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== What's Happening? =====

Eddie Bauer Officially Announces Memorial Tree Groves

AMERICAN FORESTS' Memorial Trees Campaign continues to receive tremendous support from corporations and nonprofit organizations. News conferences were held in both New York City and Washington, DC, on January 31st as part of the national unveiling of Eddie Bauer's Memorial Tree Groves initiative. Specialty retailer Eddie Bauer is pledging to raise \$500,000 to support AMERICAN FORESTS and its efforts to plant thousands of trees in Washington, DC, and Virginia, New York and Pennsylvania - one tree for every victim of September 11, 2001.

In addition, the trees will honor the policemen, firefighters and other heroes who risked their lives on 9-11, offer people places where they can reflect and connect with nature, and serve as symbols of healing and hope for the future. Eddie Bauer invites customers and store associates

to support the campaign by contributing \$1 or more at any one of Eddie Bauer's 500-plus stores, online at www.eddiebauer.com, or through catalog purchases. Visit an Eddie Bauer store today and help plant Memorial Tree Groves.

Read The Washington Post article at
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A6219-2002Jan31.html>.

Click to <http://www.americanforests.org/news/display.php?id=40> to view the press release.

AMERICAN FORESTS' Memorial Trees Campaign plans to plant memorial groves in communities across the United States. Find more information at http://www.americanforests.org/campaigns/memorial_trees/partners.php.

Planting Patriot Trees with IGA

Some 1600 IGA grocery stores will participate this spring in a special Memorial Trees effort titled AMERICAN FORESTS' Patriot Trees for America Campaign.

From April 27 to May 10, IGA cashiers will invite customers to make donations toward the planting of AMERICAN FORESTS' Historic Trees in their community in remembrance of those who lost their lives on September 11th. Every person donating to the program will receive a receipt certifying his or her support. Also, each donation will be represented by a paper tree placed on a wall of the IGA store to show the community's support of this important program. AMERICAN FORESTS' Historic Tree Nursery grows direct-offspring of trees that have connections to famous people and historic events.

IGA and its customers will be presenting their community with a growing environmental asset as well as a place to reflect on the history of our great nation and some of the patriots who helped shape it. Trees connected to American patriots like George Washington, Martin Luther King, Jr., Clara Barton, and Dwight D. Eisenhower will be included in the groves.

Learn more about AMERICAN FORESTS' Memorial Trees Campaign by clicking to http://www.americanforests.org/campaigns/memorial_trees/.

America Plants Tribute Trees

Earth Share and AMERICAN FORESTS are teaming up to plant Tribute Trees nationwide. Earth Share, a coalition of more than 450 environmental and conservation groups, has joined with founding member AMERICAN FORESTS to plant memorial groves of "Tribute Trees" across America.

Tribute Trees are being planted to honor our country's heroes and victims, especially those of the September 11th attack.

The following are ways you can plant Tribute Trees:

- Donate to Tribute Trees through Earth Share. School or communities across the country will be chosen to receive 20 trees from AMERICAN

FORESTS;

- Purchase a Historic Tree to plant near your home;
- or, send a friend or loved-one his or her own Tribute Tree.

AMERICAN FORESTS' Historic Tree Nursery grows trees with connections to historic figures such as George Washington, Clara Barton, Abraham Lincoln, Dwight D. Eisenhower and many others, as well as trees related to historic events such as the Civil War and American Revolution.

To purchase Tribute Trees or to register to receive a memorial grove for your school or community, visit AMERICAN FORESTS' Historic Tree Nursery at <http://www.historictrees.org>.

New "Tree Stories Online Magazine"

If you're interested in exciting tree-related tales of history, sign up for AMERICAN FORESTS' Historic Tree Nursery's new free "Tree Stories Online Magazine" at <http://www.historictrees.org/mtvernonregister.htm>.

Each issue, distributed monthly, includes stories about trees, which witnessed historic events such as the Civil War and American Revolution, as well as popular figures like Elvis Presley.

When you subscribe, you're automatically entered for a chance to win an expenses-paid trip for two to Mount Vernon!

Also, be sure to watch Jeff Meyer, project director of AMERICAN FORESTS' Historic Tree Nursery, in his new weekly series titled "Tree Stories" that will premiere on public television stations this spring.

Week in Washington

More than a dozen forest practitioners from across the United States will participate in AMERICAN FORESTS' Week in Washington in March. AMERICAN FORESTS' policy experts bring about 15 practitioners to the nation's capital and teach them the best ways to engage in national policy discussions. Attendees take part in a one-day training on appropriations, the federal budget process, and effective communications with their Congressional representatives. AMERICAN FORESTS also holds briefings with the U.S. Forest Service and the environmental community.

Visit <http://www.americanforests.org/resources/fp/AFpolicyviews/> for more information about forest policy at AMERICAN FORESTS.

== Check It Out! =====

* AMERICAN FORESTS works with a number of nonprofit organizations to promote community-based forestry. Wallowa Resources is among those organizations. Created in 1996, Wallowa Resources works to unite the public, various conservation and industry groups, and government agencies to restore the forest ecosystem and cultural and economic health of Wallowa County, Oregon.

Wallowa's mission is to "...promote community, forest, and watershed health while creating family-wage jobs and business opportunities, and to broaden understanding of the connection between community well-being and a healthy ecosystem."

Learn more about Wallowa Resources at <http://www.wallowaresources.org/>.

* AMERICAN FORESTS' 2002 National Register of Big Trees will be released at the beginning of March and, as always, will be included as an insert in the spring issue of American Forests magazine. The Register, maintained by AMERICAN FORESTS since 1940, lists the largest known specimens of 826 native or naturalized tree species in the United States.

Do you know where the largest white pine is located? How about the largest red spruce? What champions are located in your state?

Receive the Register and find out. Go to <http://www.americanforests.org/resources/bigtrees/>.

The National Register of Big Trees is sponsored by The Davey Tree Expert Company, which also produces the Big Tree Calendar. Visit <http://www.davey.com/>.

* Would you like an internship that provides hands-on experience and benefits the environment at the same time? If so, consider interning at AMERICAN FORESTS this summer or fall semester.

AMERICAN FORESTS offers opportunities found nowhere else in the United States. As an intern at the nation's oldest nonprofit conservation organization, you'll learn about forest and conservation issues as you work with experts in the areas of urban forestry, forest policy, communications, and natural resources.

The skills you develop look great on a resume, plus you'll be helping to build a healthier environment for your children and their grandchildren.

Venture to http://www.americanforests.org/about_us/jobs.php.

* The United Nation's weather agency recently stated that Earth's average temperature in 2001 was the second highest since global records began 140 years ago. According to the World Meteorological Organization, the global average surface temperature was 57.96 degrees Fahrenheit. The highest average temperature was 58.24 degrees Fahrenheit in 1998.

The emission of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide is a leading cause of global climate change. Help slow global climate change by taking steps to reduce your CO2 emissions.

Planting trees is another effective way of reducing carbon dioxide levels. A number of individuals and companies, including Shaklee, support the planting of trees to slow climate change.

You can offset your annual CO2 emissions by planting 30 trees through AMERICAN FORESTS' Global ReLeaf ecosystem restoration program today.

Visit

<http://www.americanforests.org/planttrees/>.

Or, calculate the number of trees you should plant to offset your CO2 emissions with AMERICAN FORESTS' Personal Climate Change Calculator. Click to <http://www.americanforests.org/resources/ccc/>.

Encourage a friend to calculate his or her carbon debt and see how your numbers compare.

* Earth Day (April 22) will be here before you know it. Check back here next month for details on the special event(s) AMERICAN FORESTS has planned.

Meanwhile, do you have plans to celebrate Earth Day? Are special events scheduled for your community? AMERICAN FORESTS' website, www.americanforests.org, will soon provide you information on how to organize an Earth Day celebration in your community.

Or, perhaps you want to personally plant a tree in your yard or neighborhood. If so, consider planting a tree grown by AMERICAN FORESTS' Historic Tree Nursery. If you don't have time to plant trees for Earth Day, let AMERICAN FORESTS do it for you. Here are some great programs you can support: Wildfire ReLeaf; Tribute Trees; and Trees Across America. Every dollar plants a tree!

***** ARE YOU A MEMBER??*****

Our mission is to "help people improve the environment with trees and forests."

You can help today by joining AMERICAN FORESTS. For your \$25 membership, you'll get 25 trees planted for you in a damaged ecosystem or forest restoration project. You'll also receive:

- A free subscription to our quarterly magazine
- A free Big Trees calendar
- A window decal

Join Today! Visit <http://www.americanforests.org/>

== GLOBAL RELEAF Spotlight =====
Pointe Remove Wildlife Management Area, Arkansas
Bald eagles and waterfowl such as pintails, black ducks, and Canada geese are among the wildlife species that will benefit from this planting being conducted in 2002. Cypress, nuttall, swamp chestnut, pin and willow oak, and sweet pecan are being planted through this multiyear project to restore bottomland hardwood forests in an important area of the Mississippi flyway. The planting will bring the total number of Global ReLeaf trees planted in this Arkansas River Valley project to more than 406,000.

This spring, AMERICAN FORESTS will plant its 20 millionth tree through its Global ReLeaf tree-planting and ecosystem restoration program. Where will the tree be planted? We'll make the announcement in a future

ForestBytes.

== ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS AND FEATURES FROM ENN.COM =====

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http://www.enn.com/news/wire-stories/2002/01/01092002/ap_46065.asp

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https://www.americanforests.org/acorn/test_acorn/membership/memberself/memberself.jsp?uid=1004627612312&verb=init&searchType=i&tx_type=nc&product=trees

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