



May 3-4, 2024



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Pine Tree Festival Slogans

1947 - "Stop Forest Fires."
 1948 - "Keep Georgia Clean"
 1949 - "Dollars Grow on Pine Trees" 1950 - "Provide"
 1951 - "Plant and Protect Pines for Prosperity; Burn for Poverty"
 1952 - "Green Pines for Greenbacks; Burn for Set-backs"
 1953 - "Learn, Don't Burn"
 1954 - "Shine With Pines"

1955 - "Keep Pines Alive in '55"
 1956 - "Green Pines for Happy Times"
 1957 - "Georgia Shines with Emanuel Pines"
 1958 - "Pines Pay Day to Day"
 1959 - "Dollars and Dimes Increase with Pines"
 1960 - "Make a Spot for Your Pine Tree Plot"
 1961 - "Ring Out the Chimes for Emanuel Pines"

1962 - "Pines Served Us Well Since 1812"
 1963 - "Industry and Pines Make Emanuel Fine"
 1964 - "Pines are Tops in Emanuel Crops"
 1965 - "Pines Bring Cheer in the 25th Year"
 1966 - "As Pines Grow Old, They Turn to Gold"
 1967 - "Pines Have a Place in this Age of Space"
 1968 - "Pines are the Means in the Age of Machines"
 1969 - "Pines Open the Door to Industry Galore"
 1970 - "With Pines to Show, Emanuel Will Grow"
 1971 - "Emanuel County Didn't Miss the Boat, It Planted Pines to Stay Afloat"
 1972 - "Bees Make Honey - Pines Make Money"
 1973 - "Keep Pines Alive and Watch Emanuel Thrive"
 1974 - "Needle-less to Say - Pines are Here to Stay"
 1975 - "Since '45 We Still Strive to Keep Pine Trees Alive"
 1976 - "Let's Honor the Red, White and Blue and

Our Pine Trees, Too"
 1977 - "Pines We Grow - Progress We Show"
 1978 - "People are Here Today - Pines are Here to Stay"
 1979 - "Save Energy and Time - Protect Our Pines in '79"
 1980 - "Pine Tree Pride - The 35th Time"
 1981 - "Pines Preserved - Energy Conserved"
 1982 - "Pines Will See Us Through in '82"
 1983 - "Pines are a Bounty for Emanuel County"
 1984 - "Pines Galore in '84"
 1985 - "God Made All Trees Big and Tall, But the Beautiful Pine Tree Tops Them All"
 1986 - "Plant Pines - Plant a Future"
 1987 - "Where Would We Be Without a Pine Tree"
 1988 - "Let's Honor Our Pines For the 43'rd Time"
 1989 - "Fill Your Pockets With Pine Tree Profits"
 1990 - "Stop Polluting and Start Saluting Pines"
 1991 - "Plant Pines in '91 - Grow Jobs For Everyone"
 1992 - "Let's Do Our Share - Plant Pines For Profit and Clean Air"
 1993 - "Planting Pines in '93 Means Prosperity for You and Me"
 1994 - "Give Pine Trees Our Salute Because They Bring in Lots of Loot"
 1995 - "Emanuel, the Lean, Green, Growing Machine"
 1996 - "Use Your Mind, Save Our Pines"
 1997 - "Georgia Pine on My Mind"
 1998 - "The Emanuel Pine Will Forever Shine"
 1999 - "The Pine Tree - Emanuel County's Future"
 2000 - "Festival of Pines is Still Alive at '55"

2001 - "Pines Are No. 1 in 2001"
 2002 - "Plant A Pine, Your Future Will Shine"
 2003 - "A prosperous future the Georgia pine brings - in a land where freedom rings"
 2004 - "Let Your Dreams Soar in 2004, Plant a Pine."
 2005 - "Georgia Pines: A TREEmendous Resource"
 2006 - "Pines Growing Keeps Our Economy Growing"
 2007 - "Think Smart! Think Future! Plant Pines!"
 2008 - "Just Plant One"
 2009 - "You'll Grow to Love the Georgia Pine"
 2010 - "Time to Shine With Georgia Pines"
 2011 - "2011 Feels So Fine, Just Like Dollars From a Pine"
 2012- "200 Years of the Amazing Pine Have Made Emanuel County Fine"
 2013 - "Pines Grow Green in Twenty-13"
 2014 - "Georgia Pines are on My Mind"
 2015 - "The Mighty Pine, Tall and Lean - Strong as Ever in 2015"
 2016 - "Goin' Pine Tree Green in 2016"
 2017 - "Emanuel County Pines... The Heartbeat of the South"
 2018 - "Emanuel County: Where the Towns are Small and the Pines are Tall"
 2019 - "Needles Are Green. Cones Are Brown. The Pine Tree Festival Is Fun All Around!"
 2021- "Pines lead the way to back to a brighter day"
 2022 - "Growing for Generations to Come"
 2023 - "Celebrating Emanuel County's Tree-mendous Industry"
 2024 - "Let the Forest be with you"

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1947 - Cliff E. Reed	1976 - Olan Flanders	2001 - 2002 - Clay Hall
1948 - James H. Morgan	1977 - Bill Schofill	2003 - Travis Garrett
1949 - W.O. Phillips	1978 - Doc McBride	2004 - Clarence Thompson
1950 - J.F. Mathis, Jr.	1979 - Hulon Madeley	2005 - Douglas Overstreet
1951 - J.D. McLeod	1980 - Ed Schwabe	2006 - Tim Goodman
1952 - Henry Brooks	1981 - Leroy Hayes	2007 - James Smith
1953 - V.E. Glenn	1982 - Edwin Canady	2008 - Clay Hall and Athen Walden
1954 - Carlton Dekle	1983 - Cliff Walton	2009 - Athen Walden and Bill Rogers Jr.
1955 - J.D. Cruce	1984 - Ed Bolton	2010 - Athen Walden
1956 - Bobby Sasser, Sr.	1985 - Roger Peebles and Doc McBride	2011 - Donna Brinson
1957 - Robert Roach	1986 - Harvey Netterville	2012 - Jen Meadows
1958 - Al Hagan	1987 - Roger Peebles	2013 - Wade Johnson
1959 - Bill Rountree	1988 - 1989 - Roger Shaw	2014 - Wade Johnson
1960 - Neal Baker and John Roberts	1990 - Gary Hodges	2015 - Wade Johnson
1961 - Jim Fason and John Loren Dekle	1991 - Joe Hoke and Johnny Ray Stafford	2016 - Wade Johnson
1962 - Austin Avery	1992 - Julian Sconyers	2017 - Eliza Noles
1963 - Russell Paige	1993 - R.C. Dominey	2018 - Eliza Noles
1964 - Tom Kell	1994 - L.H. Weise	2019 - Ken Warnock
1965 - J.T. Bailey	1995 - Frank Patrick	2021 - Ken Warnock
1966 - Jerome Walker	1996 - Chip Durden	2022 - Ken Warnock
1967 - George Mason	1997 - Bob Hunter	2023 - Ken Warnock
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Queens of the Pine Tree Festival Pageant

The crowning of the Pine Tree Festival Queen is a highlight of the annual festivities. The queen and her court ride in the festival parade, and former queens have been invited. Queens from the very first festival in 1946 to present are:

1946 - Ann Garrett
1947 - Betty Jean Mead-

1948 - Betty Page
1949 - Betty West
1950 - Bunny Bailey
1951 - Fayette Bell
1952 - Maurice Martin
1953 - Emily Coleman
1954 - Nella Sheppard
1955 - Linda Dekle
1956 - Meredith Jenkins
1957 - Becky Lamb

1958 - Patsy Edenfield
1959 - Jo Anne Kemp
1960 - Dottie Kea
1961 - Margaret Hutcherson
1962 - Ramonda Hammock
1963 - Bebe Durden
1964 - Martha Smith
1965 - Mary Walden
1966 - Sara Steinberg

1967 - Barbara Black
1968 - Linda Sconyers
1969 - Margaret Anne Watson
1970 - Paulette Brown
1971 - Paulette Gay
1972 - Kathy Smith
1973 - Agatha Durden
1974 - Lisa Youmans
1975 - Kathy Register
1976 - Kitty Kemp
1977 - Vicki Howard
1978 - Debra Donaldson
1979 - Lynda Brannen
1980 - Tammy Martin
1981 - Donna Hooks
1982 - Mary Pate Evans
1983 - Pam Grimes
1984 - Kathy Kent
1985 - Angie Waters
1986 - Stephanie Moore
1987 - Donna Speir
1988 - Gail Hooks
1989 - Beth Bridges
1990 - Brandi Canady
1991 - Brandi Johnson
1992 - Mary Beth Campbell
1993 - Cindy Thompson
1994 - Jill Stephens
1995 - Heather Edenfield
1996 - Angie Kirkland
1997 - Rhaney Fowler
1998 - Gidget Durden
1999 - Erin Williamson
2000 - Leigh Anne Hutto
2001 - Beth Hopkins
2002 - Jodi Johnson
2003 - Calli Scarboro
2004 - Tiffany Akridge

2005 - Leah Lanier
2006 - Tiffany Lynn Hine
2007 - Kacie Oglesby
2008 - Taylor Breedlove
2009 - Molly Elizabeth Sconyers
2010 - Maegan Nicole Jackson
2011 - Jordan Mason
2012 - Bridget Lee
2013 - River Hendley
2014 - Caitlyn Coleman
2015 - Jillian Edenfield
2016 - Lelyn Stewart
2017 - Amy Akridge
2001 - Beth Hopkins
2002 - Jodi Johnson
2003 - Calli Scarboro
2004 - Tiffany Akridge
2005 - Leah Lanier
2006 - Tiffany Lynn Hine
2007 - Kacie Oglesby
2008 - Taylor Breedlove
2009 - Molly Elizabeth Sconyers
2010 - Maegan Nicole Jackson
2011 - Jordan Mason
2012 - Bridget Lee
2013 - River Hendley
2014 - Caitlyn Coleman
2015 - Jillian Edenfield
2016 - Lelyn Stewart
2017 - Amy Akridge
2018 - Sydney Dorsey
2019 - Morgan Taylor
2021 - Bralio Dorsey
2022 - Aubrey Rae Harrison,
2023 - Carly Defee

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Kiwanis Club organized here in 1922

From the August 24, 1922 edition of *The Forest-Blade*

One of the greatest and best forward moves ever made by the Swainsboro citizens was made last Friday night when the Kiwanis organization was perfected here.

The Swainsboro organization is composed of our best citizens and business men, young and old, and the majority of our most reliable and successful business and professional men are enrolled as members of the organization.

A delegation of Dublin Kiwanis came over last Friday and rendered the

Swainsboro people material and valued aid in perfecting the organization.

The officers elected were A.S. Bradley, president; W.O. Sanders, vice president; Weldon Flanders, secretary and treasurer; J.A. Coleman, chairman of the board of directors; H.H. Fillingim, district trustee.

The board of directors were J.A. Coleman, Chairman; F.H. Cadle, R. C. Franklin, Joe Ehrlich, J. Alex Smith, Jesse Thompson Jr., and V.E. Durden.

A meeting will be held next Friday night at the Hotel Marguerite when the president will appoint his standing committees for

the remainder of the year.

KIWANIS LUNCHEON

The initial Kiwanis Luncheon was given last Friday evening at the Hotel Marguerite. Besides the 50 members of the Swainsboro Club which was necessary to secure a charter, there were present about 20 of the Dublin Kiwanians who had full charge of the delightful and interesting program.

As the Dublin Kiwanians sponsored the Swainsboro Club, they, of course, were anxious to make the first meeting a success and this it proved to be.

The charter will be presented in September.

Did you know?

The Longleaf Pine reaches up to 120 feet tall, with a lifespan of 400 to 500 years.

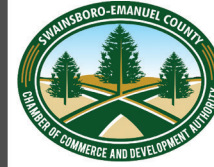
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2004 - Jack Brannon
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2006 - Edwin Canady
2007 - Chip Durden
2008 - Jimmy Morgan
2009 - Swainsboro Kiwanis Club
2010 - Senator David Gambrell
2011 - Rodney Kellum
2012 - Dr. John Black
2013 - Bill Rogers Jr.

2014 - L.C. "Shot" Strange
2015 - Daisy Reeves
2016 - Mack Griffin
2017 - Charles Schwabe
2018 - Milton Gray
2019 - Tim Goodman
2021 - Wade Johnson
2022 - Lynn Brinson
2023 - Dess Smith III

Pine Tree Festival charter members

The following were charter members the year the Pine Tree Festival was founded: Guy Alford, John A. Bell, Alden Shirley Bradley, B. Lewis Brinson, Jr., Rema Y. Brinson, Meredith W. Berry, Marshall H. Blount, William E. Boatright, J.A. Coleman, Otis Coleman, William E. Clarke, Julian H. Chandler, Ferris H. Cadle, Virgil E. Durden, Joseph Ehrlich, Hugh H. Fillingim, Rufus C. Franklin, W. Henry Flanders, R.A. Flanders, Jordan Flanders, C. Fred Flanders, John W. Giddens, John E. Henry, J.T. Haines, Walter F. Gray, Otis C. Price, Isma Lee Price, Grayson C. Powell, John R. Powell, Jr., Will McMillan, Ellie J. Mulling, Howard G. Roberts, Arlis K. Rountree, Benamin L. Rountree, Robert E. Rountree, W.O. Sanders, Dessie D. Smith, John B. Spivey, Harry H. Thompson, Jesse Thompson, Jr., William A. Tyson, Romerdelle H. Vann, William E. Vann, Pickens L. Watson, J. Palmer Williams and John N. Youmans.



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Annual Knotty Pine 5K slated for May 4

by TIM GOODMAN

The 2024 Knotty Pine 5K Run will take place again this year as part of the Annual Pine Tree Festival. The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club is the sponsor for the Knotty Pine 5K. This year's 5K race will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 4 and at the corner of Green and Pine Street and end at the same place. Registration begins at 7:30 am, with the awards ceremony following the finish of the race at approximately 9:15 am. The entry fee for the 5K is \$25. Runners entering before April 26 will be guaranteed a 2024 Knotty Pine t-shirt. There are no COVID restrictions, but all runners, spectators, and workers should observe safe dis-



START OF 2023 KNOTTY PINE 5K

tancing. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available. Medals for 1st Overall Male & Female and 1st Masters Male & Female and the top 3 male & female finishers in

the 5K in each age group: 10 & under, 11-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-64, 65 & older. Entry forms are available online at www.pinetreefestival.org or www.kiwanis.org

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2023 Miss Pine Tree Festival Court

Addilyn McKensley Marsh, 3rd Runner Up; Ayla Thompson, 1st Runner Up, Photogenic Winner, Prettiest Dress Winner and Prettiest Hair Winner; Carly Defee, Miss Pinetree Festival; Taylor Radford, 2nd Runner Up and Prettiest Smile Winner; and Katelyn Harris, 4th Runner Up



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Knotty Pine



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The Swainsboro Kiwanis Club, in conjunction with the annual Pine Tree Festival, is sponsoring the Knotty Pine 5K Run on May 4, 2024 starting at 8:00 am. Awards ceremony - 9:15 am.

Registration for 5K by April 26, 2024 guarantees a T-Shirt. Race day registration and check-in for the 5K begins at 7:00 am on the corner of Green Street and Pine Street in Swainsboro, Georgia. **After April 26 there is no guarantee of a T-shirt.** Entry Form available on <http://www.swainsborokiwanis.org/> or <https://www.pinetreefestival.org/>.

Medals for 1st Overall Male & Female and 1st Masters Male & Female and the top 3 male & female finishers in the 5K in each age group: 10 & under, 11-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & older.

QUESTIONS: TIM GOODMAN (478) 494-4741 or goodman@ega.edu

ENTRY FORM: Please Print and MAIL ENTRY FORM AND CHECK TO:
 Last Name _____ First Name _____ Knotty Pine Run
 Age (as of May 4, 2024) _____ Gender _____ c/o Tim Goodman
 Address _____ 812 Nassau Street
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ENTRY FEE: Registration for 5K _____ @ \$25 = _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one): Youth S M Adult S M L XL XXL

Waiver and Release: In consideration of the acceptance of this entry to the Knotty Pine 5K, I waive all claims for myself, my heirs and assigns and hereby release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims which I may hereafter accrue against the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro, Inc., the Swainsboro/Emanuel County Festival Foundation, event sponsors, event volunteers, and their officers, directors and agents, for any and all injuries or illnesses suffered by me while participating in this event. By registering for the Knotty Pine 5K, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By participating in or attending the 5K run, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold the Kiwanis Club of Swainsboro, Inc., the Swainsboro/Emanuel County Festival Foundation, event sponsors, event volunteers, and their officers, directors and agents, liable for any illness or injury. I hereby grant full permission to the above entities and individuals to use my likeness in any photograph, videotape, motion picture, recording or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose including, but not limited to event publicity.

Participant's signature (under 18 parent or legal guardian) _____

Date _____





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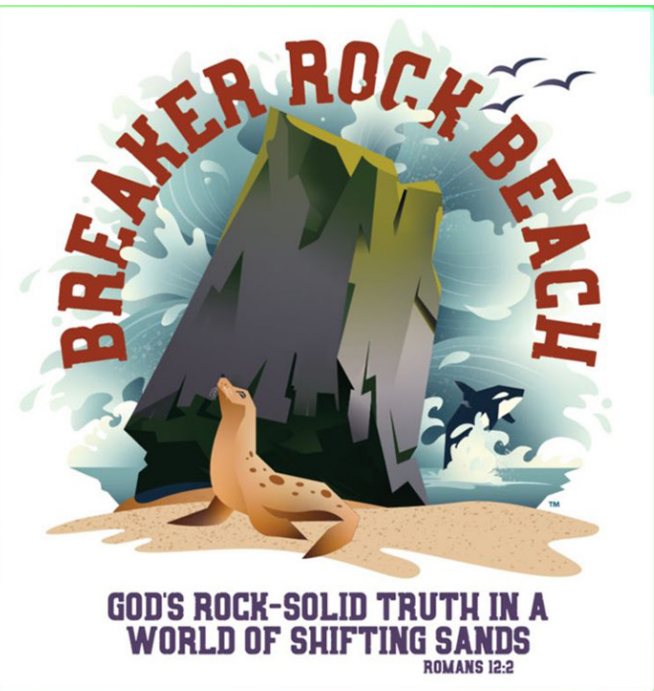
2023 Teen Miss Pine Tree Court

JLynn Hicks, Prettiest Hair Winner; Ava Camilla Brantley, 3rd Runner Up; Allie Brook Taylor, 1st Runner Up and Prettiest Dress Winner; Lauren Thompson, Teen Miss Pine Tree Festival; Jillian Davis, 2nd Runner Up; Callie Driggers, 4th Runner Up, Photogenic Winner and Prettiest Smile Winner

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2023 Junior Miss Pine Tree Court

Grace Jaye Brown, 3rd Runner Up and Prettiest Hair Winner; Elleigh Claire Beasley, 1st Runner Up; Charley Caroline Mitchell, Junior Miss Pinetree Festival and Photo-genic Winner; Anna Caite Clegg, 2nd Runner Up and Prettiest Dress Winner; Joleigh Dean Coxwell, 4th Runner Up and Prettiest Smile Winner

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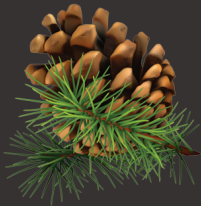
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2023 Tiny Miss Pine Tree Court

Tiny Miss: Adalynn Faith Hooks, 3rd Runner Up; Ella Altman, 1st Runner Up, Photogenic Winner and Prettiest Dress Winner; Oaklynn Ibarra, Tiny Miss Pinetree Festival; Braylee Jade Williams, 2nd Runner Up and Prettiest Hair Winner; Carsyn Blake Jones, 4th Runner Up; (Not Pictured) Isabella Williams Prettiest Smile Winner

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Johnnie Rose Mathis, 3rd Runner Up; Selah Jade Lamb, 1st Runner Up; Dani Kate Parker, Little Miss Pinetree Festival Photogenic Winner and Prettiest Dress Winner; Jaylee Elizabeth Odom, 2nd Runner Up and Prettiest Hair Winner; Taylen Brooks Johnson, 4th Runner Up; Sarah Lane Coxwell, Prettiest Smile Winner



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Pine cones

Pine cones are fascinating natural structures that capture the imagination of kids and adults alike. These woody, cone-shaped fruits are not only visually appealing but also hold a wealth of intriguing facts waiting to be discovered. From their role in nature to their unique characteristics, pine cones offer a world of wonder for all to explore. As we journey through these facts, we'll uncover the secrets behind the diverse shapes and sizes of pine cones, their essential role in the life cycle of trees, and the surprising ways in which they inspire creativity and fun. So, get ready and let's go. **Pine cones come in various shapes and sizes.** Pine cones display a remarkable diversity in terms of shape and size, ranging from small and cylindrical to large and elongated. This variety makes them captivating objects for observation and study. Pine cones serve as the reproductive structures of pine trees, playing a crucial role in the tree's lifecycle.

These woody cones protect and disperse the seeds, contributing to the perpetuation of the pine tree species. **Pine cones are a symbol of growth and longevity.** In many cultures, pine cones symbolize resilience, growth, and longevity. Their association with these positive attributes makes them a popular motif in art, literature, and symbolism throughout history. **Pine cones are used for various crafts and decorations.** The unique aesthetic appeal of pine cones makes them popular for crafting and decorating. From holiday ornaments to nature-inspired art projects, pine cones offer a versatile and eco-friendly medium for creative expression. **Pine cones release seeds through a fascinating process.** When conditions are favorable, pine cones open up to release their seeds. This process, known as seed dispersal, ensures the propagation of new pine trees and contributes to the biodiversity of forest ecosystems. **Pine cones**

have a distinctive woody appearance. The woody scales of pine cones give them a rugged and natural appearance, making them a captivating subject for artistic endeavors and scientific exploration alike. **Pine cones have been used for culinary purposes.** In some cultures, (Continued on page 20)

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pine cones have been used to infuse flavors into dishes, particularly in traditional cooking and herbal practices. Their unique aroma and flavor make them an intriguing ingredient in certain cuisines. **Pine cones are a source of inspiration for scientific study.** The intricate structure and reproductive function of pine cones have inspired scientific inquiry and botanical research. Their role in seed dispersal and

tree reproduction continues to fascinate biologists and botanists. **Pine cones are found in various environments around the world.** Pine cones are not limited to a specific geographic region and can be found in diverse environments, from temperate forests to alpine landscapes. Their adaptability and prevalence make them a ubiquitous feature of many ecosystems. **Pine cones have a rich cultural significance.** Throughout

history, pine cones have held symbolic and cultural significance in various traditions and belief systems. Their representation in art, mythology, and folklore reflects their enduring impact on human culture. **Pine cones have been used for medicinal purposes.** In traditional medicine, certain parts of the pine cone have been utilized for their purported medicinal properties. From herbal remedies to holistic practices, pine cones have

been incorporated into alternative healthcare approaches. **Pine cones play a role in ecological balance.** As essential components of the reproductive cycle of pine trees, pine cones contribute to the ecological balance of forest ecosystems. Their role in seed dispersal and regeneration supports the sustainability of natural habitats. **Pine cones have inspired artistic expression.** Artists and craftsmen have drawn inspiration from the unique form

and texture of pine cones, incorporating them into various forms of art, from sculptures and paintings to decorative crafts and design. **Pine cones have been featured in literature and folklore.** The symbolism and imagery of pine cones have found their way into literary works and folklore, often representing themes of growth, renewal, and natural beauty in storytelling and cultural narratives. **Pine cones are a natural wonder to explore and admire.** From their intricate structure to their cultural significance, pine cones are a natural wonder that invites exploration and admiration. Their presence in the natural world sparks curiosity and appreciation for the marvels of the plant kingdom. Pine cones, with their diverse at-

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tributes and cultural significance, continue to captivate the imagination and curiosity of children and adults alike. These remarkable structures not only contribute to the ecological balance of forest ecosystems but also inspire creativity and serve as enduring symbols of resilience and natural beauty. Whether used for crafting, scientific study, or cultural symbolism, pine cones remain a timeless and enchanting feature of the natural world, inviting us to appreciate their intrinsic charm and ecological importance. Pine cones are fascinating natural structures that play a crucial role in the life cycle of coniferous trees. These cone-shaped wonders not only protect and disperse seeds

but also serve as a source of inspiration for art and crafts. By understanding the unique features and functions of pine cones, adults and children can develop a deeper appreciation for the natural world around

them. **What are pine cones made of?** Pine cones are made of tough and woody scales that protect the seeds within. These scales are arranged in a spiral pattern, providing a sturdy structure for the cone. **How do pine**

cones open and close? Pine cones open and close in response to changes in humidity. When the air is dry,

the scales open to release seeds. In contrast, when the air is moist, the scales close to protect the seeds.



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Pine trees (*Pinus* species) are one of the most important groups of plants. These trees are called conifers because they have needles, cones, and are typically evergreen. There are many different species, each having its own physical characteristics and cultural requirements. Identifying features of different species include cone size and shape, bark characteristics, and the number of long, slender needles in each bundle (which is called fascicle). Generally, pines are more adaptable to southern climate and soil conditions than spruces and firs. The height and spread vary depending on the species. Sizes of mature trees range from 4 feet (dwarf forms of mugo pine) to over 150 feet (white pine). The growth rate varies depending on the species. In South Carolina, several native pine species can grow over 2 feet per year. Each species brings its own value to the landscape. Pines offer a variety of forms, needle structures, color (from blue to dark green), and texture (from fine to coarse). Pines can be used for wind-breaks, accent trees, or even

foundation plantings. They are important not only for their ornamental value in the landscape but also for wildlife (many animals eat the seeds and use the trees for nesting) and commercial value (lumber, Christmas trees, turpentine). Many problems associated with growing pines can be avoided by carefully preparing a proper planting site. In general, pine trees grow best in well-drained, fertile soil, but a few species are adaptable to less favorable conditions. Pines should be transplanted with plenty of soil around the roots. Large species are often difficult to transplant because of the deep taproot. Pruning pines is usually unnecessary, except to remove dead or broken branches. Mulching around old and new pine trees is beneficial since it reduces water stress and weeds. When fertilizing newly planted trees, use slow-release fertilizers. Care should be taken if quick-release fertilizers are used since the roots of young trees are sensitive to overfertilizing. During the second and subsequent years, 2 to 4 pounds of 10-10-10 fertilizer

should be applied for every 100 square feet of bed area. For larger trees in open areas, about 2 pounds of 10-10-10 fertilizer can be applied for each inch of trunk diameter of the tree. Pines planted around homes can develop several problems. One of the most serious problems is fusiform rust. This fungal disease causes weak places in the trunk, making the tree more likely to break in windstorms. Fusiform swellings look like indentations on the trunk. Sometimes a boring insect gets in these indentations. As it bores, pine pitch, a sticky material, oozes out. Usually, it is best to remove trees with fusiform rust. Pines also have several insect problems. The most serious is the pine bark beetle, which usually invades weakened trees or those stressed by drought. Many people get upset when the needles turn yellow and begin dropping off. In the fall, the dropping of interior needles is natural. But if yellowing occurs, have the tree checked by an expert.

When it comes to trees, the pine is undoubtedly one of (Continued on page 24)

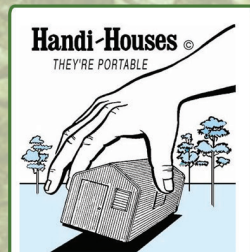
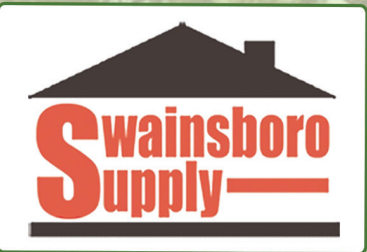


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Pine fact sheet...

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the most fascinating and versatile species out there. With its distinctive needles and characteristic cone-shaped fruits, the pine tree has captured the imagination of people across the globe. But did you know that there's a lot more to pines than meets the eye?

In this article, we will uncover 17 astounding facts about pine that will leave you with a newfound ap-

preciation for this remarkable tree. From their unique adaptations to their role in various cultures and ecosystems, pines are truly a wonder of the natural world. So, grab your hiking boots and join us as we explore the enchanting world of pine trees.

Key Takeaways:

- Pine trees are evergreen and can live for hundreds of years, producing pinecones and a distinct pine scent. They are important for wildlife, air purification, and

have cultural significance.

- Pine wood is used in construction and furniture making, while pine needles are rich in Vitamin C. Pine trees have been used for medicinal purposes for centuries and have unique properties that benefit the environment and human health.

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Pine trees are evergreen coniferous trees.

Pine trees are known for their characteristic needle-like leaves that stay green all year round. They belong to the Pinaceae family and are native to most regions of the Northern Hemisphere.

There are over 120 species of pines.

Pines come in various shapes and sizes, with different species found in different parts of the world. Some of the most common types include the Scots pine, lodgepole pine, and ponderosa pine.

Pine trees can live for hundreds of years.

Some species of pine trees have been known to live for several hundred years, with the oldest recorded pine tree being over 4,900 years old!

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Pine trees produce pinecones.

Pinecones are the repro-

ductive organs of pine trees. They contain seeds that are dispersed by various means, such as wind or animals, to facilitate the growth of new pine trees.

Pine trees have a distinct pine scent.

You can easily recognize a pine tree by its distinctive smell. The scent comes from the resin that is produced by the tree, which also helps protect it from pests and diseases.

Pine wood is commonly used in construction and furniture making.

Pine wood is lightweight, easy to work with, and has a natural beauty that makes it a popular choice for construction purposes and furniture manufacturing.

Pine trees have been used for their medicinal properties for centuries.

The bark, needles, and resin of pine trees have long been used in traditional medicine for their anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, and expectorant properties.

Pine needles are rich in Vitamin C.

Pine needles contain a high concentration of Vitamin C, making them a valuable source of this important nutrient.

Pine tree forests contribute to air purification.

Pine trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, helping to improve air quality

and reduce pollution.

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Pine trees are important for wildlife.

Pine forests provide habitats for a wide range of animals, including birds, squirrels, and various small mammals.

Pine bark can be used as mulch.

The bark of pine trees can be shredded and used as a natural mulch in gardening, helping to retain moisture in the soil and suppress weed growth.

Pine resin is used in the production of varnishes and adhesives.

The sticky resin produced by pine trees has excellent adhesive properties and is commonly used in the production of varnishes, adhesives, and even chewing gum.

Pine nuts are a popular culinary ingredient.

Pine nuts, which are the edible seeds found inside pinecones, are widely used in various cuisines around the world, adding a delicious nutty flavor to dishes.

Pine trees are resistant to extreme weather conditions.

Pine trees are adapted to survive in harsh environmental conditions, including extreme temperatures, strong winds, and poor soil quality.

The Pine Barrens in New Jersey is home to unique pine species.

The Pine Barrens in New Jersey is a vast area of pine forest that houses several rare and endemic species, including the famous Pitch Pine.

Pine trees have cultural and symbolic significance in (Continued on page 25)



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many societies.

Pine trees have been revered in various cultures throughout history, symbolizing longevity, wisdom, and resilience.

Pine tree pollen can cause allergies in some individuals.

For some people, the pollen produced by pine trees can trigger allergic reactions, leading to symptoms like sneezing, itchy eyes, and congestion.

Conclusion

Pine is a remarkable plant with numerous fascinating qualities and uses. From its ability to withstand extreme weather conditions to its diverse range of species found all over the world, pine has captured the attention and admiration of people for

centuries. Not only is it aesthetically pleasing with its evergreen foliage and distinctive scent, but it also has practical uses ranging from construction materials to medicinal properties.

Whether you're an outdoor enthusiast, a DIY enthusiast, or simply someone curious about the natural world, exploring the astounding facts about pine will open your eyes to the wonders of this versatile plant. Its rich history, impressive adaptations, and ecological importance make it a true marvel of the plant kingdom.

FAQs

1. How many species of pine are there?

There are over 120 species of pine found worldwide.

2. Can pine trees survive

in extreme weather conditions?

Yes, many pine trees have adaptations that allow them to withstand harsh weather, including extreme cold and hot temperatures.

3. Is pine wood a sustainable building material?

Yes, pine wood is considered a sustainable building material as it is a renewable resource that can be harvested responsibly.

4. Are there any health benefits associated with pine trees?

Yes, pine trees and their extracts have been used in traditional medicine for their antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and respiratory health benefits.

5. Are all pine trees evergreen?

No, not all pine trees are

evergreen. While many pine species have needle-like foliage that remains green throughout the year, some species, such as the larch pine, are deciduous and shed their needles in the fall.

6. Can pine needles be used as a natural mulch?

Yes, pine needles can be used as a natural mulch. They help retain soil moisture, inhibit weed growth, and provide a decorative ground cover.

7. Do pine trees have a strong scent?

Yes, pine trees have a distinct and pleasant scent. The aroma comes primarily from the resin produced by the trees.

8. Are pine forests important for wildlife?

Yes, pine forests provide

crucial habitats for numerous wildlife species, including birds, mammals, and insects.

9. Can pine trees be grown in home gardens?

Yes, many varieties of pine trees can be grown in home gardens, provided they have enough space and appropriate soil conditions.

10. How long do pine trees typically live?

The lifespan of pine trees varies depending on the species, but many can live for several hundred years.

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Seedling Garden Club 2022 Flower Show results

The Seedling Garden Club's Spring Flower Show-A Pine Tree Festival Event was held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 and Sunday, May 1, 2022. Using the theme "We're Back to a Wonderful World" the show was staged in the Sudie Fulford Learning Center located on the East Georgia College campus. The event was sponsored by The Seedling Garden Club in cooperation with the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club with participation by the Glad Garden Club.

Diana Malone served as general chairman of this year's event with Lucille Braswell, Judy McWhorter and Paula Karrh serving as co-chairman. Martha Cobb wrote the flower show schedule. Out of town judges were entertained with a luncheon served at the Edenfield House Inn. Kay Peacock served as hostess for the club. The show was open to the public with free admission.

Division 1-Horticulture: "Planting Our World" and Division 111-Special Exhibits "Heroes Saving Nature" were open to the public. Horticulture entries totaled 127 with 2 educational exhibits. Entries in horticulture were eligible for NGC Award of Horticulture Excellence.

Top awards presented in horticulture division were: Growers Choice-Judy McWhorter and Sue Stockholm. Award of Merit- Nancy Lisenby, Wanda Scarboro, Paula Karrh. Arboreal Award went to Yonna Bailey. Horticultural Excellence went to Paula

Karrh. Flower Show Award went to Angella Sconyers. Wanda Scarboro won the NGC Sweepstakes Award for receiving the greatest number of blue ribbons in the Horticulture Division. She had 20 blue ribbons.

Division 11-Design "Beautifying Our World" section A "Happy Days" eligible for the Designer's Choice Award. Class 1 "Reaching for the Sky" a Line Mass design staged using a white pedestal. 1st place Diana Malone, 2nd Ginny Smith, 3rd Amber Albritton and HM Gail Strickland. Class 2 "Garden Party: Let's Gather Outside" a functional alfresco table for two. 1st place Kay Peacock, 2nd Martha Cobb, 3rd Ann Peebles, HM Sue Stockholm. Class 3 "Flowers Make Us Smile" a creative design staged on table. 1st place Judy McWhorter, 2nd Yonna Bailey, 3rd Kay Peacock 4th Wanda Scarboro.

Section B: "A Small World" eligible for the Petite Award. Class 4 "It's A Fun World" a petite design staged on a 31/2" square block. 1st place Dot Kirby, 2nd Nancy Lisenby, 3rd Sue Stockholm, HM Linda Dekle. Class 5 "It's A Glamorous World" design staged on an upside-down clear glass wine glass. 1st place, Kim Hooks, 2nd Becky Hill, 3rd Amber Albritton, HM Susan Stephenson. Class 6 "It's A Colorful World" design staged on round cork matt and depict some aspect of gardening. 1st place Paula Karrh, 2nd Wanda Scarboro, 3rd Wanda Ellis

HM Mary Pate Gay.

Division 111-Youth "Saving Our World". Section A: Youth Design, "Heroes in our World". Class 1. "Cartoon Heroes-juniors: Preschool through age seven. A design celebrating Cartoon Heroes. 1st place Brileigh Scott, 2nd John Colton Bailey, 3rd Grier Stephenson HM Brantley Strickland. Class 2. "First Responder Heroes"" intermediates age eight through twelve. A design honoring First Responders. 1st place Tenley Allen Bailey, 2nd Abi Torpy, 3rd Milly Farmer HM Stella Kate Marsh. Division IV Education "Protecting Our World". Section A. "Heroes Saving Nature". Class 1. ""Take the Lead, Be a Hero". Exhibit1 What's the Buzz? Bees-Saving Our World, Paul Cerpovicz, East Georgia State College Beekeeping Club. Exhibit 2. Garden Clubs Take the Initiative- The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Conservation initiatives for our world. Dianna Malone.

Top Awards presented in the Design Division, voted on by the panel of judges: Designers Choice Judy McWhorter. The Petite Award- Dot Kirby. In the youth division the NCG Youth Award went to Brileigh Scott and Tenley Allen Bailey. Top Award in Education went to East Georgia State College Beekeeping Club.

Local Awards-these awards were voted on the entire panel of judges. Pine Tree Festival Design awarded to Kay Peacock and the Joyce Harrison De-

sign Award went to Judy McWhorter.

The purpose of the Seedling Garden Club's flower

show is three fold: 1. to set standards of artistic and horticulture excellence 2. to (Continued on page 29)



KAY PEACOCK – PINE TREE DESIGN



PAULA KARRH – AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (IRIS)



NANCY LISENBY AWARD OF MERIT (ROSE AND SNAP DRAGON)



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JUDY MCWHORTER GROWER'S CHOICE (GERANIUM) AND SUE STOCKHOLM (BIRD'S NEST FERN)



YONNA BAILEY ARBOREAL (FIG TREE)

Seedling Garden Club...

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broaden knowledge of horticulture, flower arrangement, conservation and other related areas and 3. to share the beauty of a show with fellow club members and the public.

Flower shows combine artistic vision, horticultural mastery, engineering and sophisticated craftsmanship to create a brief but brilliant display of beauty in time.

It takes time and effort from many volunteers to organize a flower show. From the chair to the division committees the passes of the judges, and tech team to the entrants-each individual contributes to the final experience for visitors. Seedling wishes to thank all that came to the flower show. It was a beautiful show and East Georgia State College was a great help in making it a special event to kick off the Pine Tree Festival.



**SUE STOCKHOLM
GROWER'S CHOICE
(BIRD'S NEST FERN)**



**JUDY MCWHORTER
DESIGNER'S CHOICE
AND JOYCE HARRISON
MEMORIAL DESIGN**



**DOT KIRBY
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**TENLEY BAILEY
YOUTH DESIGN
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Pines in mythology

Pines have a long history in mythology. The ancient Egyptians buried an image of the god Osiris in the hollowed-out center of a pine tree. As a symbol of royalty, the pine was associated with the Greek goddess Pitthea.

Pine was also a fertility symbol and was linked to the Dionysus/Bacchus mythology surrounding the vine and wine making. Worshippers of Dionysus carried a pinecone-tipped wand. Pine cone images appear on a number of ancient fertility amulets. For the Romans the pine was an object of worship during the spring equinox festival of Cybele and Attis.

As an evergreen tree the pine also symbolised immortality. The pine groves or 'shaman forests' scattered over the grasslands of eastern Siberia were sacred to the Buriats. These are a Mongolian people living around the southern end of Lake Baikal. These groves were entered with reverence, respectful of the gods and spirits of the wood.

Druids used to light large bonfires of pine at the winter solstice. This was to celebrate the passing of the seasons and to draw back the sun. Glades of pines were also decorated with lights and shiny objects. The tree covered in stars was a representation of the Divine Light. It is easy to see how these rituals have given rise to the latter-day Yule log and Christmas tree customs.

The Scottish Gaelic for pine is *giuthas* (pronounced GYOO-uss). This word crops up in several Scottish place names. Among them are Allt na Ghuithas in Wester Ross and Glac a Ghuitas by Ardgower. These translate as 'Pine Stream' and 'Pine Hollow' respectively. There are

also Anglicised derivations such as Dalguise and Kin-gussie.

In the days of wooden boats and ships several pine products proved useful in shipbuilding.

The high resin content of the sap means that the wood is slow to decay. The tall, straight, flexible trunks are ideal for masts and spars (witness Beinn nan Sparra, Hill of Spars, in Glen Affric), and the wood was also used for the planking, and sealed with pitch made from the resin (which was also used to seal the beer casks!). There used to be a superstition about not felling pine trees for ship building when the moon was waning. People believed the tidal influence of the moon affected the resin content of the wood. It is interesting that botanists now recognize that the moon's gravity does indeed affect sap flow in plants to some extent.

Pine has a range of healing properties. The resin and needles can treat some respira-

tory problems. For example pine needle pillows can help relieve catarrh. The needles are high in vitamin C making pine tea useful in winter when this vitamin can be less available. They also have antiseptic and disinfectant qualities. The Bach Flower Remedies recommend pine to treat despondency, despair and self-condemnation.

Some Highlanders used split pine roots as tapers to light their homes. Pine candles were also part of wedding rituals in Scottish fishing communities. The belief was that they brought prosperity and luck to the newly-weds. On Orkney people would circle a pine candle three times around a mother and her newborn child to purify them.

Near Aberfolye there is a pine known as the Fairy Tree. Legend has it that the Reverend Robert Kirk was abducted by fairies in 1692. His spirit is said to remain in this ancient tree.

A persistent theme in the folklore of pine is their use as

markers in the landscape. In the Highlands they marked the burial places of warriors, heroes and chieftains. Further south, pines were more unusual and would have stood out more. Because of this people used them to mark ancient trackways and crossroads. In England they often marked drove roads and the perimeters of meadows on which drovers and their herds could spend the night. There is also the more fanciful suggestion that Jaco-

bite sympathizers planted pines in England.

Pine is the badge of several clans. Wearing tartan was outlawed after the unsuccessful Jacobite Rebellion in 1745. The Clan MacGregor wore the pine as their plant badge in a gesture of defiance.

Pine was a symbol of durability, as in the Gaelic proverb: *Cruaidh mar am fraoch, buan mar an giuthas* - Hard as the heather, lasting as the pine.



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Each year during Emanuel County's annual Pine Tree Festival, six parade entries are named winners in the float contest. For the 76th annual Pine Tree Festival, the winners in the non-profit category are Dellwood Baptist Church (1st place), Hillcrest Baptist Church (2nd Place), and David Emanuel Academy (3rd Place). The profit category winners are Reds Quick Lube & Tire (1st Place), Durden Banking Company (2nd Place), Coleman Lake Campground Midville, GA (3rd Place)



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NON-PROFIT 3RD PLACE - DAVID EMANUEL ACADEMY



FOR-PROFIT 3RD PLACE - COLEMAN LAKE CAMPGROUND

Smith named Pine Tree Festival Grand Marshall

Last year's honoree and recipient of the green Jacket is a lifelong resident of Swainsboro. He is a 1960 graduate of Swainsboro High School and holds degrees from Georgia Military College and Brenau University. Dess Smith III has dedicated countless hours toward the betterment of the community through various organizations including the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Festival Foundation for the past several years. As a leader in the Scouts since 1984, Dess served as Committee Chair of Troop 75 for 18 years. He has led four groups to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and planned the 2009 trip. He was the Ogeechee District Eagle Scout Coordinator and is the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award, the

highest honor awarded to adult Scout volunteers. As a member of the Georgia National Guard for 32 years, Dess graduated with Honors from the Command and General Staff College and received the Bronze Order of the De Fleury Medal from the Army Engineers Association. He commanded Company D, 878th Combat Engineer Battalion, Hvy from 1976-81 and was the Commander of the 878th Combat Engineer Battalion, Hvy from 1992-95. During the 1996 Olympics, Dess was the Battalion Commander for the Duration Security Battalion that provided security for all the Olympic venues in Atlanta and Athens. He served in deployments to Grenada in 1985 and Egypt in 1987 for Operation Bright Star, and he served as Task

Force Commander on his deployment to Oman in 1992 for Operation Eastern Castle. During the second deployment of Swainsboro's Army National Guard Unit to Iraq in 2006, Dess was recognized with the "Army National Guard-Citizen Soldier Hero Award" for assisting the Family Readiness Group of the State of Georgia. A past-president of the Swainsboro Jaycees (1970-1971), Dess keeps busy through his work with the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club where he has served as president twice, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, a member of Swainsboro First United Methodist Church and member of the church choir. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Emanuel County Historic

Preservation Society. Dess and his late wife Ginny have four children, Dessie, Mary

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The Fir Tree is a story by Hans Christian Anderson

**(Version 1) - The Pinetree
and the Sparrow.**

Back when the world was young and all of the animals and trees could talk to each other, winter was coming. The Sparrow was injured and was not strong enough to fly away, so he sent his family on to the Southern regions and decided to stay behind and heal. Injured he knew he would not survive the winter without shelter. So he asked the trees for help.

Sparrow went from tree to

tree asking them to shelter him in the cold months. One by one they gave him excuses and refused to give him shelter. There was only one tree left, the lowly pine tree. So with no hope left Sparrow made his plea to the pine tree. Sparrow said "Pine I am injured and not able to fly south, would you let me shelter in your branches until my family returns?"

Pine was a humble tree and thought to himself "What can I do?" but his heart heard the plight of Sparrow and

said "My branches are small and my leaves are more like needles but you are welcome to what I have," and so Sparrow spent the cold winter with Pinetree.

Spring came and when the Creator saw what had happened he called a council of the trees and said to them. "You who have so much and would not share with Sparrow will now lose your leaves in the cold time. But Pine because you gave so much you shall keep your
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leaves in the coldtime. And that is why the Pine tree

keeps it's green throughout the year.

(Version 2) - Forever

Green

According to a Cherokee legend, one cold season an injured sparrow knew he could not fly south with his family, so he bid them farewell and went in search of a place to survive.

Sparrow asked Oak to shelter him among its leaves so he might heal and greet his family upon their return in the spring. But being a crusty old tree, Oak didn't wish to have a winter house guest and so he turned Sparrow away.

Downtrodden, Sparrow approached Maple. Sweet as she might be, Maple also turned Sparrow away.

And so it went. Sparrow was turned down by each tree he visited, until there was only Pine left to ask for help.

Pine listened to Spar-

row's pleas and his heart heard Sparrow's plight. And though Pine knew his leaves were tiny and more like needles, and his branches not as many as the others, he welcomed Sparrow to join him for the cold season.

As hoped, Sparrow healed and greeted his family the following spring.

Creator heard and saw all that had happened and called a great council of the Trees. In his address, he rebuked them for they'd been given so much and would not share the least of what they had with Sparrow in his time of need.

Therefore, from that day forward, when cold came upon the land, their leaves would wither, die and blow away.

Creator then spoke to Pine, praising him for being the

least among the trees, and yet giving so much. And so, Pine was honored to remain forever green.

(Version 3) – The original story – *The Fir Tree* by Hans Christian Anderson.

In its early youth, a little fir tree is hungry for stature, frustrated by its size. 'Oh, if I were a big tree like the others,' the little tree would sigh.

'The tree took no pleasure in the sunshine, in the birds, or in the crimson clouds that sailed overhead both morning and evening,' so the tale tells us. How fervently the little tree wanted to be a magnificent ship's mast, shorn of its branches, and travel across an unimaginable sea, which others said was much too complicated to describe. 'Enjoy your (Continued on page 37)

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fresh growth and the young life inside of you,' said the rays of sunlight'.

When the sparrows told the little fir tree about the trees they see in the windows of houses in the town in parlors, 'decorated with the loveliest of things: gilded apples, gingerbread, toys and hundreds of candles' the little tree knew where, in her mind, her glorious path lay. If she could be so splendidly adorned, more fertile paths would assuredly follow.

Finally, one day the little now big fir tree was taken away from the forest. 'An ax bit deep into its marrow.' The tree then realized that she would never see her friends of the forests again.

The little now big, tall fir tree was brought to the town and placed in a wooden tub filled with sand which was stood in

a beautiful room with Chinese vases with lions on the lids and silk covered sofas. It was lavishly adorned. The paper gold star at the top was truly grand and made the little fir tree feel so, so happy. Soon the children took all the decorations, for they were really presents, off the tree in a frenzy of excitement.

Suddenly the little now big fir tree felt very lonely, deeply lonely, especially when after Christmas it was dragged out of the parlor and up the stairs into a dark attic to live for months in the company of mice and rats. When telling companions about where she came from: the forest where the 'sun shines and the birds sing', she realized how special her youthful life in the forest had been.

Then one day the little fir tree was dragged down the stairs. Once outside, she could feel the rays of

sun and smell fragrant roses. Alas, her boughs were withered and yellow. A child playing in the courtyard referred to the tree as 'the horrid old Christmas tree'.

The dried up little now big fir tree was chopped into little pieces and once lit flared up under a copper cauldron. Before long she was a heap of ashes. The little fir tree's destiny was inevitable, but how sad that she had never allowed herself the joy and wonderment of enjoying the life of the forest, her origins. Impatience was her enemy.

The moral of the tale may be different for each of us. Maybe it says we should not be greedy and be satisfied with what we have; cherish every passing moment. Is it asking us if a short spell of glory is worth the sacrifice of a simple life? Is it a call for patience rather than impatience? It

could be a call in our times for us to be environmentally sensitive and treasure our natural resources.

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History of the Pine Tree Festival

by JIMMY MORGAN, 1998

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Civic leaders, convinced that the pine tree was the basic source of local prosperity, realized that something must be done to stop the destruction of the country's most valuable resource.

The first Pine Tree Festival, held in early May in 1946, was an effort to call

attention to the enormous waste from burning, and to pay tribute to the forestry industry. Forestry in those days was divided into three segments; saw timber, naval stores (turpentine and resin) and pulpwood. Devotees of each of these three segments loudly debated the merits of one of the three, and the evils of the other two. Sawmillers were convinced that "turpentine" would stunt the growth of trees. Naval store people on the other hand gloated over the fact that southeast Georgia enjoyed a world monopoly on turpentine products, and argued that it should be exploited. Pulpwooders

saw the prospects of dominating the paper market, so long the domain of Canada and the northwest.

The early festival slogans, slogans like "Stop Forest Fires," "Keep Georgia Green" and "Dollars Grow on Pine Trees" got the attention of the legislature and the fence law was reserved, requiring cattle farmers to fence their cattle instead of allowing them to roam free. Forest fires dropped dramatically.

People gathered at the annual festival of throngs. Television was in its infancy, and long-distance travel was still difficult. High school bands came from the neighboring schools. Early parade floats until the morning of the parade.

There has been much variety over the years. Beside the parades, there have been golf tournaments and flower shows, automobile races, pageants, arts and craft shows, boomerang contests, rodeos, political speeches and "Forestry Field Days."

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John D. McLeod	1951	Lowell A. Williamson	1998
Rev. Henry S. Brooks	1952	Homer "Chip" Durden**.....	1999
John E. Flanders	1953	Brenda VanArsdale	2000
Vivan E. Glenn	1953	Gary Couse	2001
Carlton E. Dekle	1954	Travis Garrett	2002
Jesse D. Cruce	1955	Clarence Thompson	2003
H. Glenn Segars	1956	Douglas Overstreet	2004
Robert H. Sasser	1957	Tim Goodman*.....	2005
Howard A. Hensen	1958	James Smith	2006
W.E. Rountree	1959	John Black	2007
J. Neal Baker	1960	Bob Losser.....	2008
John R. Roberts	1961	Bobby Seamans	2009
John L. Dekle	1962	David Bartram.....	2010
Dr. J.J. Fason Jr.	1963	Jason Johnson.....	2011
W. Austin Avery	1964	Jim Daughtry.....	2012
Russell Paige	1965	Chip Durden**.....	2013
Al E. Willis	1966	Dess Smith.....	2014
John T. Bailey	1967	Tim Goodman*.....	2015
Walter Gambrell	1968	Jane Durden.....	2016
Wallace Bailey	1969	Gary Couse.....	2017
Jimmy Flanders	1970	Jim Clapham.....	2018
Rev. Robert Steinberg	1971	Cheryl Goodman	2019
TobeKarrh	1972	Petite Garrett.....	2020
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		Dianna Wedincamp.....	2022
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 TO COOPERATE in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the righteousness.

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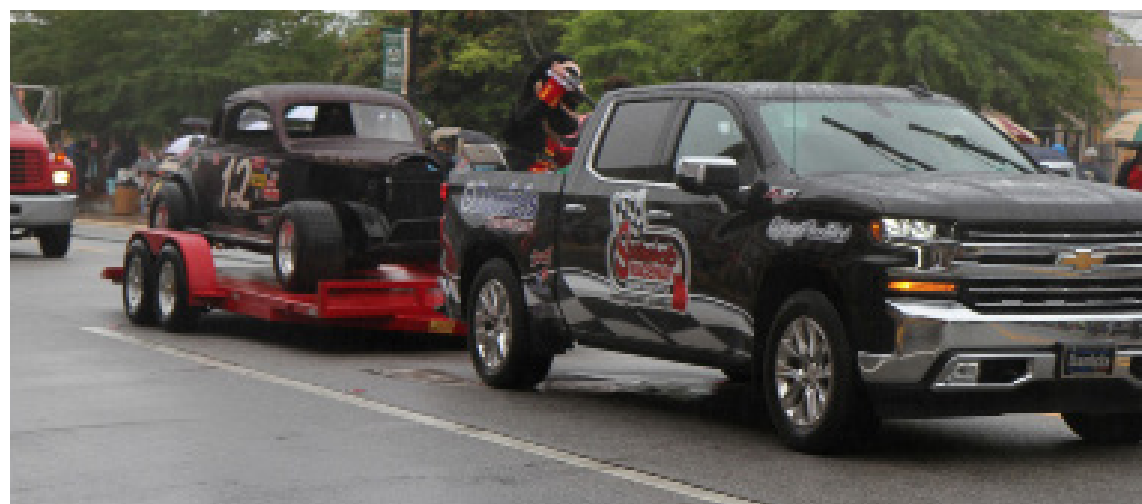
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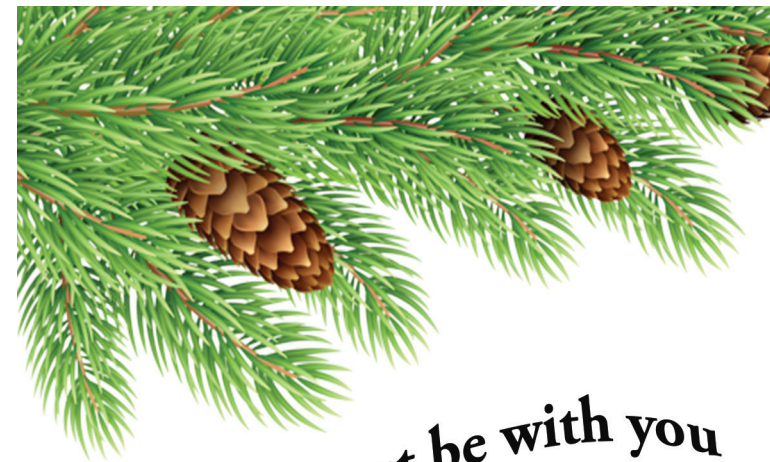
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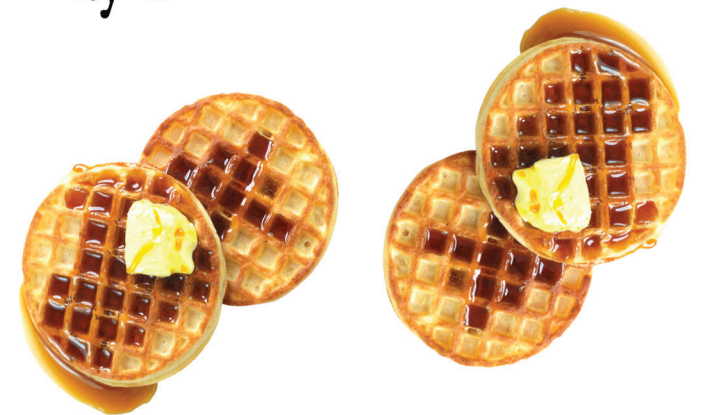
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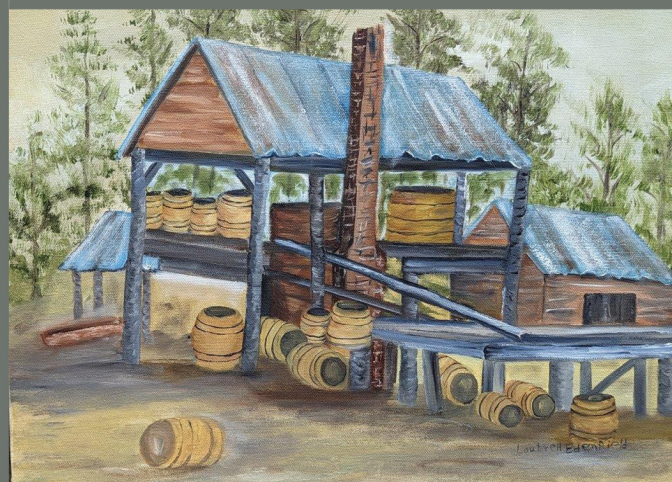
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