



# Shade Tree News

**The mission:** *To promote a sustainable and productive community forest and shade tree resource that will subsequently improve the quality of life for the residents of the Borough of Dumont NJ.*

## || Shade Tree Wreath-Crafting Event 2019 ||



The Friends of the Shade hosted their 5th annual wreath-crafting event at the Dumont senior center on December 10th. This major fund-raising event raised money for the Friends of the Shade Tree scholarship program for a graduating Dumont High School Senior who has contributed to Shade Trees and plans to pursue a future that includes protecting our urban canopy. The holiday spirit was in full force as over 30 friends and neighbors showed us their incredible generosity of spirit and creative abilities. The holiday cookies and cakes were yummy and added to fun evening. Special thanks to Tara Barker for organizing this wonderful evening,

to Ray and Abbie Slaman for gathering the greens for the event, and to all the members of the Shade Tree who came out to volunteer to setup the Senior Center and help make the evening the wonderful success that it was! See you all again next year!



## Friends of the Shade Tree Terrarium Event



Thanks to all who came to the Friends of the Shade Tree Terrarium Crafting in October. Friends and neighbors enjoyed a wonderful evening. Thanks to Sally Tayeb and Bill Zitelli for organizing this fundraiser for the scholarship fund. Participants created terrariums to take home. The cost included all plants and soil for the terrarium. Participants provided their own glass or plastic jar with lid at least the size of a large container. Beautiful projects done by all!



## DID YOU KNOW?

Ever wondered why some deciduous trees hold on to their leaves through the winter and others go bare? There are trees in our region that do hold onto their dry, brown leaves throughout winter. The term for this is "marcescence." **Marcescence** is the retention of dead plant organs that normally are shed. The **abscission** layer on these trees does not completely form until spring, which allows them to hold on to their leaves much longer. In deciduous trees, an abscission zone, is formed at the base of the petiole. It is composed of a top layer that has cells with weak walls, and a bottom layer that expands in the autumn, breaking the weak walls of the cells in the top layer. This allows the leaf to be shed. Marcescence almost always occurs on immature parts of the tree that have not yet formed flowers. To learn more...



<https://ecosystems.psu.edu/research/centers/private-forests/news/2012/winter-leaves-that-hang-on>

<https://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/>  
<https://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/leaves-dont-leave/>

## Dumont Shade Tree Important Dates in 2020



Check out the Dumont Shade Tree page in the Dumont Borough 2020 Calendar! Regular DSTC meetings are at 7:30pm: Third Monday of each Month except for January and February which will be the second Monday. All meetings are at the Senior Center 39 Dumont Avenue except for June and July; where the meetings are at the Gazebo at the Dumont Arboretum on West Shore Avenue.

Jan 13   7:30 Senior Center	ARBOR DAY   April 25 1pm DSTC Arboretum Gazebo West Shore Ave	August 17   7:30 Senior Center
Feb 10   7:30 Senior Center		Sept 21   7:30 Senior Center
ANNUAL DSTC SEMINAR March 2   7:30 Senior Center	May 18   7:30 Senior Center	Oct 19   7:30 Senior Center
March 16   7:30 Senior Center	June 15   7:30 Gazebo at the Arboretum	Nov 16   7:30 Senior Center
April 20   7:30 Senior Center	July 20   7:30 Gazebo at the Arboretum	Dec 21   7:30 Senior Center

**Friends of the Shade Tree  
GARDEN COMMITTEE**  
meetings first Monday  
of every even month



February 3 | 7:30 Senior Center  
Bird Feeder Crafting Event  
April 6 | 7:30 Senior Center -  
Master Gardener Lecture  
June 1 | 7:30 Senior Center

Aug 3 | 7:30 Senior Center  
Oct 5 | 7:30 Senior Center  
Dec 7 | 7:30 Senior Center  
Wreath Crafting Event

## Dumont Arboretum Volunteer Opportunities

Have you had a chance to walk by the Dumont Arboretum on West Shore Avenue between New Milford and West Madison Avenues? The path provides a beautiful stroll. Enjoy the TAKE A BOOK/LEAVE A BOOK lending library. Sit on the hand-made wood bench and enjoy a book. The Arboretum is a labor of love for many Dumont residents. Fully funded by donations and grants and maintained by residents, it is a place of tranquility for all to enjoy. The Friends Garden Committee created public gardens in our Arboretum, with perennials and annuals under and around the shade trees and rose beds. The Shade Tree Commission and the Friends invite new volunteers to adopt a garden bed along the Arboretum pathway, or to join an existing group garden bed. No money needed, just some time to create beautiful places and make like-minded friends. Maintaining your garden bed can be done on your own schedule, but Saturday mornings are an informal gathering time at the Arboretum from 10 am to noon. If you have any questions, and want to join in, email Bill Zitelli: [bzitelli52@gmail.com](mailto:bzitelli52@gmail.com). Join the Dumont Shade Tree and Friends of the Shade Tree for a rewarding experience.

### Dumont Day 2019– Another Shade Tree Success Story!



The Shade Tree once again had a fabulous turnout and booth at Dumont Day! Thanks to Lupardi's Nursery for providing beautiful Fall mums for Dumont gardeners. Thanks to Tanya and Andrew Zimmerman for creating the popular bark bird feeders! Local birds love to feed off these sustainable feeders. Just fill the holes with Bark Butter. Thanks to Anna Fisichella for her crafts that contributed to the beauty and sales of our booth. Many residents stopped by to learn about the value of Shade Trees and what our Shade Tree commission does to support the urban canopy in town.



# Leafy Projects | Around Town

PAVING THE WAY TO A GREENER DUMONT  
*Buy a Brick*

## Dumont Tree Nursery

Keeping the nursery saplings healthy and growing so the future in Dumont will have a forest of home-grown trees to plant around town is no small undertaking.



Thanks to everyone who helped with the Tree Nursery fence-raising on the cool October on Saturday when many enthusiastic hands we were able to complete nearly all the fencing and make the space look like a real nursery. The gates will have beautiful finials and tree decorations thanks to Bill Zitelli and Tom Fisichella who make them and Tara Barker who painted them! Another raised bed will be added this Spring. Look for a dedication ceremony to officially welcome the DSTC Nursery into the DSTC family.

Additional thanks to; Bill, Tom, Mary, Andrew, Tara, Veronica, Ben, and Abbie.

Saplings are raised in the tree nursery and will be available to homeowners for FREE to plant on their property. The program is administered by DSTC; trees available while supplies last.

### Donate a brick~~

- ❖ in honor of someone
- ❖ as a graduation gift
- ❖ in memory of someone special
- ❖ to remember a special event



Bricks are installed by the gazebo in the Arboretum walkway. Bricks cost \$100 for each installed brick.

Scan the code to find out more information! For details, go to [www.fotst.org/](http://www.fotst.org/) for order forms and PayPal information.

Friends of the Shade Tree is a 501(c)3, NJ Not-for-Profit Corporation Founded in support of the Dumont Shade Tree Arboretum West Shore Avenue, Dumont, NJ



### Deadlines for orders:

- 2/14 for bricks to be displayed at Arbor Day
- 7/4 for bricks to be displayed on Dumont Day

## Adopt-a-Tree Program || Free for Dumont Residents

The Shade Tree commission will purchase and plant trees at no cost to the homeowner. Adopt-A-Tree is for planting along the curb as a Borough Tree. Planting trees in the Borough Right of Way is the sole responsibility of the DSTC. Once planted, the homeowner must agree to water and watch over the new trees.

Contact us to let us know you want a tree: [www.dumontshadetree.org/adopt-a-tree](http://www.dumontshadetree.org/adopt-a-tree) **Limitations and restrictions may apply.** Planting subject to available nursery stock.

### HOW TO CONNECT WITH DSTC

Do you want to learn more about how to care for your trees? Follow Dumont Shade Tree Commission!

ON THE WEB:

[www.dumontshadetree.org](http://www.dumontshadetree.org) | [www.fotst.org](http://www.fotst.org) | [www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission](http://www.dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission)

VIA SOCIAL MEDIA:



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YouTube:

Dumont NJ "It's All About Trees"

## Dumont Shade Tree Commission Contact Information

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Phone: 201.387.5034 *leave a message with the Building Dept.*

On the web: [www.dumontshadetree.org](http://www.dumontshadetree.org)

Email: DSTC07628@gmail.com



## Residents Welcome!

DSTC Meetings are on third Monday each month in the Senior Center: 39 Dumont Avenue  
June - August we meet at the Arboretum  
7:30pm — 9pm

<https://dumontnj.gov/boards/shade-tree-commission>

### From the President's Desk:

With reports of climate stress, extreme weather, and rising temperatures we tend to feel overwhelmed. Can one person make an impact? What does it matter that I recycle? That I give up plastic bags? Do the whales really benefit if I stop using plastic straws? The environment is big, the world is big, much bigger than we are. But here's how I look at it; I can't do everything, but I can do SOMETHING. If I can reduce waste, I should. If I can lower my carbon footprint, I should. If I can petition elected officials to make big changes, I should. A tree that grows in Dumont matters as much as a tree in the Amazon. Oxygen-producing, flood-water mitigating, carbon-storing, planet-saving trees make a difference in The Amazon, in Brooklyn, and right here in Dumont. We can't do everything, but we can do something. Plant a tree. Save the planet.

*Ray Slaman, President Dumont Shade Tree*



### The DSTC Commissioners are:

- Rachel Bunin (term exp. 12/31/2021)
- Tom Fisichella (term exp. 12/31/2023)
- Tanya Zimmerman (term exp. 12/31/2020)
- Abbie Slaman (term exp. 12/31/2022)
- Raymond Slaman (term exp. 12/31/24)
- Sally Tayeb (term exp. 12/31/2020)
- Mary Normoyle (term exp. 12/31/2020)
- Connor Gorman Council Liaison (term exp 12/31/2020)

We extend our gratitude to **Carole Stewart** who has been our outstanding Dumont Shade Tree Commission Council Liaison for the past 2 years. We wish her well as the Dumont Council President and look forward to working with our new liaison Connor Gorman!



## Dumont Tree Ordinance:



In continuing the effort to protect the trees in our town, the Borough of Dumont has an amended Shade Tree ordinance; Ordinance 1503 6/21/16. By law, any resident must apply for a permit—\$25.00 fee—through the Building Department before ANY tree greater than 6 inches in caliper or 10 feet in height can be removed within the Borough of Dumont. This

ordinance applies to trees on private property and to town trees. Following the application for a permit, the Dumont Shade Tree Commission will inspect the tree to certify the jurisdiction of the tree and determine if the tree is on private property and therefore can proceed. Failure to apply for a permit prior to removing a tree will result in a fine. Removing or damaging a borough tree will result in penalties. Our goal is to preserve the canopy in Dumont. The canopy protects all Dumont homes during winter and summer by providing shade and absorbing water. For further information on the ordinance contact the Dumont Building Department or the Shade Tree Commission.

### Where have you seen your Shade Tree Commission?

- ◆ Summer Concerts-Twilight at the Gazebo
- ◆ Dumont Day
- ◆ Arbor Day
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade
- ◆ Spring Seminar Series
- ◆ Library and School Programs
- ◆ Wreath-crafting event
- ◆ Tree nursery
- ◆ Heritage Trees



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