

ARBOR DAY

IN BALBOA PARK

April 24, 2015
War Memorial Building



First Arbor Day in Balboa Park, circa 1904



Friends' First Arbor Day 2008 at current site

Thank you for joining us together with 2nd Grade students from **Albert Einstein Academy Elementary School** and **Girl Scout Troop 3289**, to celebrate and plant trees in Balboa Park for future generations to enjoy.

PROGRAM - Arbor Day in Balboa Park Friday, April 24, 2015

- 10:00 Welcome & Introductions ~ Scott Carr, Board Member
- The Benefits of Trees ~ Mike Palat
 San Diego Regional Urban Forests Council
- Balboa Park and Trees ~ Kim Duclo
 Park Ranger, City of San Diego, Balboa Park
- Our Park Friends ~ Andy Field
 Assistant Director, Park & Recreation Department
 City of San Diego Developed Regional Parks
- Thank You ~ Ann Wilson
 Chair, Friends of Balboa Park

Thank you and please join us for refreshments!



Help us plant more trees for future generations through a generous gift today. Your support helps **Friends of Balboa Park** *preserve the legacy of Balboa Park for future generations through park-wide projects.*

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Today is National Arbor Day — a national holiday to celebrate planting trees, founded by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska in 1872. Morton said of Arbor Day: **‘Other days repose on the past, Arbor Day proposes for the future.’** He was a true environmental leader and the holiday is celebrated on the fourth Friday of April. In 2014, we celebrated Arbor Day with the great granddaughter of J. Sterling Morton - **Jean Palmer**, who was on hand to throw in the first shovel of dirt at our ceremonial planting and tell stories to the children about the Arbor Day Founder.

The first Arbor Day in Balboa Park was celebrated by the legendary **Kate Sessions** in 1904. She helped to organize that first planting, a community event attended by 3500 school children who came to what was then named “City Park” to plant 60 pine and cypress trees. (cover photo) **Mary B. Coulston**, then secretary of the Chamber’s Park Improvement Committee, solicited messages from **Governor Pardee** and **President Theodore Roosevelt** to be read to the children, thereby insuring avid press interest.*

In 2008, **Friends of Balboa Park** brought back the Arbor Day Celebration to Balboa Park and have planted over 125 trees in the Park since that time. Today we’re planting a new grove of **American Tulip trees** not far from the site of our first Arbor day. On this day in 2008, we planted 18 trees on the lawn along Park Boulevard, including the **California Sycamore** and **Fremont’s Cottonwood**. They were only 6–8 feet several years ago; see how they’ve grown and flourished to create beautiful fall color, shade, and beauty to the popular lawn area along Park Boulevard.



The *Liriodendron tulipifera* or **American Tulip** tree can grow up 40–60 feet and provide a lovely shade canopy. They do well in full sun and are low maintenance. The tree goes dormant in the winter and the spring blooming flowers are a lovely orange. (pictured) The tulip tree is the state tree of Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee.



By **Nancy Carol Carter**, “The Trees of Balboa Park: 1910,” The Journal of San Diego History, Summer 2010, Volume 56, Number 3 .

Thanks to all who made this day happen!

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