

Marin ReLeaf Newsletter

What's Happening This Spring



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Plant A Tree, Rescue A Forest

Here is your opportunity to reduce even more of your carbon footprint.



Seed Sowing-It's easy!

Join the fun in working with professionals in a greenhouse setting to start seeds of forest trees. Last year with a volunteer group of just 16 persons along with the staff at the Placerville nursery of the National Forest Service, we started 800 acres, *yes acres*, of Bishop Pines in only six short hours.

Carpools left Marin early in the morning when it was dark and met at the nursery, enjoyed a tour where we saw the two, large cold storage units of stockpiled forest seed from forests throughout California, walked between the tall bales of artificial soil, and enjoyed an explanation of the two types of growing grounds surrounding the nursery. The value of our time this day was obvious to us.

Last fall the devastating forest fire at Los Padres National Forest destroyed the seed stock of this forest's Bishop Pines. Little did we know that our work would have such an impact on continuing this forest's DNA.

The work was simple, not dirty, and it was fun to be with a group of dedicated tree lovers! Join us. Sign up with the ranger at the nursery. If you live in Marin, come to the orientation meet the others, and sign up for a carpool. There is space for only 20 persons. This year the fee has been waived.

Orientation; 7PM, Wednesday, April 14

Leave Marin 5:30 AM, Saturday, April 17

Barbeque lunch hosted by rangers at the nursery

No host dinner about 4:30PM in Placerville

Return home about 7:30 PM

Please make a copy of flier from our website and post it where you work and play.

To download the flier go to:

http://www.marinreleaf.org/docs/earth_day_2010_flyer.pdf

For

registration: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado/volunteering/marin/index.shtml>

We look forward to seeing you at this activity.

→ Street Trees-Advocacy, Update

Fifteen persons, including San Rafael Councilmen Greg Brockbank and Damon Connolly, attended the presentation of a pilot program to San Rafael Tree Advisory Committee (TAC) on March 4. Quoting Brockbank, "what is there not to like about this program". The whole idea is to fill the gap of the city's budget by assisting the city in planting trees in neighborhoods, thereby allowing staff to concentrate planting and management of trees in the business districts, and major thoroughfares.



We will be providing TAC more details in May. You may be called upon to send letters of support or attend meetings in order to move along this program.

Stand by for more direction.

→ Plant A Tree-Membership

A 15-gallon tree costs nearly \$100, including extra soil, stakes, and ties.

An acorn site is nearly \$50, stree shelter, stakes & ties, ground cloth, and now gopher cage. If we must use a wire cage for extra protection, add \$5. Each monitoring is an added expense.



Your membership helps us plant trees and acorns. An outside-the-home office is becoming more attractive as our activites increase, and will cost \$300 a month just for rent. Your membership is lifeblood in keeping us actively seeking sustainable urban forestry in Marin.

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Students: \$10 (with proof of student status),

Individuals \$25, Families: \$35

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Every year March 7, is California Arbor Day. While it may not be appropriate to plant trees on that day, take time to recognize their beauty and their many environmental benefits. This month the air is filled with bird song as territory and nests are being defined. Without our urban trees, would there be a *Silent Spring*?

Your fearless leader,

Sandra Sellinger,

President