Dear Tree Spotters,

Monday, September 23, marked the autumnal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere, one of two days each year in which the daytime and nighttime are nearly equal as the plane of Earth’s equator passes through the center of the Sun.

As the Sun continues its journey south, the Northern Hemisphere will begin to experience the cooling temperatures and golden foliage characteristic of the fall. Each day will get shorter and each night will get longer until the sun reaches its southernmost declination on the night of the winter solstice - the longest night of the year. Then, with wonderful predictability, the sun will start back north again.

I hope you are able to visit the Arboretum many times during those beautiful golden days ahead before that longest night - and I also hope you enjoy this edition of Spot On!

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Carya glabra (Pignut Hickory)

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Tree Spotter Updates

Fall Spotting Together and Focus Tree Gatherings

These events on the Arboretum grounds are a great way to learn more about our trees and shrubs and their phenophases, as well as to meet some of your fellow Tree Spotters.

Remember, you don't have to be spotting these particular species to attend one of these sessions. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Spotting Together: Shrub Route**
Saturday, September 28, 11:30am – 12:30pm
Meet at Vaccinium corymbosum (Highbush Blueberry) 386-71*B, shrub #1 on the route.

**Focus Tree Gathering**
Wednesday, October 2, 5:00 – 5:45pm
Meet at Acer saccharum (Sugar Maple) 22834*B*, tree #2 on the Maple Route.

**Spotting Together: Birch Route**
Sunday, October 13, 1:00 – 2:00pm
Meet at Betula nigra (River Birch) 1199*J, tree #1 on the route.
Focus Tree Gathering
Saturday, November 9, 1:00 – 1:45pm
Meet at *Hamamelis virginiana* (Common Witch-hazel) 229474*B*, tree #10 on the Shrub Route.

Spotting Together: Peters Hill Route
Sunday, November 17, 1:00 – 2:00pm
Meet at *Viburnum cassinoides* (Withe-rod) 1104-81*A, #11 on the route.

We suggest that you *always* check the Tree Spotters Event Calendar ahead of time. If we have to reschedule for any reason, we will update the listing.

If the weather is *iffy* at the last minute, you can also text or call me at 857-321-2825 to make sure we are meeting.

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**Tree Spotters Holiday Potluck Thursday, December 5, 6:00 - 7:30pm**

We look forward to seeing many of you at our fifth annual Tree Spotters Holiday Potluck Party on December 5th. You will have an opportunity to meet members of the Arboretum staff and your fellow Tree Spotters and their guests. Experience tells me that you can also expect great food - *everything* from appetizers to dessert :-

Invitations for you and a guest will be sent via Paperless Post in mid-November. (If you don’t get one, please check your spam folder and if it’s not there, let me know.)

**Date:** Thursday, December 5.
**Time:** 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Doors open at 5:30.
**Location:** Weld Hill Research Building Lecture Hall, 1300 Centre Street.

Look for details in the October Spot On!

In the meantime, we are looking for musicians to participate in our "Music in the Alcove" event. If you sing and/or play any kind of instrument and would like to help provide some pre-dinner background music, please let me know!

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**Redesigning the Arboretum's website:**
**Your chance to provide feedback!**

The Arboretum is preparing to redesign its website beginning in 2020 with the help of a local design firm. The first step is to understand the needs of the website users, so *your input is crucial*!

Please help by participating in this [brief anonymous user survey](#), which should take around 10-15 minutes. All questions are optional, so only submit what you're comfortable sharing.

**The deadline is October 31st.**

If you have feedback that you would add - suggestions that you don't feel can be captured adequately by the survey - please email us at TreeSpotters@fas.harvard.edu and we will pass them along. We use the website in ways that most visitors don't, so we would really like to hear your thoughts!

Thanks :-)

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**Climate Preparedness Week**

The Arboretum always has many events of interest to Tree Spotters, but this week's line-up is especially exciting. I hope many of you are able to visit the Arboretum between now and September 30th to enjoy some of these special activities before or after Tree Spotting!

[Communities Responding to Extreme Weather](#) (CREW) and the Arnold Arboretum are partnering with community members and organizations across...
Massachusetts for Climate Preparedness Week. The Arnold Arboretum will host a variety of events, both formal and informal, to encourage thoughtful consideration of the climate crisis and ways that individuals and organizations, such as the Arboretum, can respond and act towards change.

It's Your Climate. Act Towards Change.

Events at the Arnold Arboretum,

Hunnewell Building, and Lawn

Tree Mob™ From Solar Power to Flower Power
FREE EVENT – Thursday, September 26, 5:45pm
Weld Hill, 1300 Centre Street, Roslindale

Creative Climate Commitment with Susan Israel
WORKSHOP w/Fee – Saturday, September 28, 9:30am. Please register.

Research in the Collections: A Scientific Exploration of the Arboretum
FREE TOUR – Saturday, September 28, 2:00–3:30pm. Please register.

Exciting Introductions or Stealth Invaders?
FREE TOUR – Sunday, September 29, 11:00am–12:30pm. Please register.

Collections Up Close: Fruits of the Bradley Rosaceous Collection
FREE EVENT – Sunday, September 29, 1:00–3:00pm

Available All Week Long
Dia-Logs: Encouraging Climate Conversations
September 21 through 30, Hunnewell Building Lawn
Have a seat on one of our Dia-Logs and strike up a climate conversation. We'll provide discussion prompts and facts. You take it from there to share your thoughts and hear others. Our Dia-Logs offer an opportunity to connect within our human community in response to our rapidly changing climate.

Commitment Leaves
Hunnewell Building Visitor Center
Make a personal commitment towards a climate action by writing your intent on a leaf and posting it for all to see in the Hunnewell Building entryway and Visitor Center.

Exhibition: Fabric, Fiber & Phenology
Hunnewell Building Visitor Center

StoryWalk®
Read and walk as a family in the landscape. September 24-30. Check in at the Visitor Center to learn where the story walks are located.
- Spring after Spring: How Rachel Carson Inspired the Environmental Movement, by Stephanie Roth Sisson
- Kate, Who Tamed the Wind, by Liz Garton Scanlon & Lee White

Featured link

Seven stories to read for Climate Week
In honor of Climate Week, NatureNOW has rounded up seven nature-focused articles and events that delve into issues of climate change. Read on to discover the ways scientists are trying to save ecosystems and biodiversity, how art can impact climate awareness, and most importantly, how you can get involved.

Twitter reminder and a selection of Tweets

You can follow us on Twitter: https://twitter.com/ArbTreeSpotters. We post things of interest to Tree Spotters – facts about trees, links to articles on climate change and citizen science, etc. Please check us out! Here are a few recent Tweets in case you missed them.
When are the best times to see fall foliage in the Northeast?

Connected to nature? Worried about climate change? Through workshops and public art, Susan Israel teaches about climate issues in an innovative and fun way, which she will do this Saturday at the Arnold Arboretum.

“There is a magic machine that sucks carbon out of the air, costs very little, and builds itself. It’s called...a tree.”

Tree Spotters Spotlight

The Tree Spotters Spotlight is an opportunity to let all of the Tree Spotters know what you are engaged in when you are not Tree Spotting. I know that many of you are involved in things that the Tree Spotter Community would be interested in, so please let me know if you have something happening in November or December that I can post in the October Spot On!

Spotlight: This month the spotlight is on the Roslindale Open Studios, the Proper Bostonian Quilt Show, and Tree Spotter Betsey Henkel’s photography exhibit in the Hunnewell Building Lecture Hall, all coming up in October. Plus you still have time to register for Steffanie Schwam’s workshop on September 28th and view her work on display at the Visitor Center through October 6th!

Roslindale Open Studios

The 15th Annual Roslindale Open Studios (ROS) is a family-friendly event held on Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th from 11am to 5pm. See over 100 local and visiting artists featured in 39 locations throughout Roslindale.

Several of our Tree Spotters and Tree Spotter supporters are exhibiting :-) 

Click here to download the brochure

Proper Bostonian Quilt Show

Tree Spotter Ann McNamara, who is a member of the Proper Bostonian’s Quilt Guild, passed along the following information about the Guild’s upcoming Quilt Show. (Thanks, Ann!) See details below.

Dates
Friday, October 25, 6-8pm, Saturday, October 26, 10am-4pm, Sunday, October 27, 10am-4pm

Location
Theresa Ave, West Roxbury, MA, 02132
Parking available in the lot behind the hall and on the street.

Admission
General Admission: $7, Seniors and Students, $5

The Light You Cannot See: Infrared Photography by Betsey Henkels

October 25, 2019 – February 2, 2020
Opening Reception with the Artist: Saturday, October 26, 1:00-3:00pm
Location: Hunnewell Building

Betsey Henkels uses the camera to explore the world in two ways--first by noticing and appreciating objects that she might otherwise overlook, and second, by transforming ordinary scenes into prints that are compelling and unexpected. She is intrigued by the magical and mysterious properties of infrared light and has spent many hours in the Arboretum, photographing tree canopies, bark, and above ground roots, hoping to capture their spirits.

Reminder

Art Workshop: Revealing the Wild Print
Steffanie Schwam, Artist
Saturday, September 28, 1:00–3:00pm
Location: Hunnewell Building

Join the Arboretum’s exhibiting artist, Steffanie Schwam, in this hands-on workshop. Create a print to include in a small book. You will make your own unique monoprint on paper or fabric, using leaves from the Arboretum’s collections, paint, printmaking tools, recycled materials, and the inspiration of the surrounding landscape. Bring your creativity, we'll supply the rest.

Appropriate for ages 8 and above. An adult must accompany anyone between 8 and 12.

This workshop will take place on the Hunnewell lawn if the weather is appropriate, in the Hunnewell lecture hall if weather is inclement.

Fee $15 member, $25 nonmember
Register at my.arboretum.harvard.edu or call 617-384-5277.

Fabric, Fiber & Phenology, The Art Prints of Steffanie Schwam & The Arnold Arboretum Tree Spotters Program, will be on display at the Hunnewell Visitor Center through October 6.

Wrap Up

The deadline for the next edition of Spot On! is October 20. If you have any information that you’d like to share with your fellow Tree Spotters, please let me know by then.

As always, if you have any comments or suggestions regarding this issue of Spot On!, suggestions for
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