



BRANCHING OUT

A Cypress Lawn Newsletter

Welcome, one and all, to this seasonal issue of "Branching Out," the home for news and stories about the trees of Cypress Lawn Arboretum!



Dearest friends, neighbors, and tree-lovers near and far –

There is no moment more potent than the present for grounding ourselves in the presence of nature's wonders, for giving our attention to the diversity of life all around us, and for connecting with the trees of [Cypress Lawn Arboretum](#).

Now, in the full splendor of spring, our living collection is more vibrant than ever, showing off the flush of this season's new growth. Our deciduous specimens have all leafed out after a dormant winter, broadleaf evergreens are bursting with the green (chlorophylls!) and red (anthocyanins and carotenoids!) pigments of the budding year, and the flowering angiosperms are perhaps the most dashing of all, resplendent in bloom to attract the many birds, bees, and other pollinating wildlife that call [Cypress Lawn](#) home.

Each of us may enjoy the trees of our [Arboretum](#) in a different way, and I would encourage everyone to find a moment this spring to visit the many specimens of our [historic East Campus](#). Maybe bring along a pair of binoculars and search the canopy for a wide array of nesting songbirds that roost in our trees. Or just take a slow walk, immerse your senses through the Japanese practice of "forest bathing" (*shinrin-yoku*), and embrace the comforting tranquility of our arboreal friends.

Perhaps some of you will appreciate the [Arboretum collection](#) as an opportunity for learning and discovery, in what truly is becoming an outdoor classroom and living laboratory. Whichever is *your* way for connecting with our trees, for growing a cultural kinship with each outstretching branch, there is a place for you to find that feeling here at [Cypress Lawn Arboretum](#).

The trees will always be here, steadily waiting for your next visit. We hope to see you soon! And please, if while exploring the Arboretum you think of a question about our living collection, send any and all tree-related inquiries to CLArboretum@cypresslawn.com, and we will do our best to help you learn, so we may grow – and continue to *celebrate life!* – together ...

Your ever-humble Arboretum Director,
Josh Gevertz

HAPPENING THIS SEASON

Coming up in May: *Specimen Coast Live Oak and Monterey Pine restoration and tree care with [Christopher Campbell Tree Design](#)*

Coming up in June: *Ongoing installation of specimen tree bronze botanical monuments throughout our historic [East Campus](#)*

Coming up in June: *Specimen Irish Yew and Red-Flowering Gum preservation and tree care with [Christopher Campbell Tree Design](#)*

Coming up in July: *Specimen Monterey Cypress curation and tree care with [Davey Tree](#) and [Christopher Campbell Tree Design](#)*

PLANT VISION: GIVING OUR ATTENTION TO THE TREES AROUND US



I grew up surrounded by trees, including many non-natives and a wide majority of the several thousand in my town planted by people within the last half-century or so, gracing the front lawns of suburban bliss in an idyllic pocket valley of the East Bay Area hills. I recognize now that I was so fortunate to be raised in the everyday presence of trees, though at the time I gave them little, if any, of my attention. In hindsight, I took *all* of these trees for granted, every single inanimate one, for my entire childhood. To me, the trees just were, as they always had been and would be evermore. To my youthful mind, perhaps, they weren't even really *alive*.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

"DANCING ON THE BRINK OF THE WORLD" – VOLUME III: SPECIMEN



Today, Monterey cypress trees live and thrive on every continent across the planet except for Antarctica. In places near and far, on every specimen across this global horticultural nomad grow tall, stretching skyward and ever branching out. The global diaspora of the Monterey cypress may be traced back to its roots (or seeds?) with the original holotype collection by German botanist Karl Theodor Hartweg, on an expedition to the Monterey peninsula in the year 1846.

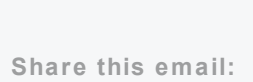
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