prestigious award.

This year the Sacramento Tree Foundation nominated three individuals and one group for their dedication and support of the Tree Foundation’s mission to build the best urban forest for the Sacramento region.

John Webre- Board Member of the Year
President of Dreyfuss & Blackford Architects, John served as the Tree Foundation Board President from 2006-2008. John saw the organization through an assessment and reorganization and led explorations of new funding sources. He has worked diligently to ensure that the organization is steadily moving forward and achieving our goals.

Shawn Harr- Ray of Light Volunteer
Shawn’s connection to the Tree Foundation was immediate and we often hear her say she feels more like a staff person than a volunteer. Shawn was nominated because of her enthusiastic spirit, continuous smile and her dedication to volunteerism regardless of any challenges she is confronted with.

Kathy Long- Salt of the Earth
A spring graduate of our award-winning Leading Education and Awareness in urban Forestry (LEAF) Steward Program, Kathy put her new-found knowledge to work creating and organizing a tree planting for the Fair Oaks dog park. This successful effort required months of planning and the cooperation and approval of dog owner groups and the Fair Oaks Park and Recreation District. The project culminated in an October planting by LEAF Stewards graduating from the fall class.

INALLIANCE- Volunteer Group of the Year
Inalliance provides job training placement and independent living support to adults with developmental disabilities. Visiting the Tree Foundation office each week, volunteers from Inalliance cheerfully complete a range of tasks. Throughout the past four years they have volunteered over 2,820 hours and completed numerous projects for our staff. Their continued support is a vital piece to the success of Tree Foundation programs. Thank you Inalliance!

Meredith King

This community contribution of beautiful trees will provide shade for owners and dogs alike for years to come!
Nominate Your Tree Hero

CELEBRATE SACRAMENTO’S COMMITMENT TO TREES

In recognition of Sacramento’s 150 year commitment to trees, the Tree Foundation’s Tree Hero Awards are given out annually to identify excellence in people and landscapes that best exemplify outstanding accomplishments in tree planting, care and stewardship, as well as the overall importance of trees.

If you know an individual, organization, or a tree worthy of a Tree Hero Award, the Tree Foundation encourages you to submit an entry on our website. Nominees will be judged for impact, quality, innovation and the degree to which the work serves as a worthy example for others to follow. Entries must be received by April 10th.

Winners will be honored at our annual celebration on May 13, 2009. Support our urban forest by sponsoring a table or purchasing individual tickets.
You may visit www.sactree.com or call (916) 924-TREE ext 128 to nominate a Tree Hero, for event reservations, or to learn more.

Rachael Harrington

Conservation in Natomas

Just north of Sacramento, The Natomas Basin Conservancy (TNBC), contains 30 mitigation properties covering over 4,500 acres. These properties are being restored for a variety of 22 animal and plant species that are endangered, threatened or a species of concern. Among them are the giant garter snake, Swainson’s hawk, burrowing owls and tri-colored blackbirds. Also included in the species list is plant life such as delta tule pea, California arrowhead and the tiny wildflower legenere.

Oaks, poplar, willow trees and a variety of shrubs and weeds play an important part in the habitat sanctuaries by providing nesting locations for birds to hunting grounds for foraging raptors.

The Sacramento Tree Foundation is dedicated to creating and sustaining the best urban forest and this includes not only the forest where we work and live, but also wildlife habitat like TNBC. Restoration sanctuaries that are tucked among the rice fields play an important part in keeping a balance for creatures and native plant life as development progresses. During the past six years, the Tree Foundation and TNBC have engaged in a partnership that provides monitoring for the health and quantity of trees available in these wildlife habitats. This partnership is another way to help control invasive plant material and see that the quality of life for the native species is retained.

TNBC is funded by a combination of mitigation fees, farm rent, operating grants, and contributions and interest income in the endowment fund. The role of TNBC is to acquire, restore and manage mitigation lands using the Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (NBHCP) that is prepared to satisfy a condition of an U.S. Army Corp of Engineers permit, with the program implementation under the direction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game and the City of Sacramento.

Through all of their efforts TNBC has successfully gained progress by providing protected sanctuaries of marsh, riparian and grassland habitats. An abundance of information about TNBC can be found on their web site at www.natomasbasin.org. Though these properties are not open to the public, the impact and benefit of these wildlife sanctuaries will be felt by all in the coming decades.

Joni Ramirez

Tribute Tree Program

Think about all of the life events you can honor with Tribute Trees: a birth, a passing, a graduation, a wedding, Mother’s or Father’s Day.

Each of these can be commemorated with the planting of a tree that will provide benefits for generations to come. For $150 we will provide a tree and planting location, small plaque, and replacement insurance. Tribute Tree Plantings take place 4 times a year.
Contact: supportus@sactree.com or (916) 924-8733 ext 103
The Twin Rivers Unified School District is California’s newest unified school district, encompassing 120 square miles and 71 pre-existing schools and offices. As part of its inauguration, the District, led by Superintendent Frank Porter, in 2008 planted 1,000 trees in partnership with the Sacramento Tree Foundation and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD).

Most importantly, these trees will help instill a sense of pride and ownership in school grounds by both staff and students and help to create a sense of community at each school.
The District planted these trees to demonstrate its commitment to the well-being of its staff, teachers, and students. As they grow and mature, these trees will provide shade to buildings, playgrounds, and social areas protecting users from overexposure to the sun and providing respite during hot Sacramento weather. They will clean the air the school community breathes and help to protect against flooding during wet winter months. The added greenery will assist in reducing mental stress and create a welcoming, park-like atmosphere. Most importantly, these trees will help instill a sense of pride and ownership in school grounds by both staff and students and help to create a sense of community at each school.

To facilitate the community-building process the School District worked with the Sacramento Tree Foundation and students and community members to plant the trees. The majority of the trees were planted over one weekend. On December 13th and 14th, over 500 volunteers from across the Sacramento community came together to plant more than 500 trees at almost 50 schools. With so many trees to plant, there were lots of opportunities for civic-minded businesses and individuals to get involved. Esurance, Omega Phi Zeta Fraternity, The Girl and Boy Scouts of America, AmeriCorps NCC, and many others were among those that committed their time and labor to give back to the Twin Rivers school community. Students, teachers, PTAs, businesses, and the general public all came together to get involved in their schools, learn about the importance of trees and proper planting techniques, and make a difference in their community. Participants had the opportunity to work side by side with their peers and neighbors and take ownership of their school community resource. This partnership with the community will not end on the day of the planting, but will continue to be built upon with future planting and education projects.

Jacobe Caditz
A Call to Get Involved

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING CALIFORNIA ARBOR DAY!

Arbor Day is known as a day for all to recognize and appreciate the benefits of trees. It’s a day we plant trees with the knowledge that we are building community today, and ensuring a healthier environment for tomorrow.

This Arbor Day the Sacramento Tree Foundation will be working with our twenty-eight regional Greenprint partner jurisdictions to coordinate a community planting or Arbor Day event in each city, county, and town. Our Arbor Day celebrations will focus on increasing awareness about the roles trees play in our community and the importance of viewing trees as a regional asset.

So get ready! On March 7th the Tree Foundation will be calling on everyone who loves trees to attend a local Arbor Day event. Ask your local tree group, school or city/county tree department if you can help plan Arbor Day 2009.

Robin Evans
How to Hire a Tree Care Professional

Hiring someone to prune your tree? What should you ask and expect, and who is qualified to help?

**SOME EXPECTATIONS**

1. A reliable tree care worker will not recommend “topping” a tree by leaving large stubs.
2. Tree spikes or spurs are not used to climb trees unless the tree is to be removed.
3. Trees should not look overly pruned. Taking off more than ¼ of leaf surface can cause a tree to decline.
4. Expect a company to be a member in professional organizations to stay abreast of arboricultural information.
5. Expect to get more than one bid and examine the written specifications to determine the best combination of price, skill and professionalism to protect your investment.

**Hiring a Certified Young Tree Care Technician**

Young Tree Care Technicians are trained and certified by the Sacramento Tree Foundation to pick the right tree for your home and plant it in the right spot. They are capable to prune trees while they are young enough to reach while standing on the ground. Creating shape and structure are necessary for young trees to develop healthy strong branching as they mature.

How to find one online: www.sactree.com. Look under “Programs and Services”.

**Hiring a Certified Arborist**

An arborist is a specialist in the care of individual trees. Arborists are knowledgeable about the needs of trees and are trained and equipped to provide proper care. Hiring an arborist is a decision that should not be taken lightly. Proper tree care is an investment that can lead to substantial returns. Well-cared-for trees are attractive and can add considerable value to your property. Poorly maintained trees can be a significant liability. Pruning or removing trees, especially large trees, can be dangerous work. Tree work should be done only by those trained and equipped to work safely in trees.

To find a certified arborist online visit: www.treesaregood.org. Searching for an arborist by zip code or city will give you a list of arborists for that area. Or, search for arborists by looking up their name or business. Certification numbers may be verified at this site also.

**WHAT TO ASK**

1. Ask for proof of insurance and bonding.
2. Ask to examine credentials and check with the appropriate agencies for verification.
3. Ask for references and take the time to check them.
4. Ask for clarification of any terminology that may be unclear.
5. Ask if they adhere to ANSI 300-A pruning standards. These are the industry standard and are followed by reputable companies.
6. Ask what kind of volunteer work they do regarding trees in the community? This can be a guide as to how much they care about the community where they live and trees in general.

Luann Leineke
7 Pruning Tips

WINTER TREE CARE

1. Prune trees while young (3 to 8 years).
2. Deciduous trees (they lose their leaves) are best pruned for shape and structure in the winter when there are no leaves.
3. Allow lower limbs to remain for the first several years. Shorten them if they are in the way and remove them completely later. Leaves shade the delicate bark and are essential to establishing a healthy root system.
4. Allow for a single main trunk. Any side branching with less than a 45 degree angle does not create a strong attachment and should be removed gradually as the tree grows.
5. Do not remove more than ¼ of the branches at one time.
6. Prune just outside the branch collar (puckered or raised bark where the branch is attached to the trunk) to allow the wound wood to form.
7. Removing dead wood, broken branches and stress growth should be done anytime of year. Water sprouts (vigorous vertical branching) and suckers (excess growth from the roots) are the result of stress. Determine what is causing stress and correct it.

Luanne Leineke

This cut was made just outside of the branch bark collar. Here it is only slightly visible as a fuller section of the branch.

Cutting outside the branch bark collar allows the branch to create donut-shaped wound wood over the cut.

Premier Tree Maintenance Workshop

TREE CANOPY WORKSHOP FOCUSES ON SAFETY

On November 6th, 2008, the Sacramento Tree Foundation hosted 36 workshop attendees to discuss tree canopy safety and retention. Thanks to support from Fallen Leaf Tree Service Incorporated, participants from local parks, schools, and other entities that manage trees and landscapes learned about how to manage and protect their canopy. This was the first workshop of this kind held in the Sacramento area specifically targeting the individuals that work hands-on with trees in public spaces and the financial decision makers that guide these maintenance efforts. The topics covered pertain directly to the challenges faced by these professionals every day. For the most part, the trees in our local parks and schools are managed on a day-to-day basis by individuals with little or no training in arboriculture. This workshop was designed to help them make good management decisions regarding how to care for their trees and when to call for additional assistance from a certified arborist. With safety as our number one goal, we discussed ways to manage and anticipate tree replacement to ensure our parks, schools and other public spaces support a healthy tree canopy now and in the future. The workshop was also a great chance for the Sacramento Tree Foundation to learn what sort of support our urban forest allies need from us. This information will help us provide more effective services to the community as a whole.

A big thank you to our presenters: John Lichter of Tree Associates, Jerry Eppler of Carmichael Recreation and Park District, and Gabe Beeler of Fallen Leaf Tree Service Incorporated.

Zarah Wyly

Representatives attended from the following entities: Arcade Creek Recreation and Park District, California State Parks Capitol District, Carmichael Recreation and Park District, the city of Galt, Cordova Recreation and Park District, Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District, Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District, Mission Oaks Recreation and Park District, Orangevale Recreation and Park District, Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District, Sacramento County Audubon Society, Southgate Recreation and Park District, and the Twin Rivers Unified School District.
The red maple (*Acer rubrum*) is a brilliant example of an eye-catching tree. Native in eastern North America from Ontario to Texas, it is the most common and widespread tree in that area. Early forests were heavily populated with oaks and pine, but the advent of global warming and an abundance of forest fires decimated their populations, allowing for the red maple to proliferate. The red maple does well in a wide variety of soil conditions from swampy to arid, and grows well from sea level to as high as 3,000-foot elevation. In the Sacramento area, red maples generally grow to 40 feet tall and prefer moderate moisture with good drainage.

Red maples do not get their name from the leaves, which can be in reds, oranges or yellows, but rather from the flowers, twigs, petioles (the tiny stem that attaches the leaf to the twig), and seeds, all a bright red. It is the state tree of Rhode Island, but the National Register of Big Trees (www.americanforests.org) lists the largest red maple in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park in Tennessee.

Deer and elk graze on this tree in native forests. The leaves can be toxic to horses, but they would have to eat at least 1½ pounds to feel the effects. The wood is moderately hard and is sometimes used for furniture. Maple sugar generally comes from sugar maples, although red maples do produce the syrup. Flavor of the syrup changes when flowers start to appear, and as the red maple is one of the first indicators of spring, there is little time to gather the syrup. Besides being a delightful herald of spring, the red maple is a beautiful sight on a cold rainy day when the leaves present a glorious display of reds, oranges or yellows. Leaf color will change with the weather. Notice the leaves in the picture. Those already on the ground are yellow. Those that are still on the tree have changed to a bright red.

Do you have a favorite tree? Let us know. Trees can be nominated for Tree Hero Awards at www.sactree.com.

*Luanne Leineke*
Planting Season Kick-off

**GET DIRTY WITH THE SACRAMENTO TREE FOUNDATION, CLEAN UP WITH HARV’S CARWASH**

On Saturday, October 11, 2008, the Sacramento Tree Foundation hosted our first-annual Planting Season Kick-off at Harv’s Carwash.

Harv’s Carwash hosted the event to highlight their ongoing partnership with the Tree Foundation and in celebration of their recent selection as one of the country’s top 50 carwashes by Modern Car Care magazine. “Harv’s is proud to be a leading green-certified carwash and is honored to support the Tree Foundation’s efforts to green our region. Harv’s invites you to get dirty with the Sacramento Tree Foundation, and clean up with us,” says Aaron Zeff, CEO of Harv’s Carwash.

In addition to hosting our first annual kick-off event, Harv’s Carwash generously donated our volunteer t-shirts this year. Volunteers receive one of these 100% organic t-shirts after attending their 2nd planting. Harv’s continued dedication to the health of our urban forest and to Sacramento’s quality of life is tremendous.

It is only with the support of community-minded businesses and organizations, like Harv’s, and our dedicated volunteers and members that we will build the best urban forest in the nation.

Colleen Cadwallader

**NeighborWoods allies with Nehemiah**

We know that the combination of trees and civic engagement can improve the health and quality of life in our communities by combating global climate change, reducing air pollution, conserving energy, improving our water quality and creating healthier and more beautiful neighborhoods. In order for the Greenprint initiative to be successful and to meet our goal of planting 5 million trees by 2025, we must engage citizens in long term commitments to enhancing and protecting their neighborhood tree canopy.

Our primary vehicle to achieve this goal is our NeighborWoods program. The greatest success of NeighborWoods is enhanced understanding and commitment to our local environment, a sense of empowerment to make positive change in our neighborhoods, and the feeling of hopefulness gained by replacing decline and loss with growth and potential in our own front yards.

On November 21, 2008, the Nehemiah Community Foundation™, Inc. (NCF) awarded a grant of $5,000 to support our NeighborWoods program. The mission of the NCF is to support faith-based and community-based organizations and to encourage individual achievement and self-sufficiency. The NCF is committed to revitalizing neighborhoods throughout Sacramento. The Tree Foundation applauds the NCF for their commitment to Sacramento and thanks them for their support of our urban forest.

Colleen Cadwallader
Proud Platinum Members

THANK YOU PLATINUM MEMBERS, FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION TO BUILD THE BEST URBAN FOREST FOR THE SACRAMENTO REGION.

Blue Almond Growers
Did you know that almonds are California’s largest tree crop? Founded in 1910, the Blue Diamond Growers cooperative led the development of California’s almond industry from a minor domestic specialty crop to the world leader in almond production. Headquartered in Sacramento, Blue Diamond has the largest nut processing plant in the world, covering 33 city blocks on 90 acres. Approximately 3,000 California almond growers deliver their almonds to all 50 states and more than 90 foreign countries, making almonds California’s largest food export and the sixth largest U.S. food export.

Dreyfuss & Blackford Architects
Dreyfuss & Blackford Architects was started in the 1950s in Sacramento. Founded in a Modernist tradition, the firm achieved international recognition early on with several notable landmark structures. After more than 50 years of success, they continue to remain on the cutting edge of innovation. They’ve received over 75 regional and national awards for design excellence in both public and private sector projects. With a special focus on design and the environment, they’ve won awards such as the Energy Efficiency Award Savings by Design, and the Best Practices Award for HVAC Design of Green Building Research Center.

Serrano Associates
The 3,500-acre master-planned community of El Dorado Hills has approximately 1,000 acres of open space, including century-old oak trees and woodlands, rolling hills, and serene walking trails dotted with wildflowers. Serrano won the 2005 Award of Excellence from The National Arbor Day Foundation in recognition of its efforts to save trees during the development process. The strategy has been to build around trees whenever feasible; when trees must be removed, new ones are planted in open-space areas to replace them. Serrano residents have planted about 50,000 new trees in the community.

Rachael Harrington

Our corporate members join us as educators and sponsors of expanding our region’s tree canopy. They align themselves with a highly visible and strong Sacramento brand, 26 years in the making.

Become a corporate member of the Sacramento Tree Foundation! Sign up for a $1,000 Platinum corporate membership today and receive the following benefits:

- Receive a platinum member logo for your marketing materials
- Be included in our annual report
- Link your business website on “Our Supporters” webpage
- Receive our quarterly newsletter, the Urban Forest Monitor
- Feature your business in the Urban Forest Monitor
- Receive a Platinum Member plaque

Sign up at our website www.sactree.com or for more information, contact us (916) 924-8733 ext 128.

WISH LIST
The Tree Foundation asks that you consider donating the following items:

- Post pounders
- Shovels (kid and adult size)
- Root daggers
- Hand-pruners
- Loppers
- Retractable hand saws
- Burlap squares or small tarps
- Pouches, sacks or buckets for carrying supplies
- Refrigerator for acorns
- Laptop computers
- Serving or hosting utensils and platters for meetings
- BBQ
- Toaster oven
- Popcorn machine with stand
- Bicycles for staff to commute to meetings
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NEIGHBORHOOD TREE GUIDE

Your family walks by trees in the neighborhood every day. You can learn all about them by studying and creating your own neighborhood tree guide. Read on for how you and your children can create this unique guide for your own reference or as a great gift for someone special.

What You’ll Need:
- Field guide to trees
- Notebook
- Pen or marker

HOW TO MAKE A NEIGHBORHOOD TREE GUIDE:

Step 1: At the library, check out a field guide to trees that grow in your area. It will have pictures, descriptions, and information about each kind of tree.

Step 2: Take the field guide out into your neighborhood, and see how many of the trees you can find. Learn the name of each tree.

Step 3: Pay attention to what kind of leaves, seeds, and bark each tree has. Which trees have flowers, fruits, or nuts? Which trees are home to animals?

Step 4: As the seasons change, keep a record of which trees’ leaves change color and fall off, and which trees are the first to leaf out in the spring.

Step 5: Make your own field guide to trees in your neighborhood. Your guide could include the name of each tree, a drawing, a leaf from the tree (or tracing of a leaf), information about the tree, and details of where in the neighborhood each kind of tree can be found. You can even include tree poetry and quotes for extra fun!

Author?
UPCOMING events
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL MEREDITH (916) 924.8733 ext 122

EVENTS
Tree Planting dates
Volunteer to support the urban forest of Sacramento County by planting both shade trees and native species in urban and rural environments. Dates and information will be available at www.sactree.com as the dates draw closer.

All dates are Saturdays.
Average time of event is 9 am to 12 pm
January 10
January 24
February 7
February 21
March 7- Elk Grove Arbor Day planting
March 21

Tree Tours
Come explore with us! Tree tours are a non-RSVP event, just grab your walking shoes and meet at the designated spot! We hold tours the months of September through November. Tree Tours are popular walks through areas with the best tree canopies. You will learn to identify the characteristics of the common landscape trees of the Sacramento area. Come as a participant, or be trained to lead a tour! Dates will be posted to our Events page on the website.

TRAINING
Seedster Volunteer Training
This is a fun, hands-on orientation to the Sacramento Tree Foundation and urban forestry. Participants will learn about the mission of the Tree Foundation, how to properly plant trees, the benefits of trees, and opportunities to get involved. Hands on tree ID is provided and all participants are encouraged to register for an upcoming Saturday planting.

All trainings are held at the Coloma Community Center from 6 pm to 8 pm.
Monday, January 5
Tuesday, February 3
Monday, March 9

Tree Care Classes
Tree Care Days and Pruning Clinics are held periodically to ensure the best growth of young trees. We train volunteers to best prune and care for young trees with hands-on experience.

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