



The mission: *To promote a sustainable and productive community forest and shade tree resource that will subsequently improve the quality of life for the residents of the Borough of Dumont NJ.*

March 2018 Seminar Heritage Trees and our Shared History: Identifying, Managing, And Recognizing The Value Of Mature Trees

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission hosted our annual Community Education Seminar examining the vital role Heritage Trees have in the health, vitality, and longevity of a community. Thanks to Certified Arborist Rob Gillies and Dumont Historian Thomas Kelly for their informative presentations. A 600-year-old oak tree stood on the property of a church in Basking Ridge, NJ, a witness to history and events over the centuries. Several years ago, this majestic oak tree was discovered to be in significant decline. Despite efforts to save it, the decision was made to have it removed. Rob Gillies discussed his involvement throughout the process, and told several stories about this tree, about heritage trees in general, and about why we should care and protect them. Thomas Kelly relayed the importance of knowing Dumont history which connects our heritage to the trees which bore witness to our shared history.

Deforestation Program | Honiss School

The Dumont Shade Tree Commission presented a program to the Honiss School 6th Grade explaining the effects of deforestation both globally and locally. The focus of the presentation helped the students understand what good environmental citizens can do to make a difference. We discussed the loss of trees, why we should care, and where there is reason for optimism. We were so proud of our Dumont students who were attentive, engaged, and asked some very insightful questions. Our hosts Senior Alzate and Dr. Bennett expressed the great appreciation for the program and our commitment as environmental citizens. We gave the kids a lot to think about and presented ways that they can get involved to help the town and the planet; Arbor Day art contest, Arboretum gardening, and help at the nursery. And of course we told them to go plant trees!



|| DUMONT ARBORETUM-WINTER SCENES CAPTION CONTEST ||

We love to hear from readers! Send us a caption (funny or serious, but keep it G-rated for Green) for any or all of these photos. Winning captions will appear in the next edition of Shade Tree News.



Caption me!



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HERITAGE TREES provide a valuable service: oxygen, shade, water and soil management, beauty, and increased property values. But the largest ones also inspire us. Big old trees connect us to our past and carry our stories through the years. As part of its ongoing work to protect the health of the Dumont urban forest, the Dumont Shade Tree Commission (DSTC) identifies the biggest and oldest trees in Dumont; our HERITAGE TREES. To nominate a tree, notify the DSTC Heritage Tree Committee by email ray.slaman@dumontshadetree.org or call 201-244-3920.



THE DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2018:

March - 3/5 - Seminar: **Heritage Trees and our Shared History**

March - 3/19 - 3rd Monday DSTC

April - 4/2 - 1st Monday FOTSC Garden Committee

April - 4/16 - 3rd Monday DSTC

April - 4/28 Saturday **ARBOR DAY**

May - 5/21 - 3rd Monday DSTC

June - 6/4 - 1st Monday FOTSC Garden Committee

June - 6/18 - 3rd Monday DSTC (at the GAZEBO)

July - Wednesdays **TWILIGHT at the GAZEBO** 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1

July - 7/16 - 3rd Monday DSTC

Aug - 8/1 - 1st Wednesday Twilight at the Gazebo

Aug - 8/6 - 1st Monday FOTSC Garden Committee

Aug - 8/20 - 3rd Monday DSTC

Sep - 9/17 - 3rd Monday DSTC

Oct - 10/1 - 1st Monday FOTSC Garden Committee

Oct - 10/15 - 3rd Monday DSTC

Nov - 11/19 - 3rd Monday DSTC

Dec - 12/3 - 1st Monday FOTSC Garden Committee



Caring for Shade Trees Even in the Winter!

Dumont Shade Tree Nursery News

We are proud to announce the newest member of the Commission, Mary Normoyle, the DSTC Nursery manager. She will watch over the nursery, work with the commission and volunteers to support and develop the space, and become an integral part our growing tree-hugger community. The concept of a tree nursery first germinated very early in the history of the Shade Tree Commission. We needed several things to make this a reality; a plan, fertile ground, trees, and of course, people. This past fall we broke ground on the DSTC nursery, installing over 60 trees and setting the stage for a great expansion of the Arboretum, now known as ARBORETUM NORTH. Probably the most important of these four ingredients are the people committed to making a difference in the community.

Generous Donations :: We couldn't do it without all of you!



Visions Branch Manager Tammy Lamazza presents Bill Zitelli, Arboretum Garden Manager, the donation

Volunteers and Generous donations to the Friends of the Shade Tree keep the Arboretum Blooming and our Nursery Trees healthy and growing!



A Giant Sequoia sized THANK YOU to Councilwoman [Carole Badalamenti Stewart](#) who has generously donated to the Friends of the Shade Tree with money that was left in her campaign account. Carole is not only the Shade Tree Council Liaison but also a big FOTST fan. Thank you Carole!

A Giant Sequoia sized thanks to [Visions Federal Credit Union](#) in Dumont and Manager Tammy Lamazza for their GENEROUS donation which will be used to purchase the mulch much needed for the beds at the [Dumont Arboretum](#) this Spring. A true example of communities and local businesses working together to make our Borough Bloom!

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PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT
Buy a Brick

Friends of the Shade Tree Garden Club

Dumont residents who came to the February meeting were treated to a wonderful presentation by Tony Lupardi of Lupardi's Nursery in Closter. Lupardi's Nursery Inc. was started by Anthony P. Lupardi in 1946. Tony is a third-generation owner! This commitment to excellence in quality has been passed down from generation to generation and holds true to this day. The DSTC supports local businesses and Lupardi's has continued to help us achieve our beautiful gardens and landscaping.



Tony's presentation focused on the best deer-resistant flowers, trees, and shrubs to plant in our gardens. Tips to deter other animals and pests were also discussed. All attendees received a beautiful pot and daffodil bulbs to start our Spring blooms. Looking forward to the next meeting in April! This year at every meeting, we will have a book, seed, or plant exchange. If you have a gardening book, seeds, or plants that you would like to bring to the meeting to exchange with others, feel free to do so.

Donate a brick~~

- ❖ in honor of someone
- ❖ as a graduation gift
- ❖ in memory of someone special
- ❖ to remember a special event

Bricks will be installed by the gazebo in the Arboretum walkway.

Bricks cost \$75.

Scan the code to find out more information!

For details, go to www.fotst.org/ for order forms and PayPal information.



Friends of the Shade Tree is a 501(c)3, NJ

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Adopt-a-Tree Program

The Shade Tree commission will purchase and plant these trees at no cost to the homeowner. Once the trees are planted, the homeowner must agree to water and watch over the new trees.

Contact us to let us know you want a tree on the web: dumontshadetree.org

Limitations and restrictions may apply. Planting trees in the Borough Right of Way is the sole responsibility of the DSTC. Planting subject to available nursery stock. Program administered by DSTC while supplies last.

DUMONT SHADE TREE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

FOLLOW US ON YOUTUBE, FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, AND TWITTER

Follow Dumont Shade Tree! Do you want to learn more about how to care for your trees? Explore all the topics that we broadcast on our YouTube channel. Learn about trees in your yard? Connect with us via social media!

www.dumontshadetree.org | www.fotst.org | www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission

Facebook: @dumontshadetree Instagram: @dumontshadetree Twitter: @dumontshadetree

YouTube: Dumont NJ - "It's All About Trees"

VISIT US AT OUR NEW WEBSITE: WWW.DUMONTSHADETREE.ORG



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THE BOROUGH OF
DUMONT
NEW JERSEY

Residents Welcome!



DSTC Meetings on third
Monday each month in the
Dumont Senior Center:

39 Dumont Avenue

7:30pm — 9pm

Check the Dumont Borough calendar!

From the President's Desk:

When we bought our house in Dumont there was a white pine sapling growing in the backyard. Today it is 50 feet tall and shades our neighbor's yard as well as ours. On my daughter's birthday we planted a flowering cherry and every year on her birthday we are greeted with beautiful white blossoms. There is a tree in Dumont that planted around 1894 which means it began its life the same year that Dumont was founded. The majesty and beauty of trees is that they can carry significance that ties us to a place, date, or event. Trees in Dumont watched the soldiers embark for WWI from Camp Merritt. Trees in this area witnessed the redcoats chase the Washington-led patriots as they retreated from New York. And trees witnessed native peoples living and thriving in New Jersey a hundred years before Europeans even knew they existed. And some of these trees live today. That is tremendously humbling. Trees have value for many reasons; an important one is the way they connect us to each other and to our shared history.



Ray Slaman, President Dumont Shade Tree || 201-220-1994

The DSTC Commissioners are:

- Rachel Bunin (term exp. 12/31/21)
- Tom Fisichella (term exp. 12/31/18)
- Tanya Zimmerman (term exp. 12/31/20)
- Abbie Slaman (term exp. 12/31/22)
- Raymond Slaman (term exp. 12/31/19)
- Sally Tayeb (term exp. 12/31/20)
- Carole Stewart, Council Liaison (term exp. 12/31/18)



Dumont Tree Ordinance:



In continuing the effort to protect the trees in our town, the Borough of Dumont has an amended Shade Tree ordinance; Ordinance 1503 6/21/16.

By law, any resident must apply for a permit—\$25.00 fee—through the Building Department before ANY tree greater than 6 inches in caliper or 10 feet in height can be removed within the Borough of Dumont. This ordinance applies to trees on private property and to town trees. Follow-

Where have you seen your Shade Tree Commission?

- ◆ Summer Concerts-Twilight at the Gazebo
- ◆ Dumont Day
- ◆ Arbor Day
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade
- ◆ Spring Seminar Series

ing the application for a permit, the Dumont Shade Tree Commission will inspect the tree to certify the jurisdiction of the tree and determine if the tree is on private property and therefore can proceed. Failure to apply for a permit prior to removing a tree will result in a fine. Removing or damaging a borough tree will result in penalties. Our goal is to preserve the canopy in Dumont. The canopy protects all Dumont homes during winter and summer by providing shade and absorbing water. For further information on the ordinance contact the Dumont Building Department or the Shade Tree Commission.



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