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FIRST LILLICH LECTURE A SUCCESS!

This year, the West Lafayette Tree Friends honored founder Helen Lillich's legacy by hosting the first Lillich Lecture Series. The focus of this lecture was aspects of climate change. The 39 attendees listened to thought provoking presentations by Dr. Songlin Fei, from Purdue's Forestry and Natural Resources Department, and from David Listerman of Listerman Associates, one of the largest plant brokers in the Midwest.



Dr. Songlin Fei

Dr. Fei shared findings on a 30-year collaborative study on how climate has been affecting our forests. He provided a list of trees that face an uncertain future in our region, which can help tree steward groups decide what to plant today to better withstand the climate of tomorrow. David Listerman's years of experience in the nursery trade were evident as he shared new and unusual tree species and cultivars that can withstand the test of time. He also highlighted some unique challenges in the nursery trade.



David Listerman

Special thank you to all the attendees, our guest speakers, and the Tippecanoe County Extension for making our debut lecture a success! Have any topics you want to hear? Let us know by emailing us at newsletter@wltreefriends.org.



WEST LAFAYETTE TREE FRIENDS RECEIVE AN AWARD

The WLTF were selected for the 2018 City of West Lafayette Volunteer Recognition Award, the first group of volunteers to receive this honor. On February 5, during the City Council meeting, the group was congratulated by Mayor John Dennis for continued efforts to improve the quality of life in the WL community.

"The Tree Friends' passion to maintain West Lafayette's urban forest can be seen through their impressive amount of volunteer hours. From 2013 to 2017, WL and WLTF have planted 822 trees in the city's public spaces. In the same period, WLTF volunteers, with [City employees] Bev Shaw and Bryce Patz, pruned 6,251 city trees, committing 981 volunteer hours."

Mayor Dennis also cited the value of several WLTF programs: Tree Trial, Tribute Trees, Pruning Partners, ET Squad, and the bimonthly newsletter.

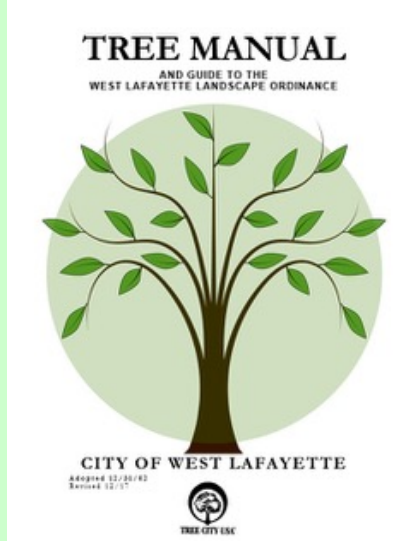


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HOT OFF THE PRESS!

The *Tree Manual and Guide to the West Lafayette Landscape Ordinance* was revised in December 2017. Although the entirety of "Chapter 115 - Trees and Landscaping" is included at the back of the document, the rest of it is in plain English. It includes illustrations, tables of trees to use in specific situations, and hints on how to plant, maintain, and prune trees. Best of all, you can access it at the West Lafayette Tree Friends

website (www.wltreefriends.org) by [clicking here](#).



APRIL BRINGS ARBOR DAY

National Arbor Day, always celebrated on the last Friday in April, will find the WL Tree Friends planting seven trees along the north side of Lindberg Road (just west of Northwestern Avenue). Joining us for the event will be Mayor John Dennis, other City officials, and students and teachers from Burgett's Learning Center.

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 27. We encourage you to park in the Northwestern Heights Neighborhood and walk safely across Lindberg Road to the planting site.

Consider planting a tree on your own property in recognition of Arbor Day. Or, consider having a Tribute Tree planted in honor of an event or a memory of someone special. Information can be found at the WL Tree Friends website: <https://wltreefriends.org>.

Trees are truly amazing: capturing clean water, giving off oxygen for us to breathe, slowing climate change, increasing property values, providing shade, and much, much more.



Arbor Day 2017

A LOCAL TREASURE - THE PURDUE ARBORETUM

In 2008, Professor Matt Jenks, with a group of faculty and staff at Purdue University, initiated a project called The Purdue Arboretum. Their plan was to recreate the Purdue campus as a living laboratory that would enhance learning and discovery, as well as improve the value of the campus as a resource for university engagement. The Purdue Arboretum launched *Scan, Link, and Learn* initiative in August 2013, which allows campus visitors to locate collection signs, scan the QR code and learn about the plant by linking to the [Purdue Arboretum Explorer](#) web page.

Looking to see what's flowering on campus this spring? Check out *What's in Bloom*, a feature on the Purdue Arboretum Explorer. You can select dates you will be on campus, and a list of plants and locations will appear based on several years of blooming history.

Looking for an Indiana native tree to plant? No problem! You can search for trees, shrubs, and woody vines based on special characteristics such as Indiana native, flowering, drought tolerance, and more. Check out this local treasure here: <https://mlp.arboretum.purdue.edu/ecmweb/index.php>



DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A major function of the WL Tree Friends is raising funds to assist the City in planting, pruning, and protecting the urban forest, specifically the street trees. Funds are also received to sponsor Tribute Trees, trees planted in honor of or in memory of individuals. Our fund-raising year begins in November and runs through the following October. To see the list of donors from November 2016 through October 2017, [click here](#).

[Click here](#) to see the list of Donors since November 2017. You may also make a donation from that site.

Thank you to all of you who contribute so greatly to the beauty and environmental stability of our community!

UPCOMING EVENTS

WL Tree Friends Meeting - April 10 in the WL Public Library at noon.
Everyone is welcome.

Arbor Day - April 27. Program and tree planting on Lindberg Road at 10:00 a.m.

Master Gardener-- Garden Expo and Plant Sale, April 28, 9:00-3:00 at the
Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds.
www.tippecanoeastgardener.org/garden-expo-2018

Art in Bloom - June 23. Save the date!

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



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