

Love Letter from . . .

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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers,

Well, finally, some rain. Almost all of West Texas was beginning to go back into drought conditions. In early August, the Lubbock area was moderately dry, the Permian Basin was in early stages of drought, and only a little area around Fort Davis was in severe drought. The recent rains were fairly widespread and will hold off the drought conditions for a while. Pray for more. If God doesn't send more, you need to help by watering your trees deeply and thoroughly this fall.

Fall is a main period of root growth and roots grow into moist soil much better than into dry soil.

I have always loved cookies. For most of my life, oatmeal raisin have been my favorite. Now, I am gaining more affection for wood cookies. Not to eat, but for decor. Wood cookies are slices of the end of a log or piece of wood. They are used for a variety of purposes. For a long time we have had clients ask for a slice or two or 20 off of the end of logs. Often, they use them for some decoration for weddings or for hot plates. The uses are endless.

Four years ago, I saw a wall in a restaurant in Salt Lake that was covered with wood cookies. I liked it and determined that I would do at least one wall of a new office with cookies. We have been working on the new office for almost a year now and it is finally coming together.



Come out for our grand opening October 4, 2024 from 9 am until 4 pm for a tour. We will have raisin cookies to eat and a wood cookie for everyone that shows up. Also, everyone that comes for a visit will get a coupon good for a 20% discount for all TLC services. The discount coupon will not be transferable and will expire October 31, 2025.

I will be going to Savannah, Georgia, October 22-27 to be a judge at the international tree climbing championship. It is always a wonderful event. If you happen to be in the area, come by. You will be amazed at the athleticism and skills of the climbers. At last year's event, we had 84 climbers from around the world.

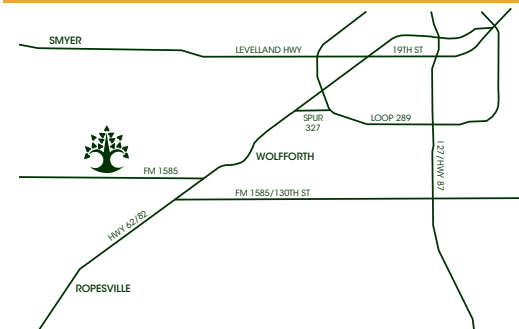
By the time this newsletter goes out, we will have sent out proposals for Christmas lights to last year's lighting clients. If you would like a proposal on Christmas lighting, please call the office and one of our decorators will sit down with you and design a display.

James Tuttle, Certified Arborist TX0117A

Tree Of The Quarter

Honey mesquite, *Prosopis glandulosa*, is a small tree native to most of the southwestern US and much of Mexico. It is considered invasive by some and a scourge by many ranchers. But, in the landscape, with decent watering, it can become a nice small to medium size tree. The shade is not too dense to grow some grasses. It is quite drought, tolerant, and yet response to watering. In dry pastures, it might struggle to get 15 feet tall. In watered landscapes, it might get to be 35-40 feet tall.

Mesquite supports wildlife and is insect and disease resistant. It is also a beautiful wood for woodworking. It should be used in the landscape more. There is a thornless variety that is recommended.



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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

Rainfall totals for most areas of West Texas for the first week of September was sufficient to move much of the area from moderate and severe drought into the moderately dry category. It was a wonderful rain. One that we have been praying for.

We have had some widespread moisture, mulch in a bare ground to conserve the moisture and to keep soil temperatures moderated for the winter.

Winter tree pruning season is also just over the horizon but fall deep root fertilization is here in full swing. Fall is the main period of root growth. They will grow much better with proper soil fertility. Schedule deep fertilization today by calling 806-785-8733 or 432-620-8733. Joyce will route you to the proper arborist.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

Most insects are hunkering down for the winter and feeding and damage is slowing. Aphids are one big exception. In the fall, some of the compounds in the leaf are breaking down and nitrogen becomes

relatively higher, and the tree is more attractive to this insect. At the same time, sugar concentration is higher as the tree begins to send more carbohydrate to the trunk and root system for reserve energy. All of this is exactly what sap sucking insects such as aphids want. They're population explodes and they suck a lot of sap and excrete the excess. It rains down on cars and lawn furniture as honeydew. Contact one of our Certified Arborist for a consultation.

TLC UPDATE

After working on the office for almost a year, it is finally coming together. We will be moving into the new office before the end of September and will have a grand opening October 4, from 9-4. The address is 6740 E. FM 1585, Ropesville. We are 6 miles west of Wolfforth.

Please come out for hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies.

Butch and Joyce, and James will be attending the Texas tree conference at the end of September in Waco.

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