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# TREEscapes

## Spring 2018



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### From Dan's Desk

#### Champion of Trees

*Recognition for what we've achieved*

We've always aspired to be champions of trees. The **Arbor Day Foundation** recently made it official by presenting the annual international "Champion of Trees Award" to FUF and the City of San Francisco in recognition of our leadership in urban forestry.

At the ceremony, San Francisco resident **Jean Palmer** praised our accomplishments as a continuation of the work begun by her great grandfather, Arbor Day founder **J. Sterling Morton**. I hope you share my pride in that — your contributions, participation, and support made it possible.

The award is meant to recognize the kind of productive partnership between a government entity and community-based organization that was exemplified by our work with the City on the Urban Forest Plan, which laid the groundwork for the successful Proposition E campaign.

Much work remains to be done; San Francisco is still less leafy than most other major U.S. cities. But it's good to know that together, we're on the right track!

Warmly,

Executive Director

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the right track.



From left: Arbor Day Foundation vice president **Britt Ehlers**, Public Works director **Mohammed Nuru**, Bureau of Urban Forestry superintendent **Carla Short**, **Dan Flanagan**



### Factoid:

#### Greenery lifts teen spirits

A new U.S. study found that teens who live in areas with lots of natural vegetation nearby are **less likely to display high levels of depression symptoms**. The effect was strongest among middle schoolers.

Source: Carla P. Bezold et al, *The Association Between Natural Environments and Depressive Symptoms in Adolescents Living in the United States*, *Journal of Adolescent Health*, Volume 62, Issue 4, 2018.

## Upcoming Events

For event updates, details, and info about how to participate, see: [www.fuf.net/calendar](http://www.fuf.net/calendar)

If you want a tree, or want to help organize a tree planting in your neighborhood, see: [www.fuf.net/treeplanting](http://www.fuf.net/treeplanting)

If you want a sidewalk garden, see [www.fuf.net/sidewalkgarden/](http://www.fuf.net/sidewalkgarden/)

April 27 — No-Frown Friday Tree Care  
April 27 — Friday Tree Delivery, Excelsior  
April 28 — BIKE TREE LOVE Planting Support, Excelsior  
April 28 — BIKE TREE LOVE Tree Planting, Excelsior  
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 — Wonderful Wednesday Tree Care  
May 2 — Planting Leader Training  
May 3 - May 5 — Sidewalk Landscaping, Location TBD  
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 — Tree Replacement Thursday  
May 4, 11, 18, 25 — No-Frown Friday Tree Care  
May 11 — Friday Tree Delivery, OMI  
May 12 — Planting Support, OMI  
May 12 — Tree Planting, OMI  
May 16 — May Pruning Workshop  
May 17 - 19 — Sidewalk Landscaping, Castro  
May 18 — Friday Tree Delivery, Castro  
May 19 — Planting Support, Castro  
May 19 — Tree Planting, Castro  
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 — No-Frown Friday Tree Care  
June 1 — Friday Tree Delivery, Mission  
June 2 — Planting Support, Mission  
June 2 — Tree Planting, Mission  
June 6, 13, 20, 27 — Wonderful Wednesday Tree Care  
June 7, 14, 21, 28 — Tree Replacement Thursday  
June 14 — Sidewalk Landscaping, Central Sunset  
June 15 — June Pruning Workshop  
June 15 — Friday Tree Delivery, Central Sunset  
June 16 — Planting Support, Central Sunset  
June 16 — Tree Planting, Central Sunset  
June 29 — Friday Tree Delivery, Bayview  
June 30 — Planting Support, Bayview  
June 30 — Tree Planting, Bayview

## Thanks to our funders

We're grateful to:

**PG&E** for gifts of \$80,000 to support tree planting in the Portola neighborhood and \$25,000 to support sidewalk gardens in the Mission.

The **Joseph and Vera Long Foundation** for a gift of \$30,000 in support of our Green Teens program.

**TPG** for adopting our tree planting in the Excelsior neighborhood at the \$20,000 "Magnolia Level."

**Cadillac** in partnership with **American Forests** for adopting our tree planting in the Portola neighborhood at the \$10,000 "Brisbane Box Level."

**Levi Strauss & Co** for adopting our tree planting in the Inner Sunset neighborhood at the \$10,000 "Brisbane Box Level."

**Deloitte LLP** for adopting our tree planting in the Excelsior neighborhood at the \$5,000 "Strawberry Tree Level."

**Ropes & Gray LLP** for adopting our tree planting in the Excelsior neighborhood at the \$5,000 "Strawberry Tree Level."

The **San Francisco Association of Realtors** for donating \$5,000 to support the installation of new sidewalk gardens in the Castro neighborhood.

The **Pisces Foundation** for a gift of \$5,000.

**Union Bank** for a gift of \$5,000 in support of our Green Teens program.

**Airbnb** for a gift of \$3,000 in support of tree planting.

**Alter Eco** for donating chocolate bars as treats for our planting volunteers.

Find out how you or your company can adopt an upcoming planting: [www.fuf.net/adopt](http://www.fuf.net/adopt)



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**"To plant trees is to give body and life to one's dreams of a better world."**

—**Russell Page** (1906–1985), British gardener, garden designer and landscape architect



# Recently FUF'ed



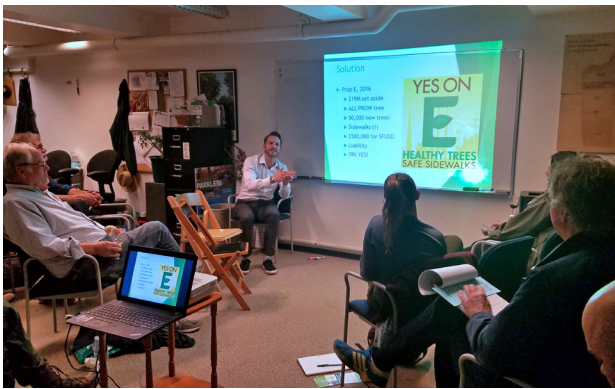
From January 25 to 27, Friends of the Urban Forest led volunteers and neighborhood residents in installing new sidewalk gardens in the **Bernal Heights** neighborhood.



At the invitation of **Congregation B'nai Emunah**, we planted trees on January 31 in the **Outer Sunset** in celebration of the **Tu B'Shevat** holiday.



On February 10, our tree care staff joined **SF Public Works' Clean Team** to prune trees in the **Excelsior**.



On February 28, members of our **Community Forester** seminar participated in a classroom discussion.



On March 10, a group from the **First Unitarian Universalist Society of SF** planted trees with us in **Potrero Hill**.



On March 18, we hosted a free walking tour of the notable trees of the **Presidio**, led by author **Mike Sullivan**.



In partnership with other forestry organizations and agencies, we produced a "**Tactile Educational Forest Parklet**" for the annual **New Partners for Smart Growth Conference**, February 1-3.



On February 25, we hosted a free walking tour of the palms of the **San Francisco Botanical Garden** led by author **Jason Dewees**.





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Friends of the Urban Forest is a non-profit organization, founded in 1981, that offers financial, technical and practical assistance to individuals and neighborhood groups who wish to plant and care for street trees and sidewalk gardens in San Francisco.

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## The Biophile:

### Our long blooming season

By Alex Javier, Education Manager

San Francisco's mild winters can "confuse" flowering trees; many originated in regions with distinctive seasonal changes that result in mass blooms, but our subtle seasons often cause them to blossom slowly.

First to bloom in late December were **Bailey's Acacia** and **Sydney Golden Wattle**, which produce yellow flowers. Next came **Purple-Leaf Plum** with its paperwhite-to-bubblegum-pink flowers.

In February, magnolias brought forth fragrant flowers of pure white and pink (**Southern Magnolia** can be expected to bloom through June). The **California Lilac** displayed indigo-to-lilac flowers and the **Flowering Pear** displayed small white ones.

In March we saw the pink blossoms of the **Flowering Cherry** and the crimson blooms of the **New Zealand Christmas Tree**; the latter will flower into the summer.

April brought flowers of white-and-pink from **Horse Chestnuts** and creamy white from **Bronze Loquats**.

This long blooming season provides many visual and olfactory pleasures. We hope you enjoy!



*Acacia baileyana*



*Magnolia doltsopa*



*Prunus serrulata*