



# BRANCHING OUT

A Cypress Lawn Newsletter

Welcome to this seasonal issue of "Branching Out" –  
A place for stories about the many trees of Cypress Lawn Arboretum!



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

Trees exist in a different frame of time than people do; they live an order of magnitude slower. The oldest living trees are thousands of years in age, growing incrementally in a way impossible for the naked human eye to observe. For even a young seedling, it may be a true challenge for us to notice the ways of growing – in a singular moment, day by day, or across the seasons. The pace of being, for trees, is far distant from our own frenetic busyness of the modern day.

In some ways, this is a deep tragedy of time, for it becomes easy to lose sight of trees as living organisms at all. Nurturing a young tree to healthy maturity is a process that spans decades. Though we may yearn to place an acorn in the soil one evening and stand in the shade of the mighty oak the following morning, this simply cannot be. In my dreams, this magic resides. In reality, though, plants take patience for their wonders to be known.

In this light, trees may seem to be from a forgotten era, and it requires real effort from our end to meet trees at their pace – to truly see them in the places they stand. To fall under the spell of an oak, a cedar, or a cypress, one must figuratively "travel in time" and imagine a gentler, more gradual kind of living. And so, it is my humble wish for each of you – just as the arching lateral limbs of the behemoth gums, the cavernous oaks, and the noble cypresses of our cherished Arboretum swell with patient life, so too may your imaginations swell in time, to appreciate the slow majesty of the growing trees.

Your ever-humble Arboretum Director,  
Josh Gevertz

## HAPPENING THIS SEASON

**JUST HAPPENED IN MARCH:** CedarFest! Focal project in proactive care for our extensive living collection of true cedars, including specimens of Blue Atlas and Deodar (*Cedrus atlantica* 'Glaucua' and *Cedrus deodara*).

**HAPPENING ALL SPRING:** Continuation of root crown excavation + mulch ring campaign for select specimen trees throughout the living collection, promoting healthy growing conditions and protecting mature trees.

**JUST HAPPENED ON MAY 2, 2022:** Special walking + trolley "Tree Tour" of the Arboretum with visiting arborists from the 88th annual WCISA Conference (May 2-5), including a commemorative tree planting!

## HAPPENING NEXT SEASON

**COMING UP IN JUNE:** Tree Care for Birds & Wildlife workshop, first professional development programming for arborists hosted at Cypress Lawn Arboretum, in collaboration with the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (WCISA).

**COMING UP THIS SUMMER:** Continued construction of Cypress Lawn's new Arboretum Center, as a hub for all Arboretum projects, tree care activities, and a gathering space for visitors and volunteers.

**COMING UP IN JULY AND AUGUST:** Veteran tree management of the living collection of red-flowering gum (*Corymbia ficifolia*) trees throughout the historic East Campus of Cypress Lawn Arboretum.

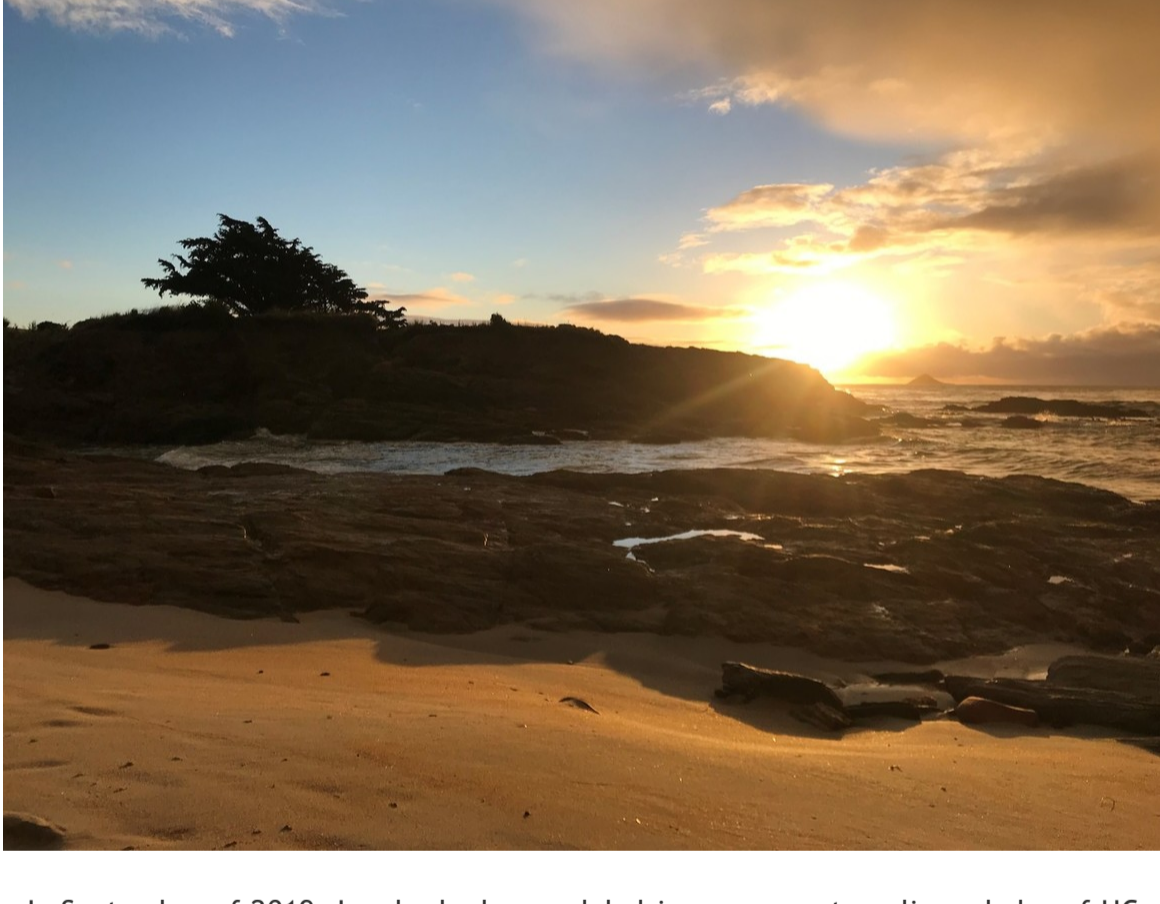
## CYPRESSFEST! — TREE CARE COLLABORATION AT CYPRESS LAWN ARBORETUM



This past September, a major seasonal effort in the pruning of Monterey cypress (*Hesperocyparis macrocarpa*) trees took place here at Cypress Lawn Arboretum! Please enjoy this video, which showcases the work and arboricultural intentions of CypressFest.

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## "DANCING ON THE BRINK OF THE WORLD" – VOLUME VII: MACROCARPA



In September of 2019, I embarked on a global journey as a traveling scholar of UC Berkeley's Geraldine Knight Scott Fellowship. My purpose was to follow the Monterey cypress (*Hesperocyparis macrocarpa*) wherever it has been planted by people, which for this species of cypress, is a great many places. Half the world away, this tree has grown a living legacy in the cultures of countless communities and has indelibly transformed the landscape on multiple continents. In no place is this more true than the island nation of New Zealand.

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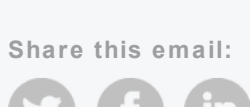
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