

PATEROS PARKS

SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER

HAPPENINGS

Spring is in like a lion this year. Winter came late and left in a bluster. We are already seeing facility reservations in the parks for summer events. Don't forget to fill out a Facility Use Agreement Application at City Hall if you are holding an event in our City Parks. We welcome family picnics, reunion potlucks, graduation celebrations, and birthday parties.

Our newly appointed Tree Board met, February 20th for its first time. We have an enthusiastic board that is very interested in the health and vitality of our environment and tree inventory. Because of our acceptance as a Tree City we were able to apply for a tree planting grant.

On Thursday, March 13th, I received the call from Linden Lampen at DNR that we received a \$5,000 grant to plant trees. We plan to plant trees at the Tennis Courts, Peninsula Park, and Methow Boat Launch. The tree grant is intended to provide more tree canopy and shade in our parks, especially along streets and parking lots. I am scheduling the project for this fall which will be perfect planting time. Contingent on the \$5,000 is volunteer help and education. I will be sending out a request for volunteers at planting time. This will be an excellent opportunity to get your hands dirty and learn how to successfully plant trees.

Come and visit Spring Fling on the Pateros Mall on April 26th. The newly formed Chamber of Commerce is in charge of the Spring Fling which is a combined event of Business Appreciation Day, Fire Safety Day, and City Arbor Day Celebrations. The event will include:

- Business Sidewalk Sales
- Fire Safety Education
- Library Book and Plant Sale
- Quilt Raffle
- Arbor Day Celebrations

Arbor Day Volunteers Needed: shovel, gloves, and passion. Help us plant a birch.

RSVP - paterosparks@yahoo.com

Leave a Mark on Your City Sponsor a Tree

ORNAMENTAL TREES

Flowering Ornamental Trees \$50-\$150

Bring a little Spring Color to your City

Lots of Opportunities Available

Shade Trees \$100-\$250

Invest in a Big Shade Tree planted for the next Generation.

Contact Jord for more info

509.449.9670

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help us make our first Arbor Day Celebrations a success!!!

Email Jord at paterosparks@yahoo.com



We need a PR volunteer with a camera to document Arbor Day Activities

Overheard at the Tree Board Meeting

So does anyone have a tree story?"

"Yeah, I have one. A shade tree is kind-of the reason I moved to Pateros. I was doing the loop; I was hot and tired, and I thought I drive through this little town to take a break. I found myself lying under a shade tree in Memorial Park looking out at the incredible lake. It was then I knew, this was going to be my new home (Gary).

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

April 26, 2014 Schedule of events

Starts at 10:00 a.m.

In front of Yancey's Hardware

Tree Planting on Mall

Learn how to plant, prune, and take care of a new tree.

Build a Scrap Book

Bring pictures, notes, memories, and mementos of "Pateros Trees" to start a scrap book.

Ask an Expert

Find out the right tree for you.

Volunteer and Plant a Tree

Bring a shovel and gloves, and volunteer to plant a tree.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Some time ago, at our Tree Board Meeting, Angela, Gary, Jord, and I were looking at some black and white photos of main street Pateros, before wells Dam was constructed. Angela asked, "What kind of trees are those?" As we crowded around the photo Gary said, "Maple...maybe." "No, the leaves are not right." responded Jord. "I think they're elms." offered Angela. "Shape is not right." said Jord. I commented, "Must be poplars. They were popular back then." Jord gave me a look through slitted eyes. "Let's not speculate." Gary said. "Why don't we ask the right person." volunteered Angela. Are you the right person? Or do you know the right person who can tell us what kind of trees lined Main Street? In the early 1900's,

did the trees arrive by stern wheeler wagon, or in a suitcase? Let us know.

Arbor Day is coming up, and the City is going to hold its celebration April 26th. We're looking for volunteers to help plant trees.

--Brenda Brady & the Tree Board

PROJECT TREE MEMORY

Task: Compile a scrapbook of trees of Pateros

Goal: The Pateros book on Trees to be kept in the museum for future generations.

How you can help:

Need volunteers to compile project

Send in photos and memories

What to send:

Do you have pictures of the trees of Old Pateros?

Do you have story of a tree in Pateros.

Do you know of a tree planted in memory or honor of a person?

Write a memory, include a picture

Pateros City Hall, P.O. Box 8 or
paterosparks@yahoo.com

HISTORY OF TREES IN PATEROS

In the mid-60s, the city lost one of its notable legacies, Big Trees. The Azwell Dam Hydroelectric project destroyed Old Pateros. Big trees lined Methow Street and provided a sanctuary for the weary traveler in the park that was between Methow Street and the State Highway.

Many people have nostalgic memories of the trees of Old Pateros. Frequently those old trees are in the first memory retold of how the Old City once was.

I am a new-comer to the city, not arriving until 1974, technically not even a native (though I have a few siblings that are.) However, I know there is a rich oral history of trees in our city.

I don't remember a lot of trees in our City when I arrived. It would be hard to believe of a five-year-old. However; growing up I do remember the scorching summers of no shade. Mom would send us to the grocery store, and from Ive's Street to Warren it wasn't too bad of a walk, but from the highway to downtown was a cooker!

Trees are growing again in our little city. Kids can find shade in the parks. It is possible to sit in the shade on the Mall.

The trees have grown up in the residential areas developed during the moving of the city.

I know that there are trees planted throughout the city that have special meaning to people – trees of the past and the present. Help us document and preserve this rich piece of Pateros History.

THE QUEEN OF OUR LANDSCAPE FLOWERING TREES

Is your favorite flowering tree in your grandmothers yard? Many are slow growing and take patience. Even more are temperamental and susceptible to disease. Some notes for picking the right flowering tree.

Magnolias are pretty tough. Get a hardy one like *Magnolia x soulangiana* or *Magnolia x loebneri*

Dogwoods can be temperamental, but worth it. *Cornus florida* is the hardiest one. It prefers protection from the hot afternoon sun.

Several new varieties of **serviceberries** are available. Serviceberries, like our native *Amelanchier alnifolia*, are large vase shape shrubs reaching 10-20' tall. However, a couple varieties in like Cole's Select, Spring Flurry, Robin Hill, and Snow Cloud are small to medium size ornamental trees reaching 20-25 feet. In addition to spring flowers, serviceberries have fantastic fall displays.

Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*, likes heat. Plant it in the sunniest, hottest part of your yard.

Fringe Tree, *Chionanthus virginicus*, a U.S. native is a cloud of white blossoms in late spring. *Chionanthus retusus*, is also a good choice for local gardens.

Sourwood, *Oxydendrum arboretum*, has creamy white bells in mid-summer and incredible scarlet orange fall color. Likes good soil and regular water.

Styrax or snowbell has several hardy varieties. The blooms are delicate white blooms in late spring. It appreciates good soil and regular water.

Lilac Trees, *Syringa reticulata* or *Syringa pekinensis*, are tough, handsome trees. The upright, white blossoms appear in late spring.

Flowering Fruit Trees are not recommended for residential plantings.

Crab apples, flowering pears, hawthorns, flowering cherries, flowering peaches, flowering apricots, and flowering plums

all are susceptible to fruit tree diseases. If they are not well maintained, they become host trees for pests and disease infecting our neighboring orchards.

RECOMMEND SHADE TREES FOR PATEROS

MAPLES - Acer

Acer freemanii crosses

Acer platanoides – Norway Maples

Acer rubrum – Red Maples

Acer truncatum crosses

HORSECHESTNUT – Aesculus

BEECH – Fagus

ASH – Fraxinus

GINKO – Ginko

HONEY LOCUST – Gleditsia

PLANE TREE – Platanus

OAK – Quercus

Scarlet, Pin, Bur, and Red Oaks

LINDEN – Tilia

THE PERFECT POWELINE AND PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY TREE FOR PATEROS

Sometimes you need that smaller tree that won't tangle in the utility lines, but tall enough to walk under.

Acer ginnala Flame Maple

Acer tataricum, Tatarian Maple

Amelanchier – Flowering Serviceberry

Chionanthus – Fringe Tree

Parrotia Tree

Syringa – Chinese or Japanese Lilac Tree

Tilia cordata – Summer Sprite Linden

Zelkova serrate – City Sprite Zelkova

BIG BIG EVERGREENS

Ponderosa Pine, Incense Cedar, Weeping Alaska Cedar, Colorado Blue Spruce, Austrian Pine, and Western Red Cedar.

A FEW TREES TO AVOID PLANTING

Willows – Short lived, weak, and drop branches

Aspen – spread by underground roots

Poplars – Too large, weak, spread by underground roots

Russian Olive – invasive

Elms – Become a pest, except a couple of species like *Ulmus Americana*