

# TreeMail



Fall 2009



Dear Trees Ontario Supporter, Welcome to our fall 2009 edition of TreeMail.

**Help us save our environment. One tree at a time. Here's how you can help:**

- 1. Donate to Plant Trees** – Make a financial contribution to plant trees and support the ongoing educational and technical work that Trees Ontario and its partners are doing. Donate online at [www.treesontario.ca](http://www.treesontario.ca).
- 2. Learn More** – Learn about the benefits of trees, new greening initiatives, and upcoming events with Trees Ontario. Sign up to receive Trees Ontario updates at [www.treesontario.ca/learn](http://www.treesontario.ca/learn).
- 3. Save Money By Planting Trees** – Participate in a tree planting program through your local planting authority. Find out if you are eligible at [www.treesontario.ca/programs](http://www.treesontario.ca/programs).

Trees clean our air, filter our water, protect our soils, provide habitat for wildlife, offset carbon and reduce the impacts of global warming. Trees are essential to the health and well being of each and every one of us and our future generations.

Trees Ontario is a not-for-profit organization that requires the financial support of individuals, organizations and government to support its regreening initiatives to increase tree planting rates on rural lands across the province of Ontario. We are the largest charitable tree planting partnership in North America.

Help us regreen the province of Ontario, and reduce your environmental footprint.

Support the work that Trees Ontario and its partners are doing by making a financial contribution.

- \$25 donation will support the planting of 10 trees
- \$250 will support the planting of 100 trees
- \$2500 will support the planting of 1000 trees

**Help us save our environment. One tree at a time. [Donate now.](#)**

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**Want to Save Money and the Environment?  
Our Landowner Workshop will show you how**

If you have at least five acres of productive land in southern Ontario and are willing to maintain the trees that are planted, you may be eligible to take part in the government of Ontario's 50 Million Tree Program.

Trees Ontario is hosting **free** landowner workshops in partnership with the [Ontario Forestry Association](#) and select planting delivery agents, where you can learn about Ontario's 50 Million Tree Program, the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, tree planting techniques and other subsidy programs.

Click [here](#) to be taken to the schedule of 2009 Fall Landowner Workshops.

In addition to the landowner workshops, this fall Trees Ontario will be attending and displaying at the 2009 [Royal Agricultural Winter Fair](#) from November 6-15 at the Exhibition Place in Toronto. Visit us there.

Stay up-to-date with Trees Ontario's upcoming events and workshops by visiting our [online events calendar](#) regularly.



## “Trees Have Stories” - First Tree Recognized through the Ontario Heritage Tree Program



The Ontario Heritage Tree program celebrates trees with cultural or historical significance to the community.

Heritage trees are identified and assessed based on their age, size, appearance, and cultural/ historical significance.

Help them tell their stories. Recognize one of Ontario’s timeless story keepers.

Nominate a tree today.

Click [here](#) to read about Doug Goold and Libby Znaimer's Red Oak, the first Recognized Heritage Tree in the province.

### Give a Green Gift this Upcoming Holiday Season

The holiday season is just around the corner believe-it-or-not! So, now’s the time to start thinking about new ‘green’ ways to give.

This year why not give in honour of friends and family or recognize staff, clients and suppliers with a green gift.

With a minimum donation of \$25, we will send your recipient a beautiful, personalized Trees Ontario card with your holiday greeting on it.

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Tell everyone this holiday season that you’re helping to save the environment – one tree at time. Click [here](#) for more details.

Visit our [website](#) as we come closer to the holiday season for additional ideas on how to “Give Green”.



## Trees Ontario Salutes it's Corporate Partners

Trees Ontario would like to thank and recognize these recent corporate and small business supporters who have made a contribution to Trees Ontario's planting programs:

- [Mount Pleasant Group of Cemeteries](#)
- [Sporting Life](#)
- [CAA Auto Insurance Travel](#)
- [Libro Financial](#)
- [C.H. Robinson, London Branch](#)
- [Blue-Pencil Mobile Shredding Inc.](#)



Click [here](#) to tell us about your ideas to help create a greener Ontario and join Trees Ontario's business partnership program.

### **Ontario Landowners become Green Leaders in Helping Ontario Reach 50 Million Tree Goal**

Ontario landowners continue to show strong support for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources' [50 Million Tree Program](#).

The Trees Ontario Green Leaders Program highlights and recognizes landowners from across the province who have taken part in the 50 Million Tree Program.

#### Green Leader Spotlight



University Professors Andrew and Katherine Graham, from Landsdowne, Ontario, are part of a growing group of Green Leaders who are leading by example in making this province a greener place to live both now and in the future. They are quick to say “stewardship and legacy” are the two main reasons for their involvement.

Since 2006, the Grahams have planted about 25,000 trees on their land – a mix of black walnut, pine and spruce trees. With the help of the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority and Trees Ontario, 18,000 of those trees have been planted as part of the 50 Million Tree Program. Click [here](#) to read the rest of their story.

## Ontario Forestry Association Update

Focus on Forests has been 'spruced' up! The valuable online education program available free to educators has gone through some exciting changes, including a whole new public component that reaches out to kids and parents to provide valuable resources focused on introducing forests into the classroom. The [Ontario Forestry Association](#) is excited to announce this brand new launch.

In addition, the OFA has partnered with Tree Canada to launch the site to educators across Canada through support from Majesta. The website will be updated as new materials are created.

Also, thanks to funding from the [Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation](#) (ORMF), OFA and Trees Ontario have partnered to produce a new series of Focus on Forests lesson plans. These plans will be focused on seed germination, collection and forecasting and will be available in late October.



Visit <http://www.focusonforests.ca> for more information.

### The Tree of Knowledge – Did You Know?

(By Brian Swaile, Trees Ontario Seed and Stock Coordinator)

Now that fall is here you can see indications of potential seed crops for next year.

For Pines, you can look at the tips of the shoots and if there is going to be a crop of cones next year, you can see the small conelets now, which will mature into cones for next fall. Sometimes the conelets are single but there can be up to three-four per tip. These conelets are easily seen on the top branches of White Pine but are a little harder to spot on Red Pine.

In the hardwoods such as Birch, male flowers for next year have already developed and are evident at the end of the shoots. They look like turkey feet; usually in threes. They were formed in July/August and will sit on the tree over winter and start to mature in April/May when things start to warm up. Hazelnuts and Alders also produce this type of male flower.

In the hardwoods, the Red Oak family also indicates next year's potential in that they also take two years to develop. The female flowers that were fertilized can be seen on this year's growth and will mature next fall.

Trees Ontario has established a seed forecasting database to monitor and better track seed availability for future planting use. Compiling information about seed availability, location, type and quantity enables Trees Ontario and its partners to collect and store seed and helps ensure that the appropriate stock is available to meet long term demands.

If you wish to contribute to the seed forecasting database, click [here](#) to find out more.

