



## Katherine, which #ArborWeek events are you most excited for?

Yesterday was the 51st anniversary of Earth Day. We saw great energy across the city and across the country raising awareness about issues of environment, race, and equity, including President Biden's commitment to reducing carbon emissions.

For Tree People, we're super excited for next Friday, April 30th, to gather and celebrate Arbor Day. **This year is the 149th anniversary** of the holiday, first celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska. This year we're getting rooted with events every day next week - starting with a guided tree meditation tomorrow, April 24th, and running through May 1st with a tree giveaway and another tree meditation. In between you can learn about how trees communicate, the relationship between trees and faith, pests and trees, the most common trees in Boston, and so much more. See below and [online](#) to register for events.

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### *Our ArborWeek Calendar*



#### Guided Tree Meditation April 24th from 11:00am-12:00pm

This guided tree meditation offers an opportunity to connect and ground the self with the environment around. Surrounded by the beauty life of the Arnold Arboretum, this meditation will be benefitted by the ancient awareness and alchemy of trees and the subtle healing capacities of nature. Join us if you're ready to root yourself into the energy of spring!

Attendance is limited to 10 people so please only register if you can attend. This event will be held outside at the Arnold Arboretum, socially distanced with masks required.

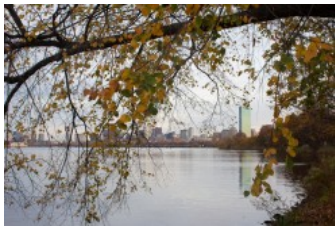
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## Movie, Make, & Meet April 25th at 12:00pm

On Sunday April 25th at noon, BoSTEM will host their monthly Movie, Make + Meet event and show Intelligent Trees with the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and Speak for the Trees. This is a free 45 minute film about how trees talk to each other that is intended towards students 4-12th to enjoy. There will be an activity where students can make their own leaf rubbings with leaves from around their neighborhood to learn about the importance of leaves! Natalie from Speak for the Trees will be joining and answering your questions.

[Register](#)



## Trees of Boston April 26th from 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Learn about the twenty most common trees in the Boston area and why they are so important to us. The event will be hosted by Russell Holman.

Russell is an Arborist with Arborway Tree Care based in Hyde Park, MA and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Arborist Association. Russell is past president of the Massachusetts Certified Arborist committee where he help write the exam to get arborist certified in Massachusetts. Russell received his B.S. in Plant, Soil and Insect Science from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and is a Board Certified Master Arborist, Massachusetts Certified Arborist and a Certified Tree Care Safety Professional. He lives in Dedham, MA where he is growing his own apple orchard, keeps bees and enjoys his ever expanding gardens.

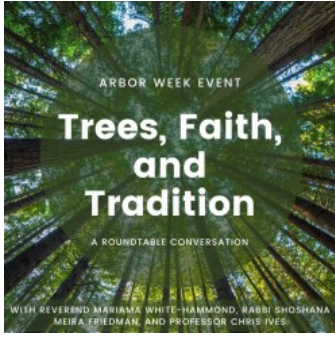
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## Exploring Trees and Equity in Boston through Literature April 26th from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Speak for the Trees hosts the Boston Public Library for their presentation of resources to help you learn about tree and nature equity, environmental justice, and the natural world that exists throughout the city of Boston. They will be highlighting literary, scientific, and art collections and other resources available through the Boston Public Library that are of interest to adults, teens, and children.

[Register](#)



## Trees, Faith, and Tradition

April 27th from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Join Reverend Mariama White-Hammond (Boston's new chief of Energy, Environment and Open Space), Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman, and Professor Chris Ives for a roundtable conversation about the role of trees in faith and justice. We'll explore the role that trees have played in the history of different faiths and how trees continue to be a powerful metaphor and object for continued environmental activism and action.

Register



## Our Experience Studying the Effects of Climate Change on New England Forests

April 28th from 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Recently graduated doctoral student, Jamie Harrison, Ph.D, and undergraduate, Megan Blagden, from Boston University will be sharing some of their methods and experiences in studying the effects of climate change on various aspects of forest ecology. Far from a research presentation, this webinar is intended to be approachable for anyone interested in learning a little more about the intersection of climate science and trees!

Register



## Invasive Insects in Our Urban Forests

April 29th from 11:00am - 12:00pm

Invasive insects not only impact our naturalized areas, but our urban forests and managed landscapes as well. Insects including the Asian longhorned beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) and emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) have had striking impacts in Massachusetts and beyond. Relatively new non-native species, like the spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*), continue to threaten our shade trees, ornamentals, and agriculture. This presentation will discuss how to identify these organisms and the damage they cause, their biology, and where to report suspicious insects so you can help protect the Commonwealth.

Register



## 50 Years of Friends: Memories, Moments, and Milestones April 30th from 6:30pm

Our friends at the Friends of the Public Garden are turning 50! Celebrate a half century of parks care of the Boston Common, Public Garden, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall. Hear about the restoration of Boston's three parks in the heart of downtown from being almost beyond saving to where they are today, and see lots of fun videos of life in the parks over the ages!

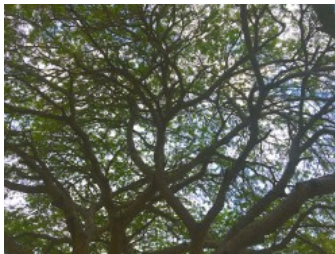
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## Savor the Square: Tree Giveaway May 1st from 10:00am - 2:00pm

Come get a free sapling at Savor The Square on May 1st! Speak For The Trees will be hosting a tree giveaway as a part of our Arbor Week events. A huge thank you to our partners for making this event possible!

Register



## Guided Tree Meditation 2 May 1st from 3:00pm - 2:00pm

This guided tree meditation offers an opportunity to connect and ground the self with the environment around. Surrounded by the beauty and life of the Arnold Arboretum, this meditation will be benefitted by the ancient awareness and alchemy of trees and the subtle healing capacities of nature. Join us if you're ready to root yourself into the energy of spring!

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	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>28</b> 7:30 - 8:30pm: <i>Our Experience Studying the Effects of Climate Change on New England Forests</i> Webinar with Megan and Jamie Harrison <a href="#">Join the webinar</a>	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>29</b> 11:00am - 12:00 pm : <i>Invasive Insects in Our Urban Forests</i> Webinar with Tawny Simisky <a href="#">Join the webinar</a>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>30</b> City Proclamation for Arbor Day. Stay tuned for more info! 6:30pm: Friends of the Public Garden "50 Years of Friends: Memories, Moments & Milestones" <a href="#">Learn More</a>	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>1</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm: Savor the Square: GreenRox: Tree Giveaway at Blair Lot, Roxbury <a href="#">Reserve your free tree</a> 3:00-4:30pm: Guided Tree Meditation at Arnold Arboretum <a href="#">Register</a>
	<b>ON GOING TREE CELEBRATIONS</b>		<b>THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS</b>	
		Submit your favorite trees to our <b>Boston Tree Walks:</b> <a href="#">Make a submission</a> Free tree seedlings all over Boston all week! <a href="#">Find one near you!</a>	   	 

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