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Pendleton Parks and Recreation and the Umatilla National Forest Partner in Celebration of Arbor Day

Pendleton, OR – Pendleton Parks and Recreation is once again partnering with the Umatilla National Forest to celebrate Arbor Day by offering free tree and shrub seedlings at the “Spring into Summer Home & Garden Show” booth, April 9-11, at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Certified arborists and native plants specialists will be on hand to answer your tree and plant related questions from noon to 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 10, and all day Sunday. Pendleton Parks and Recreation will also be hosting door prize drawings and raffles for numerous items, such as garden tools, large trees and tree planting services donated by local merchants.

Over 1,000 tree and shrub seedlings will be handed out over the three day event. Seedlings species include Black Hawthorn, Redosier Dogwood, Ocean Spray, Ponderosa Pine, Chokecherry, Serviceberry, Mockorange and Mountain Ash. With limited numbers of each species, seedlings will be handed out on a first-come, first served basis.

In conjunction with Arbor Day, Pendleton Parks and Recreation is continuing its “Plant 1000 Trees Initiative.” To date, 191 trees have been registered online in support of the initiative. Both Arbor Day and the Plant 1000 Trees Initiative will improve the awareness of the value of trees so that Pendleton will become a more beautiful and more enjoyable place to live. For more information, check out the Parks and Recreation website at www.pendletonparksandrec.com.

His honor, Mayor Phillip W. Houk, has issued a proclamation that Saturday, April 10, 2010, is Pendleton’s official Arbor Day. Arbor Day events occur all across the nation during the month of April to celebrate the value of trees. Oregon celebrates the first full week in April and National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April.

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