

Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership News

JANUARY 2008



Annual Membership Meeting Set

The Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership will be having its annual membership meeting at **5:30 on Wednesday, January 23rd** at Pizza Roma in the Merchants Wharf. Come hear what we have been up to this past year and discuss projects for the upcoming year. Bring us ideas for new projects. We'll supply the Pizza. Please RSVP if you think you might come so we know how much Pizza to order.

Juneau Urban Tree Profile

European beech : *Fagus sylvatica*

This is an outstanding deciduous urban tree for large areas that is tolerant of poor soils and shade. The tree has simple dark green lustrous leaves that turn golden brown in the autumn and often persist into the winter. This large tree has a dense pyramidal shape and can reach fifty feet tall with a spread of thirty feet. Most interesting, especially in the winter months, is its smooth gray bark. This adaptable tree prefers rich slightly acidic soil that is well drained but will withstand most all conditions except saturated soils. This beech is hardy to zone 4.

Several cultivars exist including a purple leaved variety (*F. sylvatica* 'Atropunicea'), a columnar variety (*F. sylvatica* 'Fastigiata'), and a weeping form (*F. sylvatica* 'Pendula'). *Fagus grandifolia* is a North American native beech that has similar characteristics however it is not as adaptable to difficult conditions as the European beech. Plant the native variety when favorable conditions are present. Some of Juneau's largest European beech trees are found at 8th Street and Calhoun Avenue adjacent to the Governor's House.

Membership Drive Begins

Starting in January 2008 the Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership will be starting its first membership drive. In the past we have relied on State funding for many of our projects and it is now time for our organization to start standing on its own feet. A basic annual membership costs a mere \$20 and gets you a free tree to take home, free admission to Partnership events, and copies our newsletter. For those of you wanting to also make an immediate contribution to our community consider the \$100 level membership that will get a tree planted in our community. See the membership form in this newsletter for more details and other levels of membership.

All contributions are tax deductible and you get to help improve our community. The Partnership has a goal of 50 paid members and three corporate sponsors for 2008. Please help us reach our goal and assist in our tree planting and outreach programs for Juneau and Douglas.

Volunteer Appreciation Program

Our success is largely due to our wonderful group of tree volunteers. Whether you are a trained Tree Steward or someone who helps out at our events, we would like to thank you for your dedication and time to improving our community.

All volunteers who participate in five Partnership events are eligible to receive a free T-shirt. The number of events you volunteer at relate to the color of your shirt. Green shirts are available to those who attend 5-14 events, blue shirts for 15-24, and volunteering at 25 or more events get you a purple shirt. If you have participated in five or more events over the past three years you will be receiving your T-shirt. If you have helped in the past and need another event or two to collect your shirt watch for upcoming Partnership events planned for the summer of 2008.

2007 Annual Report Available

The 2007 partnership annual report is now available. Contact any board member and we will be happy to send you a copy.

Roots: Where Planting Begins Workshop

On August 24, 2007 Jim Flott of Community Forestry Consultants presented his workshop "Roots: Where Tree Planting Begins" to 8 attendees from Southeast Alaska in Juneau, at The Church of the Nazarene. This workshop presented material to attendees to learn the most up-to-date tree planting techniques and how to deal with root and root-collar issues.

The purpose of this workshop was to teach what predisposes trees to secondary pests and diseases and can potentially cause whole tree failure. Planting depth, root collar disorders, stem girdling roots, and root issues in balled-and-burlap and container trees are common problems that can shorten a tree's lifespan. Through in-depth lectures and field demonstrations, this workshop focused on recognizing and treating root-related problems for new installations and existing trees. There was an opportunity to root wash, treat problems, and plant 2 trees following the root washing and problem correction treatments.

Jim Flott is Urban Forester for the City of Spokane and owner of Community Forestry Consultants (CFC). He is also an adjunct faculty member at Spokane Community College and teaches arboriculture and tree identification. He has a BS in horticulture from Iowa State University and an MS in forest pathology from the University of Arizona, and has over twenty years experience in horticulture and arboriculture. The workshop was supported by the Alaska Community Forestry Program and JUIFP.

Partnership Blog Available Online Soon

The partnership is developing a blog where you will be able to keep up on the latest partnership events, interesting tree news, hold discussions, and give us your comments online. We will be sending an email announcement in the near future when it is available.

Business News

If you have items for the meeting agenda, please send them to one of the co chairs at least one week prior to the meeting.

If you have news items for the next JUFPA newsletter or comments, please contact Chris Mertl or Jeff Barnard.

If you would like to be added or removed from our email list please contact our Partnership secretary.

Our mailing address is **5820 N. Douglas Highway, Juneau, AK 99801** For email contacts, besides contacting any board member, you may contact us at juneautrees@yahoo.com

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JUNEAU URBAN FORESTRY PARTNERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP FORM

MISSION:

To promote the planting and care of trees in the Capital City.

The Partnership has planted and assisted in the planting of over 300 trees in Juneau and Douglas, thereby improving the aesthetics and quality of life of our community.

Each year the Partnership plants new trees, provides maintenance of the trees planted, and provides tree education programs to local residents.

The Partnership is a local grassroots effort supported by its members and volunteer work force of over 100 citizens. Board members are volunteers.

The Partnership is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Membership dues go directly to tree planting, tree maintenance, and educational programs. We have no overhead.

All members receive Partnership newsletters, free admission to all Partnership events, a free tree, and satisfaction that you are making a positive contribution to your community.

NAME: _____

AND/OR COMPANY NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(We do not sell or give out email addresses. For Partnership communication only)

MAY WE RECOGNIZE YOU AS A MEMBER? YES NO

ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBER:

- \$20 BASIC MEMBERSHIP
- \$100 TREE PLANTER MEMBERSHIP (A tree will be planted in Juneau on your behalf)
- \$250 GROVE PLANTER MEMBERSHIP (Three trees will be planted in Juneau on your behalf)
- \$ ____ OTHER (Contact the Partnership for benefits)

All members above will receive Partnership newsletters, free admission to educational events, and a free tree to take home each spring. Trees will be approx. 18" high and species will vary each year. Memberships are valid for one year.

- \$0 VOLUNTEER MEMBERSHIP (I would like to contribute my time on tree projects rather than giving financially). You will receive Partnership newsletters.

ANNUAL CORPORATE SPONSOR:

- \$100-249 ALDER SPONSORSHIP
- \$250-499 MOUNTAIN ASH SPONSORSHIP
- \$500-749 HEMLOCK SPONSORSHIP
- \$750-999 SPRUCE SPONSORSHIP
- \$>1000 MAPLE SPONSORSHIP

Corporate sponsors will be listed in the newsletter and recognized as a sponsor at a Partnership tree planting event.

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to the JUF.
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