

WOODS GARDEN CLUB NATIVE TREE PROJECT

Our club has been selected by the Cacapon Institute to participate in a program that will help member families or individuals buy quality native trees to plant on their property. We can accommodate 12 to 20 families/individuals, depending upon the number of trees each family desires. Each can order between 1-4 trees. However, due to transportation and other logistics issues, the total number of trees in our order will not exceed 50. The trees average 6-9 feet tall in 5-7 gallon tubs and cost \$20-30**. The club will facilitate your ordering of the trees and we'll pick them up for you, bringing them to a central distribution point, the parking lot adjacent to the Monarch Garden on Saturday, October 5.

In order to participate you will need to agree to the following:

Be a current member of the Woods Garden Club. (You do not have to be a Woods resident.)

Let us know that you are committed to this project and give us the number of trees you plan to purchase. Send an email to woodsgardenclub@gmail.com, including your name, phone number, email address and number of trees desired. After 20 names or 50 trees, whichever comes first, we will keep a small waiting list in case of cancellations.

Using the link provided by the club, register online for the specific trees that you would like, recognizing that the maximum number of trees provided to one family/individual will be 4.

Understand that the Cacapon Institute and the Woods Garden Club will not plant your tree for you.

Agree to pick up your tree(s) the afternoon of October 5 behind the Sports Center.

Attend a training session on how to plant your tree on the afternoon of October 5 behind the Sports Center.

Agree to answer a quick survey about your tree's health from the Cacapon Institute each year for several years using their procedures.

Here are some more details about how the program will work:

We will notify all members about this project and collect names of those who are interested and agree to the stipulations above, up to a maximum of 20 members or 50 trees, whichever comes first. First come, first served. Once we verify your current membership, we will provide you with a link to register online. When you register, you will be given a tree list to pick from. You will have until Friday August 30 to register online and until

September 8 to order and pay for your trees. Trees will then be delivered to a central location where the club will pick up our trees. We will be asking for volunteers with pick up trucks, trailers or large SUV's to help us get the trees. **If you can help us, please let us know.** The mandatory tree planting training, done by a representative of the Cacapon Institute, will be the afternoon of Saturday October 5. This training is required of the person in your family who will be planting the tree, however it could be a nice learning opportunity for older children in your family to attend as well. The tree planting demonstration will be adjacent to the playground behind the Sports Center since the demonstration tree being planted is being donated by the club to enhance the playground area and our adjacent Monarch Waystation Garden. On October 5, there will be other activities going on nearby for Monarch Mania, so why not plan to bring the whole family, grandkids, etc.

**Note: The cost-share, roughly half the cost of tree(s), stakes, and bark protectors is a suggested donation. A financial investment to acquire trees for private land will help support the program but, ability to contribute is not a prerequisite to obtain trees. Cacapon Institute seeks to provide trees to anyone who desires them.