



## April 2024 Newsletter

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### What A Tree-mendous Planting Season!

Get ready to be blown away by our incredible achievements! Brace yourselves because from November to March, we embarked on a **green** revolution, planting a staggering **225** street trees and gifting a whopping **1800** trees!

But wait, it gets even more thrilling! None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our amazing sponsors: the Arbor Day Foundation, Truist Bank, HSB, the Landfall Foundation, and the NC Extension Master Gardener Endowment and with the cooperation from the City of Wilmington and our die-hard volunteers!

Together, we've not only added bursts of **green** to our streets but also sown the seeds for a **greener**, more vibrant future!



#### March 9th Tree Distribution

Neither rain, wind or thunder could stop our volunteers from distributing 600 trees to area residents who braved the monsoon conditions to adopt a tree. Be sure to keep an eye out for next distributions this fall.

[Check out our event photos here](#)

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### ☐ ACFT is Celebrating Earth Month ☐

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#### Eaton Elementary Earth Day Celebration

April 19th

As part of Eaton Elementary's Earth Day Celebration, ACFT's Vice-President, Sherry O'Daniell will ignite the imaginations of 4th graders by unveiling the secrets of how trees are critical in flood prevention and the boundless horizons of

conservation.

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## **Earth Day at Long Leaf Park**

April 20th  
12:00-6:00 pm  
Long Leaf Park

Stop by ACFT's table to pick up your free Long Leaf Pine seedling during Wilmington's Earth Day Festival at Long Leaf Park. This family-friendly event features free music, food trucks, a kid zone and over 60 environmental exhibitors.

[To learn more, please click here](#)

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## **Live Oak Bank Sustainability Market**

April 25th  
3:00-5:00 pm  
Live Oak Bank Main Campus

ACFT will be part of Live Oak Bank's initiative to engage and educate their employees and their families on the importance of environmental stewardship in our community.

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## **Family Fun Day at the Bellamy Mansion**

April 28th  
1:00-4:00 pm  
Bellamy Mansion

Bring the family and saddle up for pony rides, cuddle adorable critters at the petting zoo, transform into fantastic creatures with face painting, and make your own twisty tree (our signature craft) while enjoying the grounds of the Bellamy Mansion.

[Click here for more information on this event](#)

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## **Heritage Tree Tour #2**

April 24  
2:00 pm  
HWF Headquarters

Did you know that the enormous Boundary Oak at St. Mary School was originally a multi-stemmed tree? And there is some debate on how old it is and could it have been around at the time of the founding of Wilmington?

Due to the overwhelming response from our March 24th tour, ACFT in collaboration with the Historic Wilmington Foundation and the Wilmington Tree Commission will celebrate Earth Day with a walking tour of downtown Wilmington's Heritage Trees.

[Click here to register for this event](#)



## Kicking Off Tree Caring Season!!

As we transition from tree planting and distribution season, our next initiative is caring for the young street trees we have planted.

We need tree waterers and mulchers will ensure of health and viability for these newly planted street. All training is provided.

Email [info@acftrees.org](mailto:info@acftrees.org) for more information.

## Plant It! Pic It! Post It!

We need you to join our celebration showcasing trees you have planted from one of our tree distributions.

Let's create a vibrant collage to showcase our collective efforts in **greening** up our community. Email your photos to [contact@acftrees.org](mailto:contact@acftrees.org) and look for your trees to be featured on our social media!



## ACFT'S MARCH MADNESS



### Tree Talk at Trask Middle School

On March 20th, Sherry O'Daniell, ACFT Vice- President, and Allison Childs, Administrative Coordinator, demonstrated the importance of trees and their impact on our communities. Students engaged in hands-on activities, which represented various situations with and without trees and the impact on stormwater runoff.

### The Power of Trees Presentation for Creek Week



As part of NC Cooperation Extension's Cape Fear Creek Week, our Executive Director, Dan Camacho, spoke on the symbiotic relationship between trees and our region's waterways. Participants gained insight into the astonishing power of trees, not only as our environmental guardians, but also as pillars of protection against ecological threats.



## Heritage Tree Tour

What better way to end our NC Arbor Day celebrations than with a walking tour? ACFT in collaboration with the Historic Wilmington Foundation and the Wilmington Tree Commission, Dr. Jim Gregory and Bill Jayne led area residents on a downtown walking tour to discover Heritage trees and their history.

[Click here for more photos](#)



## City of Wilmington and New Hanover County Talk Trees With WHQR

Thanks to WHQR's Benjamin Schachtman for including ACFT in his in-depth article focusing upon the tree conservation efforts of the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County.

[Click here to read the article in its entirety](#)

## Help Us Help Our Trees

Your donation allows us to plant, preserve, protect and plant trees to enhance the quality of life and health for present and future generation in the Lower Cape Fear area.

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