



Our Woodland Legacy Symposium

What Trees Teach Us

Thursday, December 9, 2021

Hotel at Kirkwood and Online

7:45 - 8:30 a.m. **Check-in** (at Hotel at Kirkwood or online)

- Continental Breakfast
- Browse books and exhibits

8:30 a.m. **Opening and Welcome**

9:00 a.m. **KEYNOTE (virtual): Lessons from Old Growth Forests for our Urban Lives**

Dr. Suzanne Simard, Professor of Forest Ecology, University of British Columbia, Leader of Mother Tree Project, and author, *Finding the Mother Tree*

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **KEYNOTE: ReLeaf Cedar Rapids**

Jeff Speck, FAOCP, FCNU, LEED-AP, Honorary ASLA, city planner and author

Patrick Alford, Principal, Confluence Landscape Architecture, Planning and Urban Design

11:15 a.m. **Good Green News**

An interactive process where participants briefly share your personal or organizational "green" projects.

11:30 a.m. **Lunch**

12:15 p.m. **KEYNOTE (Virtual): Calgary's ReTree Story: Recovery to Resiliency**

Julia Guimond, M.Sc., Acting Manager, North and West Region, Calgary Parks

In response to the heaviest fall snowstorm in a century, Calgary set a path for not just recovery but resiliency in our urban forest. Learn how Calgary Parks used City Council's investment to repair and restore the urban forest while leveraging new technology. The program, dubbed ReTree YYC, built leadership in communities and left a legacy for a more resilient urban forest for the future.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

Next Steps for our Communities and Businesses: Planning for Trees (Ballroom)

Moderator: Shannon Ramsay

Panelists:

- **Dennis Goemaat**, Director, Linn County Conservation
- **Denise Hurt**, Confluence Landscape Architecture, Planning and Urban Design
- **Rachel Murtaugh**, ReLeaf Manager, City of Cedar Rapids
- **Tom Treharne**, Director of Planning and Development, City of Marion

Creating Resilient Backyard Habitats (Room 124)

Moderator: Leslie Berckes, Director of Programs, Trees Forever

Panelists:

- **Mark Vitosh**, District Forester, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- **Justin Myers**, Cedar River Garden Center
- **Katie Hill**, Backyard Pollinator Zone Enthusiast
- **Sean Pearl**, Sustainable Landscape Solutions

2:15 p.m. **Closing Activities**

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. **Dessert Reception in Atrium**