



Celebrate NC Arbor Day the ACFT Way

Did you know North Carolina is one of 24 states that celebrates both a State-wide AND National Arbor Day? This year, NC Arbor Day is March 22 and National Arbor Day is April 26th.

Here at ACFT HQ, we believe this calls for a month full of celebrations to 'Ring in the Spring'. We hope you will join us by celebrating trees and all the wonders they bring to our lives! Whether you're planting a new tree from our March 9th giveaway, attending our tree talk on March 21st, or enjoying a heritage tree tour on March 24th, take a moment to show your appreciation to our leafy companions.

How You Can Ring In Spring

Adopt a Tree During Our March 9th Giveaway

March 9

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Legion Stadium

Mark your calendars and spread the word! Our March 9th tree distribution is an event you won't want to miss. Thanks to grant funding from the Arbor Day Foundation and HSB and with the support from the City of Wilmington, 600 trees will need new homes, and what better home than yours? Also, don't forget to bring a container or bag for free mulch!

[Click Here for More Information and Tree Species List](#)

Be a Part of Cape Fear Creek Week

March 18-24

Cape Fear Creek Week offers the community a chance to engage with and protect our local waterways through a variety of educational presentations, nature hikes and various activities aimed at fostering appreciation and stewardship of our area's natural resources.

As part of Creek Week, ACFT's Executive Director, Dan Camacho will present on

"The Power of Trees" on Thursday, March 21 from 2:00 - 2:45 pm in the Educational Classroom of the NHC Arboretum. The event is free to attend, pre-registration is recommended.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Take a Heritage Tree Walking Tour

Sunday, March 24

In collaboration with Historic Wilmington Foundation, ACFT's own Bill Jayne and Dr. Jim Gregory will lead this popular walking tour devoted to the City of Wilmington's Heritage Trees. This 90 minute tour (2:00 -3:30 pm) is dedicated to the identification and preservation of heritage trees, which are defined as significant trees due to their age, rarity, grouping, overall beauty or historical significance. The tour is free (donations are accepted) and registration is required. As always, learn more our [Upcoming Events](#).

[Click Here to Register](#)

Additional NC Arbor Day Activities

March 20th: Sherry O'Daniell, ACFT Vice-President will share the importance of trees with the 5th grade class at the International School of Gregory.

March 22: The Cape Fear Garden Club's Gardening for Wildlife Committee in collaboration with ACFT will host a tree planting event at Eden Village.

How ACFT Showed Our Tree Love in February

Street Tree Planting Party Update

On February 10th, ACFT hosted our largest street tree planting to date! Thanks to our volunteers who descended on Wilmington's southside in a joint effort with Plastic Ocean Project to plant 123 trees and collect 60 pounds of trash.



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PHOTOS HERE**

Planting Friends are the Best Friends

A huge thank you to ACFT's tree planter extraordinaire, Beth Carter. On February 19, she demonstrated proper tree planting techniques to volunteers with Cape Fear River Watch as they planted 43 trees along Burnt Mill Creek to improve stream bank stability, increase biodiversity and provide shade.



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