

Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership

Annual Report

2010

Introduction

The Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership was established in 1998 to promote the selection, planting and care of trees on public and private lands within the Juneau Community. The partnership is working towards the establishment of a community forestry program for the Juneau borough. The partnership was incorporated in Alaska in 2003 as a 501 c (3) nonprofit corporation. It is governed by an uncompensated Board of Directors and is funded through individual, corporate, state and local government donations and grants.

What We Do

- Promote the planting and care of trees in the Capital City.
- Sponsor programs and workshops to help people learn about trees and their care.
- Work with local schools and youth groups to promote the understanding and love of trees.
- Provide tree and forestry-related services and expertise to the community such as Arbor Day projects.
- Facilitate partnerships among businesses, local government, nonprofit groups, and homeowners with the goal of a community forestry program.

Board of Directors and Officers

Jeff Barnard, Vice-Chair, has been active in the partnership since 1998 and is a biologist with the U.S. Forest Service.

Terry Laskey, Treasurer, active in the partnership since 2004, operates a garden business in Juneau.

Carol Scafturon, Secretary, has been active in the partnership since 2004. Carol became interested in JUFP while serving as Director of Visitor Information Services for the Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau. Her primary interest is in the development of "tree walk pamphlets."

Elizabeth Bochynski has been active in the partnership since 2004. She is a former member of the Alaska Community Forestry Council.

Chris Mertl was a co-founder of the Juneau Tree Committee in 1998 (which later became JUFP). He is a landscape architect and a certified arborist. He is a former member of the Alaska Community Forestry Council.

Sondra Stanway, active in the partnership since 1999, has an interest in trees and conservation issues. She is a former member of the Alaska Community Forestry Council.

Gene Miller, active in the partnership since 2007, was Juneau's representative on the Alaska Community Forestry Council until September. He now serves as a liaison with the Council members.

Membership

Annual Dues are the following:

- ❑ \$20.00 Standard Membership
- ❑ \$350.00 Lifetime Membership
- ❑ \$5.00 Student
- ❑ Or any donation including volunteer hours

There are 15 active volunteers from the community. In addition, JUFPP provides information to over 110 local e-mail addresses.

Volunteers worked a total of approximately 353 hours throughout the year on tree-related projects.

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2010 bank balance: \$ 6116.96

December 31, 2010: \$ 4932.86

Monthly meetings

We met for approximately one hour on the following dates:

Jan. 19th

Feb. 16th

March 16th

April 14th

Sept 14th

Oct. 19th

Nov. 16th

Arbor Day Activities and Tree City USA Ceremony

- Arbor Day planting at **Rotary Park**, May 24th at 11:00 am. Seventeen Norway maples were planted by a small group of volunteers from both the Rotary Club and JUFPP. Michael Penn from the Juneau Empire took photographs.
- June 23rd at **Cope Park**. Volunteer Chris Mertl led the Daisy troop and other volunteers in planting 15 vine maples. Mayor Bruce Botelho and Marc Matsil, Director of Juneau

Parks and Rec., both attended. The Juneau Arbor Day proclamation was read by the Mayor. Michael Penn from the Juneau Empire covered the event.

Partners for the event included:

- Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership
- Daisy troop
- City and Borough of Juneau: Parks and Recreation
- City and Borough of Juneau: Office of the Mayor
- The general public
- Local media: Juneau Empire

Summer Tree Maintenance

Beginning in May, JUFP members met to work at sites throughout Juneau in an effort to maintain the trees previously planted by the partnership. Volunteers put in approximately 15 hours of work during this period, pruning, weeding, mulching, etc. They were Jeff Barnard, Mark Millea, Carol Scaffuron, and Sondra Stanway.

The schedule was as follows:

Wed. June 9th Cathedral Park 5:30 pm
Sat. June 19th Millennium Grove 9:00 am
Wed. July 7th Yacht Club 5:30 pm
Sat. July 17th Channel Drive (Hatchery) 9:00 am
Wed. Aug 11th Cope Park 5:30 pm
Sat. Aug 21st Treadwell Arena 9:00 am

Publications

The partnership updated the following:
Tree Walk—Cemetery

Our Blog

We started our blog, Urban Forestry News and Views, in January, 2008. It serves as the internet presence for our group. We post informative tree-related articles, news of upcoming events, as well as links to Partnership Publications and links to affiliated community groups. Find the blog at <http://juneautrees.wordpress.com/>

Governor Parks Avenue of the Giants

Volunteer Gene Miller is working to create a grove of very large Sitka spruce trees at the Eagle River Boy Scout Camp. This young stand will require extensive management over the coming years. This year he coordinated a GPS survey to determine the boundaries of the grove. A silviculturist has examined the stand and will give recommendations for work to carry the project forward. The grove would be named in honor of Governor George Parks, an early day supporter of scouting in Alaska.

Governor's Cedar Research

Several JFJP members along with Paul Hennon of the Juneau Forestry Sciences Lab (USFS) are continuing historical research in an attempt to document the story that the Yellow Cedar growing at the Governor's Mansion was donated by the Alaska Native Brotherhood. If we can verify it, we believe this would be a great addition to a program celebrating the centennial of the mansion, which would be in 2013.

Community Outreach:

- Hosted a display of urban forestry and group information at the **Alaska Greenhouse and Nursery Conference** sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service. February 25-6.
- Hosted a booth at the **Juneau Homebuilder's Association Home Show**, March 5 – 7th March. Volunteers distributed tree-related information and made contacts with the public.
- Hosted a booth at **Earth Day Celebrations**, April 17th at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center (MGVC). Over 70 children participated in a native tree identification game, and took home tree “cookies” made from local trees.
- Participated in the Forest Service's May 15th **Arbor Day** program at the MGVC.
- **BioBlitz**, June 26th at 11:00 to 3:00 pm. Close to 70 children stopped by our table to play our native tree identification game, and took home with them tree cookies. Several children made leaf rubbings using cottonwood, alder and willow leaves. Linda Torgerson and Mary Sweeney gave two tree walks for kids. Approximately 15 participated.
- **Charter School**, Nov. 19th. Volunteers Linda Torgerson, Mary Anne Slemmons and Sondra Stanway worked with children ages 6 – 10 making “winter” trees out of copper and aluminum wire. Thirty-three children participated.
- Obtained Tree City USA status for the seventh straight year.
- Jeff Barnard made a set of tree “cookies” using most of Juneau's native species. These are popular items at our outreach tables with kids and adults alike.

- Provided free trees to some members and children at the Forest Service Arbor Day program. .



Juneau Bioblitz Event
EagleCrest June 2010



Earth Day Celebration,
April 2010



Earth Day Celebration



Juneau Charter School
students working on Tree
Cookies.



Juneau Charter School
students making wire trees.



Juneau Home Show
March 2010



Alaska Cooperative Extension
Service's Alaska Greenhouse
and Nursery Conference
February 2010



Arbor Day planting,
Rotary Park May 2010