

Thanks to all who made this day happen!

Mr. Phillip Green, Tree Donor

Phil Green has made significant contributions of time and resources to Balboa Park horticulture over the past few years. His donations have allowed the City to plant numerous trees, including those being dedicated today. In addition to Balboa Park, Phil Green is dedicated to a strong public library system and helping it remain a vibrant cultural and educational resource for all San Diegans. Notes Mr. Green about his contributions to Balboa Park:

The old saying is that it is better to give than to receive, and when you are active with a division of the City which you enjoy...it becomes a real joy.... you can see the results of your gift - trees, flowers, and shrubs - every time you walk through the park.



For their dedication and contributions to horticulture in Balboa Park:

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Crystal Ritchie, Park Horticulturist
John Stevens, Nursery Gardener
Phyllis Swanegan & her building crew
Mike Tully, Grounds Maintenance Manager

We thank all the students and teachers
for their participation today

Roosevelt Middle School International Baccalaureate Magnet

Ken Marushige, IB Coordinator

San Diego High School

Joe Austin, Principal,
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Luke Morgan,
Garden Club Advisor

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ARBOR DAY

IN BALBOA PARK

April 23, 2009



Friends of BALBOA PARK

Thank you for joining us together with students from *Roosevelt Middle School and San Diego High School* to celebrate and plant trees in Balboa Park for future generations to enjoy.

PROGRAM

- 11:00 Welcome
 Honoring donors and volunteers
 Park Horticulturist Crystal Ritchie
 City of San Diego Park & Recreation Dept.
- Park Nursery Supervisor Mike Rasmusson
 Greening the park
 City of San Diego Park & Recreation Dept.
- District Three Councilmember Todd Gloria
 Park Sustainability
 City of San Diego
- Closing and acknowledgements
 Susan Hoekenga, Friends of Balboa Park
- 11:30 Refreshments & Tree work

Thank you!



Help us plant more trees for future generations through a generous gift today. Your tax deductible contribution to the Friends of Balboa Park will be used for future park improvements such as the Arbor Day Project. For more information about the Friends, please visit our website: www.friendsofbalboapark.org

About the Trees

The oak trees being planted today are native to the Southern California coastal foothills. They will create a natural looking grove to provide inspiration and a place of restful beauty for generations to come. The City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department purchased the trees through a generous donation from Phil Green.

Engelmann Oak and Island Oak

Engelmann Oak (*Quercus Engelmannii*) is a species of white oak native to Southern California with broad, leathery leaves of a blue-green color and thick, furrowed bark of a light brown color. The **Island Oak** (*Quercus tomentella*), also known as **Island Live Oak** or **Channel Islands Oak**, is endemic to six islands off the coast of California.



Western Redbud

The western redbud is a small tree or shrub in the legume family. It is found across the American Southwest. The thin, shiny brown branches bear shiny heart-shaped leaves which are light green early in the season and darken as they age. The showy flowers are bright pink or magenta, and grow in clusters all over the shrub, making the plant very colorful and noticeable in the landscape. The branches were much esteemed by Kumeyaay Indian basket weavers.



Cercis Occidentalis