

Summer 2009

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Summer Tree Tips

- Water efficiently
- Mulch to cool soil
- Monitor insect activity
- Make Fall planting/transplanting plans
- Assess future shade needs
- Call your arborist if you see disease warning signs

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Tree Perspectives

A Moving Experience!

Unlike a doctor's office where the patients come to the doctor, we arborists know that we will always be the ones making the move to see our "patients" in their own natural habitats.

To realize the best efficiencies, Preservation Tree is moving this summer to new digs in both Dallas and Fort Worth. With two bases of operation to serve from, we will be better able to respond to everyone across the Metroplex.

We will be celebrating our 15th year of service in 2010 and we couldn't be more pleased to be making these moves. Be on the lookout for an announcement about our open house this fall

to thank all of our wonderful clients and industry associates. Not only will we be expanding our **SEASONS liquid compost production**, we'll also be expanding our laboratory facilities to augment plant ailment diagnoses. Once we are settled in, we'll be inviting community organizations and gardening clubs to avail themselves of our Dallas conference room for their meetings.

And yes, we do have a few unusual items that would most likely stump the most experienced moving company, such as a 2-foot cross section of an 74-year-old American Elm, compost bins, petrified root systems, not to mention, but-

terfly-spangled hard hats and bubble machines.

We'll be exploring all kinds of ways to use our new spaces to further our knowledge base, increase project efficiencies, and integrate additional sustainable practices into our work-a-day world.

Could rainwater catchment systems and urban chickens be far behind?



Students in Conservation



Area high school students enrolled in the Students in Conservation program at La Reunion this summer received an up-close look at careers in arboriculture thanks to a morning visit from Harold Spiegel (left) and the crew. Air-Spading as an investigative tool was

demonstrated as were aerial climbs, all to show the nature-minded kids that here was another profession they could explore. A wonderful departure from being desk-bound!

The Large and Small Tree Compliment



Forest Pansy Redbud

Often questions arise on how to compliment your large shade trees with small trees or ornamentals within the landscape. Most properties have existing trees that provide shade for their home as well as their neighbors' homes, and vice versa. It is the understory of these large shade trees that provide the ideal growing conditions for some of our best native trees. Two come to mind; Eve's Necklace and Forest Pansy Red-

bud. A small tree, or sometimes referred to as an ornamental, grows 15 feet tall and wide. Most have great spring color in the leaves and provide an abundance of flower power. Their height is perfect for pedestrian traffic and a niche garden space. They adapt well to our clay soil, hot and humid summers, and infrequent rain. Given their small stature, they are always easy

to install. Although the Texas summer is upon us, it is not too soon to think about the fall plantings with Eve's Necklace and Forest Pansy Redbud. They are two excellent choices that are native, flower in the spring, and enhance the leaf characteristics within the multitudes of trees already in the landscape. ~Chad Simmons~ Tree Planting/Transplanting Specialist

Happy Campers in Grapevine

Please help us save trees! Visit us at preservationtree.com and sign up for our newsletter.

"On June 10, The Vineyards had an opportunity to activate its emergency management program when tornado-like winds passed over the campgrounds and Grapevine Lake," shares Joe Moore, assistant director of Grapevine Parks and Rec. Immediately, Lake Parks Foreman Mike Hooker notified the camp's outside contractor Preservation Tree

Services of the damage to many of the Post Oaks. Their work teams were quickly on site working with campground staff clearing roads, and insuring that all of our guests and their rigs were safe from debris. Preservation Tree's Certified Arborist Ken Smith stated they did a 'full-court press' on The Vineyards. 'There's a science to preserving these beau-

tiful, slow-growing Post Oaks, and a proper way to cut them. We absolutely know how to do it. We sized up each tree, assessed where the limbs are broken, and then took the cut to the next leader limb so we could preserve many trees," affirms Smith. (reprinted from *The VineLine newsletter of the Vineyards Campground on Lake Grapevine*).



Harold Spiegel Inducted as "True Professional"

It is with great pride that we announce that our very own president and founder of Preservation Tree has been inducted as a "True Professional" by the International Society of Arboriculture, "a worldwide professional organization dedicated to fostering a greater appreciation for trees

and to promoting research, technology, and the professional practice of arboriculture." Here's an excerpt regarding his nomination: Harold Spiegel has always dreamed big things for those working in tree care, for those studying the science and

art of trees, and for those desiring a deeper understanding of the trees around us. He is uniquely equipped to motivate others and build coalitions of interest and opinion. You couldn't ask for someone better to work with, learn from, or be inspired by."