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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

Spring is upon us and if we get a little rain, things will leaf out and blooms will open. Actually, that will happen regardless, but it will be a more healthy and beautiful display if we get a good rain. If we don't, we might be in real trouble.

Most of West Texas got good rain in late spring and early summer last year, but that was a long time ago. So, pray for rain. If you turn your sprinkler off for the winter, turn it back on and water a long time (enough to equal a two inch or more rain). And don't do that next winter. Plants need to be watered in the winter, just not as much.

The new shop in the Lubbock office is finally operational and a new office will be added soon. Stop by to see us. We are 6 miles west of Wolfforth on FM 1585. We have some nice trees for sale and it's planting time

Lubbock Arboretum is getting back to a normal schedule. The Second Saturday programs are scheduled for the year. April will be Kristin Bingham training on the Lubbock City Nature Challenge. The second Saturday of May, Christina Reid will give Trial Updates on Peppers and Tomato varieties. This is presenting results of studies of new varieties and how they perform in the real world. In June, Pat Lamb will tell us how to grow Iris in her talk titled 'Big, Bold, Beautiful but not Bearded!'

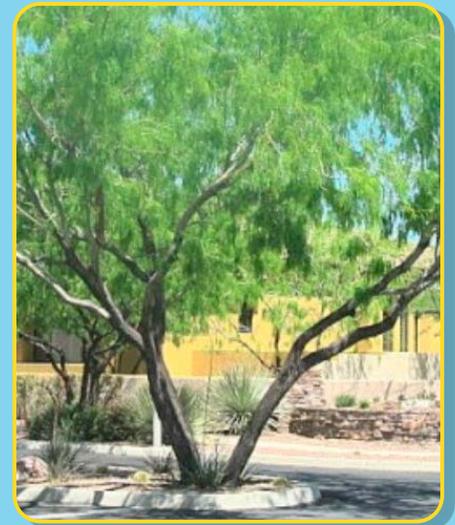
All of these Second Saturday programs are free to the public and start at 10:00 a.m., the second Saturday of each month at the Lubbock Arboretum Interpretive Center at 4111 University Av.

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Tree Of The Quarter

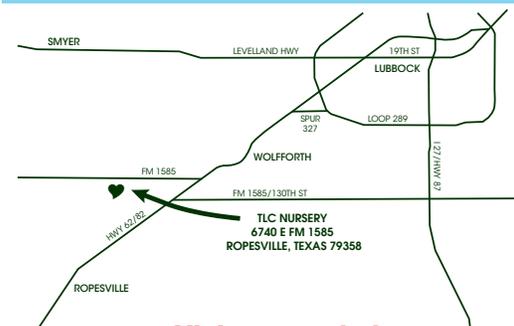
Honey Mesquite, *Prosopis glandulosa*, is praised by some landscapers and native plant enthusiasts and cursed by ranchers. It is a very well adapted tree for our area. If given an adequate amount of water and grown in something other than shallow rocky soil, it will get to be 30' tall and 30' wide. That makes it an excellent medium size tree for all of West Texas.

All of the mesquites are armed with thorns. However, the thorns are only produced on current years growth, so in later years, the thorns are only in the upper canopy. If



one cuts them to the ground periodically, they will resprout with gusto and then they are continually and viciously armed and dangerous. This is the reality that many people are familiar with. So, quit cutting them to the ground. There is a thornless variety.

Honey Mesquite
(*Prosopis glandulosa*)



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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

It has been VERY DRY in most, if not all of West Texas. Please give your trees a good thorough watering. Water out to the drip line and beyond if possible.

Oaks and many other trees produce unwanted fruit and nuts. Tree Loving Care can reduce those problems greatly with an application of Florel. Timing is of great importance. At Tree Loving Care, we use the term 'reduce'. Some use the term 'eliminate'. Florel, when applied properly and at the exact right time will reduce the crop by about 90%. We monitor trees daily at this time of year so we can get the timing right. We have already sent out email notices to many clients. If you didn't receive a notice or overlooked it, call the office today. It's just around the corner.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

Spring always has a lot of activity in the natural world. Not only does a young man's fancy turn to love, so does an insect's. After the egg lay and hatch, comes the feeding-on your trees and landscape and garden.

Elm Leaf Beetle, like many insects, has several generations every year. If you can really knock that first generation back, the following generations won't be nearly as damaging.



In some cases, they might not even have enough damage to notice. Call one of our Certified Arborists to come look over all of your trees. Unlike your doctor, we make house calls. Diagnostic visits are only \$75.

TLC UPDATE

It's good to have Tommy Schooler back at Tree Loving Care. Tommy is a Certified Arborist and grew up in the business. His dad was the second Certified Arborist in West Texas and worked for Tree Loving Care for many years.

Five Tree Loving Care arborists recently attended a two-day preparatory class for certification. James Tuttle was joined by other instructors from Dallas and San Antonio in teaching the class.

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