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Dear Friends and Fellow Tree Lovers

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Tree Loving Care has had a great year. Several people in the company have had some health issues, but we have all come through it with no long-term consequences. We thank God for our good health. I spent the last week of July in the hospital with a kidney stone and a blood infection, and it gave me a new appreciation for God's grace and healing power.

The new shop is finally coming to fruition. It's up and by the time this goes to press, the doors and electricity should be complete. Next step is to build a new office attached to the shop. We intend to have a grand opening this spring and will announce that in the next newsletter. It will coincide with our 44th anniversary.

We're celebrating another anniversary this year. The Lubbock Arboretum turned 60 this year. Covid did not kill us, but it did cripple us pretty badly, but we are on the rebound. Come join the Arboretum and see all the good things going on. Watch for more news and come join us for Second Saturday programs. They start at 10 a.m. If you belong to a civic organization and would like to know more about the Arboretum, call me and we can give a presentation to your organization.

Part of the mission statement of the Arboretum is educating the public. A big part of my entire career has been education: first, my employees; second, my clients; and third, the general public. In February, I will be teaching part of a two-day course for other arborists in the area as part of our outreach to the industry. This class will help prepare young arborists to take the ISA Certified Arborist exam.

James Tuttle, Certified Arborist TX0117A



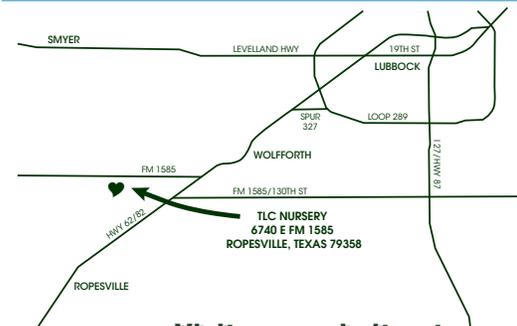
Tree Of The Quarter

Bigtooth Maple, *Acer grandidentatum*, is a small to medium size tree native from the Hill Country west of San Antonio west through the Trans Pecos regions of Texas. It will grow in a variety of soils and is very drought tolerant. Tree Loving Care has pruned the Texas Champion Bigtooth Maple. It is in a client's yard in Fort Davis.

The only downside to this tree is limited availability. It has excellent fall color and needs to be used more often.



Bigtooth Maple
(*Acer grandidentatum*)



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GIVE YOUR TREES TLC

Fall is a great time to get some organic matter in and on the ground. If you have bare soil, it needs to be covered with about 2-3 inches of wood chip mulch. This includes all bare ground and flower and shrub beds. The importance of a few inches of mulch cannot be overstated.

Mulch moderates temperatures, keeping the soil from freezing in the winter and keeping it cooler in the summer. It keeps the soil from drying out and conserves the rain that does fall. This means you don't need to water as much, which means less salts and minerals in the soil. Mulch promotes soil life, everything from beneficial fungi and bacteria to earthworms. Tree Loving Care has mulch for a nominal charge. Come get some.

CRITTERS AND CRUDS

Winter is an ideal time to get a handle on many of next year's critter problems. Dormant oils are generally applied late December through mid-February. It is a great tool to reduce many critter populations by suffocating critters and eggs. It must be done when trees and shrubs are dormant (hence the name dormant oils). Call one of

our Certified Arborists at 877-594-8733 to schedule an appointment.

A TLC arborist will come to your home and assess your landscape condition, identify problems, and make recommendations for a nominal fee of \$75.

TLC UPDATE

Fall and winter is also a great time to plant trees. TLC has some great trees, mostly on the larger side. If you want a large tree, time is of the essence. We don't move large trees from April through October. Really large trees need to be prepared far in advance.

TLC has a crane that we use to move our larger trees. If you need a tree larger than our crane will handle, no problem, just let us know. We can handle the job.

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