

Enter your big tree in our contest by April 1

The deadline for entering your favorite tree in the Tree Foundation's Big Old Tree Contest is April 1.

Now's your chance to make sure Nashville's largest, oldest trees are recognized and protected.

Trees of any species in Davidson County can be nominated by any person. The trees can be on the property of the nominator, the public, neighbor, friend, or stranger. The owner's permission is suggested but not required.

"That big tree in your yard or your neighborhood could be a winner," said Foundation president Pat Wallace. "And by entering the contest, you help the Foundation inventory the city's biggest trees."

Wallace said an added benefit for trees being selected winners of the big old tree contest is that Nashville Electric Service tries to protect them as well as Landmark trees with judicious pruning. Download an entry form or enter at NashvilleTreeFoundation.org/botc.html.

Don't have time to measure? No problem. Just enter the tree's address and we'll take care of the rest. 🌿

See last year's winners: nashvilletreefoundation.org/winners.html

**BIG
OLD
TREE
CONTEST**



A 2010 winner



Scott Russell Sanders speaks April 13

Noted author and environmentalist Scott Russell Sanders headlines The Wendell Berry Lecture Series April 13 as the Tree Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary year.

The lecture and reading is in Montgomery Bell Academy's Paschall Theater at 4001 Harding Pike following a reception in the Gibbs Room and Estes Courtyard at 5 p.m.

"We are honored to offer our community the opportunity to hear Mr. Sanders discuss his writings, which examine the human place in nature and the relation between culture and geography," said Foundation president Pat Wallace.

Among the more than 20 books by the Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English at Indiana University are novels, collections of stories, and works of personal nonfiction, including *Staying Put*, *Writing from the Center*, and *Hunting for Hope*. His latest books are *A Private History of Awe*, a coming-of-age memoir, love story, and spiritual testament, which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize; and *A Conservationist Manifesto*, his vision of a shift from a culture of consumption to a culture of caretaking.

"The Foundation is indebted to inaugural speaker Wendell Berry, the Kentucky poet, author, and conservationist, for generously allowing us to use his name for our signature fundraising event and for recommending Mr. Sanders," Wallace said. "This and future



lectures will feature lectures by distinguished environmentalists and writers to raise awareness and funds for our non-profit organization."

Honorary chairs for the event are Madge and Warner Bass, one of the founders and former president of Friends of Warner Parks. Event chairs are Cathy Stewart Brown and Susannah Scott-Barnes. All Patron, Supporter and Host Committee members will be recognized in the event program and on this website.

John Seigenthaler, chair emeritus of *The Tennessean* and host of "Word on Words" on WNPT, will introduce Sanders, the recipient of numerous awards for his writings. 🌿



Tickets

Pay by credit card or check at nashvilletreefoundation.org/wendell_berry.html or order by phone at 615/292-5175

Patron: \$2,500

Includes two tickets to reception and lecture (\$2,450 tax deductible)

Supporter: \$1,000

Includes two tickets to reception and lecture (\$950 tax deductible)

Host: \$200

Includes ticket to reception and lecture (\$175 tax deductible)

Individual: \$100

Includes one ticket to reception and lecture (\$75 tax deductible)

Nashville City Cemetery hosts High Tree Party April 29

This year's winners of the Nashville Tree Foundation's Big Old Tree Contest will be announced at the 24th annual High Tree Party April 29 at 4 p.m. at Nashville City Cemetery, 1001 Fourth Avenue South.

"The 189-year-old Cemetery with its majestic trees—some more than 200 years old—lining streets named for tree species and shading tombstones over the 20,000 buried there is an ideal location for a celebration of trees in the Foundation's 25th anniversary year," said Foundation president Pat Wallace.

The High Tree Party will begin at 4 p.m. with the announcement of the winners of the 24th annual contest, an inexpensive, innovative way to create an inventory of the biggest trees in Davidson County.

Judges Shawn and Robin Bible will describe each of the winning trees in each category before awarding certificates to the nominators and owners.

The Victor Johnson Award will be presented to an individual or business with a special reverence for trees. The award is named for the deceased president and chief

executive officer of Aladdin Industries for his love of trees and for the impact he had on Nashville's landscape by setting the standard for tree-friendly developers.

Wallace said everyone is invited to attend this unique event and the reception featuring tree-related foods including black walnut banana muffins, pecan tassies and pecan strawberry bread along with fruits, nuts, cucumber sandwiches and, of course, tea.

For more information and to nominate a tree online, visit nashvilletreefoundation.org. 🌿



Owners and nominators at the 2010 High Tree Party

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Nashville Tree Foundation works to preserve and enhance Nashville's urban forest by educating the public, planting trees in urban areas, identifying the oldest and largest trees in Davidson County, and designating arboretums.

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CALENDAR

- March 25** Arbor Day, Centennial Park, 11 a.m.
- April 1** Deadline to enter Big Old Tree Contest
- April 13** Wendell Berry Lecture Series, Paschall Theater, Montgomery Bell Academy, 4001 Harding Pike, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- April 29** High Tree Party, 4 p.m., City Cemetery, 1001 Fourth Avenue South
- August 1** Deadline to apply for designation as arboretum
- September** Announce designation of arboretums, Site TBD
- November 19** ReLeafing Day, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Site TBD

Thanks for everyone's support over the past 25 years

LOOKING BACK on our community as it was in 1986 when the Tree Foundation was founded and making comparisons to 2011 gives us reason to celebrate. The "greenest city in America," a challenge and commitment from Mayor Karl Dean, actually seems attainable now! The culture of recycling, green roofs, energy-use consciousness, global warming concerns, greenways, public parks, spaces for bikes, walkers and runners—all of these priorities and more gladden the hearts of NTF and those involved in preserving our natural resources. The future looks bright.



FROM THE PRESIDENT
Pat Wallace

Our mission to preserve and enhance the urban forest of Nashville, to plant trees, recognize arboretums, and to educate the community are part of the sea change since 1986. We are grateful for the support from the many sources who contrib-

uted to the NTF mission during the past 25 years, including political and business leaders, government agencies such as Metro Parks, Public Works, MDHA, and many committed volunteers. We are proud to be connected with the broader mission of a green city.

Help us go green

In that spirit, our intent is to become as paperless as possible as quickly as possible. We entreat you to provide your email address by returning the YES! form on the facing page or emailing it to carolyn@nashvilletreefoundation.org. Your address will only be used for NTF communication purposes and never released publicly. This will be a most helpful gesture on your part. Thank you.

We invite you to attend our April 13 event. (See page 1). Mr. Sanders, a noted conservationist, is an extraordinary resource who will educate and inspire Nashvillians. 🌱

Foundation looking for arboretum applications

Deadline to apply is August 1

During its 25th anniversary year, the Nashville Tree Foundation is seeking applications to designate as arboretums sites where different trees and shrubs are grown for study or popular interest.

"These sites can have as few as 25 named and labeled specimens in unique, natural or wayside areas or 75 or more in a community setting," said Pat Wallace, president of the Foundation.

The purpose of establishing arboretums is to increase environmental awareness, provide enjoyment for this and future generations, and serve as a learning experience as well as ecological classrooms, she said.

All specimens must be labeled with a wood-screw-and spring system and



specific plans for long-term maintenance must be included.

Sites already recognized as arboretums include private residences, Historic Germantown, Tennessee Governor's Residence, Belle Meade Mansion, and the campus of Vanderbilt University.

For a complete list of designated sites, guidelines and an application go to www.nashvilletreefoundation.org. 🌱

Nashville Arbor Day is March 25

The city celebrates Arbor Day March 25 with awards, recognition, and tree plantings.

Sponsored by Metro Beautification and Environment Commission, the event is at 11 a.m. in Centennial Park near the sunken garden.

Nashville will receive its 15th Tree City USA designation from the Arbor Day Foundation. Metro Tree Advisory Committee will present the George Cate Jr. Award for exceeding the spirit of the Tree Ordinance. And Trees Nashville will present the Alice Ann Barge Award for urban forest excellence. Both awards are named for Tree Foundation board members.

Honor/memorial trees will be planted, including one marking the Foundation's 25th anniversary. 🌱

PLANTINGS



Music City Barbeque Festival and the Tree Foundation planted trees to assist to offset the carbon footprint of the first annual MCBBQ. Helping with the planting are Randall Lantz, superintendent of horticulture at Metro Parks and Foundation board member; Dian Vaughn, Green Committee Captain; Tom Kiermier of MCBBQ; Foundation president Pat Wallace, Frank Platt of MCBBQ; Foundation coordinator Carolyn Sorenson; Brian Hamilton of MCBBQ; and Toby Compton, Metro's legislative affairs director.



To celebrate the launch of Yellow Tail Tree-Free Chardonnay, local distributor Athens funded a tree planting on the Dominican Campus. Planting a tree are Michael Marchetti, Dominican Campus; Bruce Webster, state urban forester; Sister Marie Blanchette; John Wall, facilities manager; Sister Catherine Marie; John Donnelly, Athens Distributing; Sister Thomas Aquinas; Jennifer Smith, Tennessee Urban Forestry Council; Mark Dreps, Yellow Tail; and Tree Foundation coordinator Carolyn Sorenson.

Tree Foundation's roots go back to state's Homecoming '86

Nashville Tree Foundation owes its existence to Homecoming '86, Governor Lamar Alexander's statewide, year-long celebration in 647 communities across Tennessee.

Inspired by the success of planting 1,986 trees, the Special Projects Committee of the Davidson County organization unanimously decided at a meeting on March 5, 1986, to investigate the possibility of creating a foundation to insure the continuance of the tree planting project and the philosophy of recreating the urban forest with Betty Brown to serve as president.

Special Projects Committee chair Ann Thomason, Brown, and Joan Armour, another member of the committee, presented a proposal at the Metro Tree Board April 16, 1986, asking for its participation and cooperation if such a foundation were formed. The proposal was enthusiastically received with unanimous approval for participation. Tree Board members Alice Ann Barge and Justin P. Wilson volunteered to serve on the committee developing guidelines and charter. Board member Buck Allison offered

assistance and a \$100 donation for the new foundation.

At the initial meeting of the organizational committee May 2, 1986, were Buck Allison, Joan Armour, Alice Ann Barge, Betty Brown, Ann Thomason, Justin Wilson, and Eleanor Willis, who had chaired the Davidson County

Lucile Taylor, head of Parkway Towers Resident Association, Tree Foundation president Betty Brown, and Towers resident Bryant Bonds at the first planting at Parkway Terrace in December 1986.



Homecoming '86 celebration.

During the brainstorming session, It was decided on the name, Nashville Tree Foundation, and its purposes:

- To educate the public to recognize the need for maintaining a proper balance between commercial development and the natural environment
- To recreate Nashville's urban forests
- To raise funds to implement the goals of the Foundation.

Wilson, an attorney, filed the charter on May 7, 1986, which was granted May 16, 1986. Officers elected were Betty Brown, president; Joan Armour, secretary; Justin Wilson, treasurer; and Alice Ann Barge, Ann Thomason, and Eleanor Willis, members of the board.

The new board met May 14, 1986, with Victor Johnson of Aladdin Industries, who had long been interested in establishing a similar "Century III Plan" that included planting trees in public places. After Wilson succinctly described the newly chartered Tree Foundation, Johnson agreed that the goals were similar and offered a \$10,000 donation.

With \$10,100 from Johnson and Allison, The Nashville Tree Foundation decided its initial projects would include planting trees in public places where no other funds were available, designating arboretums, and establishing a tree inventory with an annual big old tree contest.

In the fall of 1986 in cooperation with the Met-

ropolitan Development and Housing Development, the Foundation planted 12 red maples at Parkway Terrace and replaced crabapples on Shelby Avenue.

The first big old tree contest was held in 1987 with winners honored at the first High Tree Party in 1988.

Twelve years later the Foundation had a quick decision to make when a disastrous tornado struck down 20,000 trees in April 1998. In a matter of hours, the Foundation made the decision to form ReLeaf Nashville to replant 5,000 of the trees, and to raise a million dollars to make it happen. Seven months later with the money in hand or pledged, 800 volunteers planted 989 trees in neighborhoods and on church and school grounds with Metro Parks personnel planting another 450 trees in public parks and golf courses.

The five-year project raised \$1,031,111 and planted 6,757 trees in three years instead of five. In the fourth year the Foundation replaced 150 trees that had not survived and planted 50 trees along Main Street as part of a Streetscape plan.

With an active corps of dedicated volunteers, the Foundation continues its annual tree planting on the Saturday before Thanksgiving with ReLeafing Day in different neighborhoods and areas.

The goal for the next 25 years remains the same: raise the funds to plant trees, educate the public, designate arboretums, and sponsor the big old tree contest with its popular High Tree Party. 🌱

YES! I want to help Nashville Tree Foundation recreate the city's urban forest. I'm sending payment for membership.

NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE	EMAIL	

- \$25 Individual
- \$50 Family/Garden Club/Neighborhood Group
- \$100 Supporter
- \$250 Sponsor
- \$1000 Sustainer

MAIL TO: Nashville Tree Foundation, 106 South Bellevue Drive, Nashville TN 37205.

Join ONLINE at www.NashvilleTreeFoundation.org

How your membership helps the urban forest

Nashville Tree Foundation projects

- 2010** ReLeafing Day planting of 140 shade trees by 300 volunteers in flood-affected areas of Bellevue and 120 powerline-approved trees
 - 2009** ReLeafing Day planting of 121 powerline-approved species by 250 volunteers in Inglewood
 - 2008** ReLeafing Day planting of 39 powerline-approved species by 65 volunteers in Inglewood
 - 2007** ReLeafing Day planting of 70 powerline-approved trees in Bluefields in Donelson and in 12South. Gave 9 holly trees to ReDiscover East! for its planting project of 500 trees in nine neighborhoods.
 - 2006** ReLeafing Day planting in Germantown of more than 30 powerline-approved trees, and 35 powerline-approved trees and 30 other trees in Sylvan Heights
 - 2005** ReLeafing Day demonstration planting of 84 powerline-approved trees in Dallas H. Neil Park on Eighth Avenue South and Wedgewood Avenue and 18 in the Woodland-in-Waverly neighborhood in a joint project with Metro Parks, Metro Tree Advisory Committee, and Nashville Electric Service.
 - 2004** Used Urban Forestry grant and collaborations with five neighborhood groups and one Metro Council district to plant 236 trees.
 - 2003** Used Urban Forestry grant to conduct anti-topping and proper pruning campaign. Used Urban Forestry grant and collaborations with Nashville Electric Service and seven neighborhoods to plant 367 trees.
 - 2002** Established annual ReLeafing Day on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Planted 29 trees in Nashville Housing Fund-financed Hope Gardens and in Habitat for Humanity's Rainwood subdivision.
 - 2001** Worked through ReLeaf Nashville to replace 200 ReLeaf trees that did not survive.
 - 2000** Worked through ReLeaf Nashville to plant 2,000 trees.
 - 1999** Worked through ReLeaf Nashville to plant 2,450 trees in Nashville. Contributed 500 trees to The Hermitage. Contributed 50 trees to Clarksville and 50 trees to Jackson, Tenn., after tornados.
 - 1998** Established ReLeaf Nashville with Metro Parks/Beautification and Environment after April tornados, with a five-year plan to replace 6,500 shade trees. Planted 1,457 trees.
 - 1996** Distributed whom-to-call magnets to 15,000 home-owners, developed anti-topping ads and articles for newspapers, and created public service announcements for radio, using matching Urban Forestry Grant.
 - 1995** Launched a "Don't Top Trees" awareness campaign targeted to the general public and tree-trimming companies, using matching Urban Forestry Grant.
 - 1994** Held demonstration plantings at three locations and developed educational materials on trees for teachers and individuals using a matching Urban Forestry Grant.
 - 1993** Educated the public on importance of urban trees through ads, news articles, and water bill inserts with matching Urban Forestry Grant.
 - 1991** Planted an 18-foot pin oak in Centennial Park to replace a damaged tree.
 - 1989** Transplanted 2 hemlocks and 2 dogwoods from Airport Estates to Magnolia Blvd.
 - 1988 to present** Conducted Big Old Tree Contest to identify the county's largest and oldest trees.
 - 1988** Transplanted 15-foot evergreen from Ensworth School to Music Square Park.
 - 1986** Planted a red maple in the median of 8th Avenue North. Replaced crabapple trees on Shelby Avenue.
- ### Plantings by the Foundation and MDHA
- 2005** 40 crabapples, flowering cherry, and redbuds planted under powerlines in Vine Hill Hope VI homes and 12 bur and red oaks around two playgrounds.
 - 2003** Hope VI Homes in Preston Taylor: 2 red maples, 2 red oaks, 3 ash, 3 crab apples, 3 redbuds
 - 2001** Main Street: 50 trees for Streetscape Project
 - 2000** Madison Towers: 4 red maples, 4 sugar maples, 4 purple white ash
 - 1999** Vine Hill Homes: 3 southern magnolias, 6 red maples, 2 golden raintrees, 3 sugar maples
 - 1998** Edgefield Manor: 8 red maples, 5 red oaks, 3 crabapples
 - 1997** Sam Levy Homes: 10 red maples, 2 sweet gums
 - 1996** Edgefield Manor: 5 red oaks, 5 red maples, 3 white dogwoods
 - 1995** Edgehill Homes: 6 autumn purple ashes, 8 sycamores
Terrace Murray Memorial Garden: 6 crab apples
 - 1994** Vine Hill Homes: 8 kwanzan cherries, 8 calloway crab apples
 - 1993** Andrew Jackson Courts: 4 Japanese black pines, 4 zelkova, 4 Yoshino cherries
 - 1992** Tony Sudekum, J.C. Napier homes: 8 tulip poplars, 7 pin oaks
 - 1991** Sam Levy Homes: 7 sweet gums, 7 pin oaks
 - 1990** J.C. Napier Homes: 6 pin oaks, 3 tulip poplars, 3 sweet gums
 - 1989** Parkway Terrace: 5 green ashes and red maples
 - 1989** Cumberland View: 8 tulip poplars, sweet gums
 - 1988** Edgehill Homes: 3 golden rain, 3 Zuma crab apples, 9 water oaks and baldcypress
 - 1987** Vine Hill Homes: 15 crab apples, 6 shade trees
 - 1986** Parkway Terrace: 12 red maples

RELEAFING DAY 2010



Foundation board member Randall Lantz conducts a demonstration planting; volunteers prepare a tree for planting; and Mayor Karl Dean digs in.

Volunteers plant 260 trees in Bellevue; other groups add 300 to urban canopy

Mayor Karl Dean and 300 volunteers planted 260 trees on the Nashville Tree Foundation's ninth annual ReLeafing Day November 20 in four flood-affected neighborhoods in Bellevue while other groups and individuals added about 300 more to the city's urban canopy.

"With our partners—Cumberland River Compact, Impact Nashville, and Nashville Electric Service, Metro Tree Advisory Committee and Metro Beautification and Environment Commission—this was a 'green letter day' for the environment," said Tree Foundation president Pat Wallace.

"We are extremely grateful to volunteers of all ages who came to give to an area that lost so much in May," Wallace said. "They dug, lifted 1.5- and 2-caliper trees, and got their hands dirty spreading mulch."

In the Bellevue neighborhoods of Poplar Creek Estates, River Park, Rolling River Estates, and Sheffield on the Harpeth, volunteers planted 120 powerline-approved trees provided by Nashville Electric Service that will require little if any pruning and 140 shade trees from Cumberland River Compact to reduce storm water runoff.

Powerline-approved species planted included pansy redbud, stellar pink dogwood, Yoshino cherry, and amur maple. River birch, red oak, poplar and sugar maple were shade tree species provided.



Hear author/
environmentalist
Scott Russell Sanders
Wednesday, April 13
See page 1.



SINCE APRIL 1, 2010

- Dr. Joseph H. Allen
- Clare C. Armistead
- Ben and Tara Armistead
- Auden Arlington
- Alice Ann Barge
- Edwin Warner Bass
- Bob Bogen
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RELEAFING DAY 2010



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- Bo Williams, Metro Council 35th District
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