



Spam From Pam

Great Plains Society of American Foresters Newsletter

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What is Spam from Pam? It is an email update to inform GPSAF Members and Friends about activities, events, meetings, and odds and ends happening in and around Kansas and Nebraska regarding forestry or conservation. If you know of any event coming up, contact Pam at pbergstrom2@unl.edu.

I will also try to include short news releases to talk about what projects are going on amongst our members and our agencies. If you have an article you want to see published email them to me (Pam)!

Also, for those aspiring photographers, send in your pictures and I will put them in the publication. Share your talent with your fellow foresters. Hunting Seasons are here . . . Share with us your hunting pictures!

Trees Go Hollywood

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“And the Oscar for “Best Tree in a Film, TV Series, or TV Movie goes to . . .”

Wait . . . What? There is no such award for “Best Tree” at the Oscars or at any awards program for the performing arts.

Trees can’t act!

Or can they? Believe it or not, trees have been in many famous and unforgettable movies, TV shows, and TV movies. I did an informal search/poll on my Facebook Page with my friends, family, and fellow foresters helping me out on some of the trees we take for granted in Hollywood and deserve their time in the spotlight. Now, I’ll admit that this isn’t the complete listing of trees in Hollywood.

The first one I will mention is the White Oak from Shawshank Redemption that has been renamed by fans of the film to the Shawshank Tree. In the movie, this tree plays a critical role for Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman’s characters in the film. I will let you know that a lot of proposals of marriage have occurred under the branches of this great tree!

Now, the Star Wars fan that I am, I must mention the Redwoods from Return of the Jedi. These trees would be up for best ensemble for providing a wonderful backdrop for the speeders to go rushing past the large trees' trunks. What kid or grown-up hasn't wanted to go flying on a speeder after seeing that movie?

Let's shift gears to TV and look towards the Hallmark Channel for this next one. My cousin and several others mentioned this one, but I haven't seen it. It is called Love on a Limb that deals with a young woman and a landscaper who come together to save an oak tree that has been part of the town's history. It reminds us to stand tall for the causes that we hold near to our heart.

Right now, the must have CGI tree is by far Groot from Guardians of the Galaxy! Groot is tall, thick barked, and yet has a kind heartwood that makes him an all-around hero tree. He is one of the original Guardians and can stand tall against his fellow actors. How cute Baby Groot is? Though, I'm not sure what species of tree he is.

A new one a neighbor from my childhood home told me about was Stick Man. It is about a stick who lives in the 'family tree' with his stick family. It is a

bunch of short films and check it out on YouTube. These short films revolve around family and how much family is important.

Now, I didn't get to every one of the films that were suggested to me like the tree of life in Avatar, Grandma Willow in Pocahontas, or all the trees in Fern Gully: The Last Rain Forest. But the next time you settle in for a movie or TV show, pay attention to the trees in the background! If your favorite tree isn't mentioned here, drop me a line at pbergstrom2@unl.edu to let me know what trees or even shrubs I have over looked!

“And finally, the Oscar for “Best Tree in a Film, TV Series, or TV Movie (based on the number of people who mentioned it on my Facebook Page) goes to . . . The White Oak from Shawshank Redemption. Sadly, the White Oak from Mansfield, Ohio can't be with us to accept the award because in 2011 it was hit by lightning that split it in two and in 2016, it succumbed to a windstorm and is no longer with us.”

2022 Fall – Winter Fire Science Webinar Series

If you miss these webinars, you can catch up on the tapings at https://oakfirescience.com/videos_categories/webinars/

Events Calendar



February 2023:

February 21 – Mardi Gras

February 22 – Ash Wednesday

February 22 – Managing Forest for Wildlife and Forest Health Webinar. <https://forestrywebinars.net/webinars/managing-forests-for-wildlife-and-forest-health/?sr=wp~upcoming>

February 27 – March 10 – Southern Missouri Prescribed Fire Training Exchange – Springfield, Missouri.

<https://www.conservationgateway.org/ConservationPractices/FireLandscapes/HabitatProtectionandRestoration/Training/TrainingExchanges/Pages/fire-training-exchanges.aspx>

February 28 – Creating Open Woodlands to Promote Regeneration and Development of White Oak Webinar.

<https://forestrywebinars.net/webinars/open-forests-or-woodlands-to-regenerate-and-promote-development-of-white-oak-white-oak-initiative-1-of-3/?sr=wp~upcoming>

February 28 – Silvopasture What it is and What it is Not

Webinar. <https://forestrywebinars.net/webinars/silvopasture-what-it-is-and-what-it-is-not/?sr=wp~upcoming>



March 2023:

March 1 – Nebraska Day (Happy Birthday Nebraska!)

March 2 – Read Across America Day

March 3 – National Agroforestry Center Webinar: NRCS' Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/resources/agroforestry-webinars.shtml>

March 7 – Increase Wildlife Diversity by Restoring Oak/Pine Woodlands Webinar.

<https://forestrywebinars.net/webinars/restoring-oak-pine-woodlands-for-wildlife-brief-description-bullets/?sr=wp~upcoming>

March 9 – National Get Over It Day

March 9 – Restoring Upland Oak Forests Webinar.

<https://forestrywebinars.net/webinars/restoring-upland-oak-forests>

March 11 – National Johnny Appleseed Day

March 12 – Daylight Saving Time Starts (Spring Forward)

March 14 – National Pie or Pi Day

March 14 – Establishing and Managing Open Pine-Hardwood Stands Webinar.

<https://forestrywebinars.net/webinars/tba/?sr=wp~upcoming>

March 15 – Ides of March

March 16 – Fire and Water: The changing climate is reshaping the balance of fire and water in eastern ecosystems. Drought alters soil structure and stability; combined with intense rainfall, this impacts hydrologic dynamics. This panel will explore the interconnections between fire, nutrient cycling, ecohydrology, and climate change. Panel Discussion.

<https://www.fuelingcollab.com/episode-3-2>

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day (Everyone is Irish Day!)

March 20 – Bock Beer Day

March 20 – Beating the Weeds Without Herbicides: Soil-Friendly Organic Weed Management Webinar.

<https://forestrywebinars.net/webinars/beating-the-weeds-without-herbicides-soil-friendly-organic-weed-management/?sr=wp~upcoming>

March 21 – International Day of Forests

March 27 – International Whiskey Day



April 2023:

April 1 – April Fool’s Day

April 1 – International Fun at Work Day (For forester, every day is fun at work day!)

April 2 – National Ride Your Horse to a Bar Day

April 2 – 7 – Hands-On Fire Science Methods Workshop.

<http://www.tposfirescience.org/fire-sci-methods-workshop/>

April 5 – National Nebraska Day

April 7 – Good Friday

April 7 – National Agroforestry Center Webinar: Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Specialty Crop Multi-State Program.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/resources/agroforestry-webinars.shtml>

April 7 – National Beer Appreciation Day

April 9 – Easter

April 14 - National Gardening Preparation Day

April 15 – National Husband Appreciation Day

April 18 – Tax Day

April 18 – 20 – University of Nebraska’s Center for Great Plains Studies Plant to Table Conference. Lincoln, Nebraska.

<https://www.unl.edu/plains/2023-conference-plant-table>

April 19 – Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day

April 22 – Earth Day

April 27 – 29 – Spring Affair through the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, NE.

<https://plantnebraska.org/resources-events/events/spring-affair.html>

April 28 – Happy National Arbor Day

April 29 – International Tree Appreciation Day



May 2023:

May 1 – May Day

May 4 – Firefighter's Memorial Day

May 4 – May the Fourth Be with You Day. Also known as Star Wars Day.

May 5 – Cinco de Mayo

May 5 – National Agroforestry Center Webinar: USDA Forest Service Community Forest Program.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/resources/agroforestry-webinars.shtml>

May 6 – Kentucky Derby Day

May 13 – Top Gun Day

May 14 – Mother's Day

May 16 – National Love a Tree Day

May 16 – 18 – The 7th Annual Fire in Eastern Oaks Conference.
Tyler, Texas. <https://oakfirescience.com/events/7th-fire-in-eastern-oak-forests-conference/>

May 20 – World Bee Day

May 28 – National Hamburger Day

May 29 – Memorial Day

May 31 – National Smile Day

Save the Dates!

October 25 – 28 – SAF National Convention. Sacramento, California.

<https://eforester.org/Safconvention2023/Default.aspx>

December 4 – 8 – The 10th International Fire and Ecology Management Congress. Monterey, California.

<https://fireecology.org/calendar-entries/firecongress23>