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and the
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April Stefel *Liaison to Shade Tree
Commission*



*Mayor Adrian O. Mapp
&
The City of Plainfield*

Present

*Arbor Day Celebration
2015*

Friday, April 24, 2015

11:00 am

at

Drake House Museum

Located at

*602 West Front Street
Plainfield, New Jersey 07060*

2015 Arbor Day Plantings

Each year Plainfield celebrates Arbor Day, planting trees as a way of teaching its citizens, young and young at heart, of the benefit of trees to our environment. This year we have a special opportunity to observe Arbor Day at the Nathaniel Drake House. Originally a colonial farm house that evolved into a gothic revival home, the house is now home to Drake House Museum, operated by The Historical Society of Plainfield. The evolution of garden styles was an important component when developing this year's plan, which is a blend of historically appropriate plant material with real-world public garden practicality. All the garden spaces planned embrace this historical treasure. We owe very special thanks to professional landscape designer Beth P. Riley, proprietor of the The Potted Garden in Madison, New Jersey who did the garden plan for Drake House on a volunteer basis. We cannot thank her enough for her generous contribution to our city. We also owe sincere thanks to Public Service Electric and Gas. It was not feasible to plant shade trees at one of PSE&G's projects in Plainfield, so the company kindly contributed the money that would have been spent on trees to Shade Tree Commission for the Drake House project. Finally, our thanks to The Historical Society of Plainfield for their kind cooperation with us.

2015 Specimen Tree

The 2015 Specimen Tree is the Magnolia Acuminata of impressive size located in the back yard at 1322 Martine Avenue. Commonly known as "Cucumber Tree", this Magnolia blooms in the late spring with 3 inch wide blooms and then drops many raspberry red, 1 inch cucumber shaped pods. Shade Tree Commission is pleased that this handsome tree has weathered all of the storms of recent years and will continue to grace our city.

Special Thanks to the

Plainfield High School ROTC Color Guard and King's Daughter's Day School for their participation in this program and to PSE&G, Beth P. Riley of The Potted Garden in Madison, and The Historical Society of Plainfield for their contributions and cooperation.

PROGRAM

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**Welcome/Salute to Flag.....Honorable Adrian O. Mapp
Mayor, City of Plainfield**

**Plainfield High School ROTC
Color Guard**

**Opening Remarks.....Honorable Adrian O. Mapp
and Arbor Day Proclamation Mayor, City of Plainfield**

**Tree City Award for 2015.....Bill Nierstedt PP, AICP
Director of Planning/Zoning Officer**

**2015 Specimen Tree.....Peter Simone, Chair
Shade Tree Commission**

**Remarks about Arbor Day.....Mary Burgwinkle
Shade Tree Commission**

**Closing Remarks/.....Honorable Adrian O. Mapp
Ceremonial Tree Planting Mayor, City of Plainfield
along with
Kings Daughters Day
School Students**

