



## Plant Trees

By Karen Skillman

Worshipped by the ancients, beloved by poets, and enshrined in history, trees have been valued through the ages.

Trees do so much for us. Trees keep our air supply fresh by absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen. Trees lower air temperature by evaporating water with their leaves, they reduce noise pollution by acting as natural sound barriers, and they provide shelter and food for wildlife.

Unfortunately, even under the best conditions, trees will not live forever. Some suffer from drought or storm-damage, some die of disease or parasites, and others, perfectly healthy, are lost to development or construction-related damage. According to the International Society of Arboriculture the death of one 70year old tree would return over three tons of carbon to the atmosphere.

What can we do to preserve our wooded heritage? We can take the advice of J. Sterling Morton, founder of the Morton Arboretum, and *plant trees!*

This spring or fall, make a point to plant a tree. There is a wide variety available to beautify and increase the value of any property. Please don't be put off planting a tree because of the belief that it will take too long to grow. A healthy young tree can grow as much as one to two feet a year depending on species, site location and care. Do a little research or consult an arborist or nurseryman to select the kinds of trees that suit your yard, soil type and light requirements. Time passes anyway, you might as well plant a tree to nurture and grow right along with your family.

Arbor Day is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

*"Arbor Day is not like other holidays. Each of those reposes on the past, while Arbor Day proposes for the future"* (J. Sterling Morton).

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## My Favorite Small Trees

By Todd Williamson

Trees. Where would we be without them? They clean the air of pollutants. They offer shade and provide an array of color in the fall. Many flower in spring, turning heads to the smell, their flower into seed and fruit for our feathered friends to dine on. While our Oaks are splendid, our Ashes, Lindens and Maples divine, these smaller trees are my pick of the top ornamental trees (a.k.a. understory trees) available for adding to the landscape. Each is a winner in my book.

### ***Acer griseum* – Paperbark Maple**

A highly ornamental tree, its cinnamon-colored exfoliating bark and graceful shape make it an ideal candidate. Perhaps a little hard to find, they are worth the effort of searching. The dark-bluish three-part leaves turn brilliant red in fall temperatures. Slow growing, it eventually reaches 25' tall by 15' wide.

### ***Acer palmatum* – Japanese Maple**

A truly aristocratic tree, Japanese Maples come in many forms with the best having 5-9 lobes in the leaves. The variety *atropurpureum* offers exceptional shades of reddish-purple. Fall color is consistently sensational. Their grey bark is interesting in winter. Hundreds of cultivars exist. Bloodgood and Moonfire are two of the best purple-leaved cultivars. Its close cousin, *Acer japonicum* – Full Moon Maple makes an appropriate

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alternative with similar characteristics.

***Amelanchier grandiflora* – Apple Serviceberry**

Native to Illinois, this 20'h x10'w multi-stemmed ornamental tree provides flowers in the spring, followed by small berries and, in the fall, brilliant leaf coloration. Its gray bark is attractive and there are numerous, improved cultivars like 'Princess Diana'.

***Cornus kousa* – Kousa Dogwood**

An elegant dogwood, upright in youth, it blooms with the most unusual four-petaled flowers in early summer. Its horizontal spreading branches bear these most unusual flowers on the top of the branches. It is disease resistant and makes a choice specimen plant that reaches 20-30' in height. When blooming, it is a truly something to behold.

If you haven't already, please consider adding one of these favorites of mine to your landscape.

## Garlic Mustard: Enemy of the Woodlands

By Mary Ann Barszo

Garlic Mustard is a fast growing weed from Europe that threatens woodlands across the U. S. When left unchecked, it becomes so dense that it can crowd out native wildflowers, destroy wildlife habitat, and shade out beneficial tree and shrub seedlings.

*How to Identify Garlic Mustard* - Garlic Mustard has a two year growth cycle. The first year plant is low to the ground with a cluster of rounded leaves. The leaves stay alive and green through the winter. In the second year, the plant sends up a flowering shoot from one to four feet tall between April into early July. Tiny white flowers appear, each with four petals. The leaves when crushed give off a garlic odor.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Winfield United Winter Celebration

By Rock Rockett

Our "Shake those Cabin Fever Blues Party" was a smashing success! What's not to like about good ol' time rock and roll, a drink or two, a silent auction, playing dominos, and spending a wonderful winter evening with your friends and neighbors of Winfield?

We had so much fun we are making arrangements for next year's party, which will be the Winfield United's Valentines Day Party and Winter Celebration on Sat, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our local crooners, The Deadbeats, performed beautifully in the acoustically fine venue of Synergy, on Roosevelt Road. The added conga drums on Under the Boardwalk were a special treat, Rita's vocals on White Rabbit were exceptional, and George's gutsy performance of Mustang Sally were all special moments for the classic rock enthusiasts. We love being able to showcase our local musicians and this event was a perfect setting to do so.

There's also nothing like a little healthy bidding war over your favorite item in the silent auction. The items were beautifully displayed in wicker baskets, celophane and bows. Paintings from prominent local artists, tickets to Wrigley Field, baked goods, rustic handmade outdoor furniture, and bottles of wine by local vintners were all treasured items.

With the ticket sales, the silent auction, and a few extra donations Winfield United was quite successful in raising money for the community service projects, education and grass roots activism that define our organization. We are grateful for our many supporters in the community of Winfield and we are committed to putting the hard earned funds to work for the good and betterment of Winfield.

Please plan to join us at next year's WU Valentines Day Party and Winter Celebration on Sat, Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.

## EVENT CALENDAR

### **Saturday, April 22**

Prairie Path Cleanup; Various check-in points along the Illinois Prairie Path; Contact Deb Birutis, (630) 752-8859

### **Saturday, April 29, 9:00AM - 12 noon**

Removal of invasive Garlic Mustard; West Chicago Prairie; Contact Steve Sentoff, (630) 293-1627

### **Saturday, April 29, 9:00AM – 4:00PM**

Arbor Day Tree Sale; Winfield Community United Methodist Church; 0S347 Jefferson St. (Corner of Jefferson & Sunnyside)

### **Saturday, May 6, 8:00AM - 10:00AM**

Spring Migration Bird Walk; Cantigny Park Greenhouse; No parking fee, enter at the Shaffner Road entrance; (630) 668-5161

### **Saturday, May 13, 8:00PM**

The Cantrells, a Nashville based acoustic duo; Acorn Coffee Bar and Folklore Center, \$10. Reservations, (630) 393-1247

### **Saturday-Sunday, May 13-14, 10:00AM - 4:00PM**

Kline Creek Farm - Aprons in the Breeze; Celebrate Mothers' Day with a fun clothesline matching game featuring colorful aprons, which were an important part of ladies' clothing in the 1890s. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Kline Creek Farm in Winfield. Call (630) 876-5900

### **Tuesday, May 16, 7:00PM**

Heidi Vollmuth, WEMA Coordinator, speaks on emergency preparedness. The Winfield Library.

### **Friday, June 2**

Deadline for Kane County Cougar game ticket orders; (630) 868-6122 - See July 14 listing below

### **Saturday, June 3**

DuPage River Alliance; RiverSweep 2006; Various check-in points along the East and West Branches of the DuPage River; (630) 428-4500

### **Saturday, June 10 8:00PM**

Small Potatoes; Acorn Coffee Bar and Folklore Center, \$10; Reservations, (630) 393-1247

### **Saturday, June 17 , ALL DAY**

WU GARAGE SALE and PICNIC with THE DEADBEATS @ Mike & Phoebe Smith's (630) 868-6122. On Summit Avenue between Washington and Gary's Mill Road.

### **Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual WU 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and Canoe'n Gathering @ DuPage River and Beecher St.

### **Friday, July 14**

Winfield United Baseball Outing  
Burlington Bees at Kane County Cougars

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## KANE COUNTY COUGARS GAME – LET'S GO!

By Jed Skillman

In sports news, the Kane County Cougars have a new head coach, 29-year old Chicago-area native Aaron Nieckula. It is Nieckula's goal to get the team into the league play offs this year.

We'll have a chance to see him and the '06 Cougars on the evening of Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, when the Cougars play the Burlington Bees, of the Kansas City Royals system. There's a pre-game autograph session and a post-game Fireworks show. And, as everybody knows, the ball-park ambience – as well as the ball-park chow – is tops at Kane County Stadium. First pitch is set for 6:30.

Tickets are limited, so make plans now to join friends and neighbors for an evening of old-fashioned fun.

Our seats, behind home plate, are \$10.00 each. All reservations must be paid for by June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

To order tickets send payment to:

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For more information call (630) 868-6122

# Bandits Steal Chicagoland's Heart

By Cindy Keck

Did you know that Chicago hosts one of only seven teams in the National Pro Fastpitch (NPF) Softball League, and that they play right here in DuPage County?

The Chicago Bandits return to Benedictine University in Lisle for their second season. The Bandits fell to the Akron Racers in the NPF Championship game after compiling a league best 41-7 record in their inaugural campaign.

Eleven players return to the roster from last season's team, including seven NPF West All-Stars and Co-Pitcher of the year Jennie Finch.



# A League of Their Own

By Cindy Keck

Back in 1991 Winfield had a brush with baseball fame, and one Winfield family brushed up a little too closely with baseball history.

A portion of the movie *A League of Their Own*, was filmed at Cantigny. The film is about the people involved in the women's baseball league that played locally during WWII. So many men were gone in military service that regular baseball could not fill its regular schedule, and baseball was considered a necessity to keep up the morale of citizens on the homefront.

Gordon Krauspe who lives in Winfield Road across from the private entrance to Cantigny was blocked from getting into his driveway one evening. Traffic was stopped while several large trailers of filming equipment were being moved onto the grounds of Cantigny. While Gordon was outside his car talking with several film workers another car ran into his car causing extensive damage.

There is no indication that Madonna or Tom Hanks or any other movie stars had anything to do with the situation, but we can always imagine and dream! After all, dreaming of what might be is one of the things that makes baseball such a favorite national pastime. Ask any Cubs fan!

# Spring Recycling Events

## Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Free Electronics Recycling

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Game systems: Playstation, Nintendo, etc.

Microwave ovens

## Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Household Hazardous Waste Collection

College of DuPage, Fawell and Lambert, Glen Ellyn  
Parking Lots C, P & Q  
8:00AM – 3:00PM

Aerosol paints, antifreeze and automotive fluids, cell  
phones, cleaning products, drain cleaners, eye glasses,  
fluorescent lamp bulbs, hobby chemicals, household  
batteries, mercury and mercury containing items,  
medicines, oil-based paints (NO LATEX), old gasoline,  
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chemicals), pharmaceuticals, pool chemicals, propane  
tanks (gas grill size), solvents, used motor oil.

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For more information 469-5000; or visit  
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Sponsored by the Village of Glen Ellyn Environmental  
Commission; in conjunction with the DuPage County  
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assistance provided by many local volunteers.



## Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Wheaton Recycling Extravaganza

Commuter Parking Lot, Carlton and Liberty Streets,  
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American Flags, bicycles, books (any kind, any  
condition), car and house keys, cellular phones, eye  
glasses and hearing aids, garden tools, gym shoes  
(rubber banded together), lawn mowers, misc. household  
tools (hammers, wrenches, etc.), scrap metal  
NO ELECTRONICS.

Just drive up. Volunteers will remove items from your  
car for you.

For more information call (630) 653-8877.

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*Controlling Garlic Mustard* - Garlic Mustard can be  
hand pulled in any stage of its development. It seems  
especially easy to pull when in the flowering stage.  
Herbicides may also be used. Even pulling the dried  
seed stalks can be helpful in eradicating this noxious  
weed. Just make sure that you dispose of these hardy  
weeds in a way that prevents the seeds from spreading.

For more information visit:

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