

Arbor Day Photos

Arbor Day is an international program to celebrate trees. In California, March 7-14 is **California Arbor Week**. The LAVGC Arbor Day committee chair requests volunteers to help prepare the packets to be given to the school children and give Arbor Day talks at the elementary schools.

Packet preparation

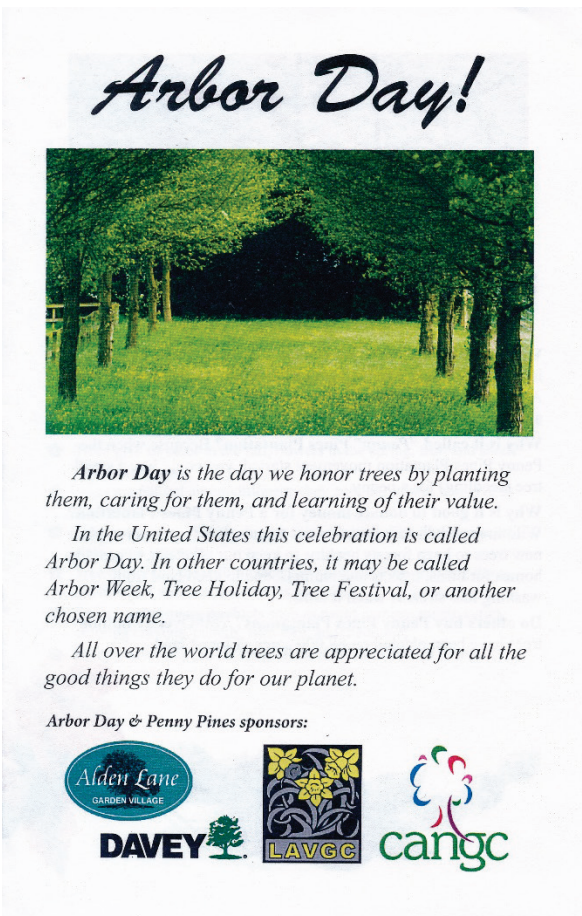


Elementary school presentations



Arbor Day pamphlet

An Arbor Day pamphlet with an attached package of California poppy seeds is handed out to school children who are attending the Arbor Day talks at the schools.



Arbor Day History

When pioneers came to Nebraska in the 1800's they cut down trees to build homes and for firewood. Soon you could look all over and not see a tree.

In 1872 a newspaper man, Mr. Sterling, came up with the idea to replant the area with trees. It was a grand idea that quickly grew. Now people all over the world have set aside time to honor trees.

Many cities, states, and countries also have laws to protect trees.

California chose March 7th as Arbor Day to honor the birthday of Luther Burbank. Mr. Burbank lived from 1849 to 1926. He is known for improving varieties of trees, flowers, fruits, grains, and potatoes. He worked hard to improve the quality of plants and trees to increase the world's food supply. He lived for 50 years in Santa Rosa.

Why We Honor Trees

- ❁ Trees and other plants produce the oxygen we breathe;
- ❁ Trees clean our air, fighting smog and dust;
- ❁ Trees give us color in the fall, flowers in the spring, fruit and shade in the summer;
- ❁ Trees are natural air conditioners; they cool our homes and give us cool places to rest;
- ❁ Trees are homes to birds, insects, and other wildlife like monkeys, sloths, and leopards;
- ❁ Tree roots hold the soil in place and keep dirt from washing down the hillsides and into the streams and roads;
- ❁ Trees give us many products such as paper, lumber, maple syrup, coloring crayons, pencils, furniture, and medicine;
- ❁ Many people depend on the product of trees to make a living.



Arbor Day Words to Know!

Arbor: A shelter of vines or branches

Arboreal: inhabiting trees (birds, insects, monkeys)

Arborist: a specialist who cares for trees

Arboreous: wooded

Arboretum: a place where trees or plants are studied and planted for scientific or educational purposes



A Gift For You "Golden Poppies"

*Poppies, golden Poppies, gleaming in the sun,
Closing up at evening, when the day is done.
Pride of California, flower of our state
Growing from the mountains, to the golden gate.
Flower of the hillside, flower of the plain,
Flower of the sunshine, flower of the rain,
California's children, be they far or near,
Love the golden poppy, of our state so dear.*

By Leila France 1917

Thanks to Pacific Coast Seed for the poppy seed donation.