

Woodcrest Villa Nature Trail & Arboretum

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June 2024 Newsletter

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Woodcrest Villa Arboretum is Dedicated To Those Recognized with Trees

Serviceberry Mini-Festival features Tasting Friday, June 14 and a Program at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, June 18

Serviceberry is also known as: Juneberry, Shadbush, Shadblow, Saskatoon, Sugarplum



Join us for a delightful celebration of one of nature's hidden gems at our Serviceberry Mini-Festival! The Woodcrest Villa campus is blessed with many Serviceberry Trees. Most notably, there are two Serviceberry Trees in front of Gamber Auditorium and many others behind the Romarin mail boxes. This exciting event will feature a Juneberry tasting at our Ice Cream Social and an informative talk on the fascinating Serviceberry tree.



Friday, June 14: Tasting at Ice Cream Social

At the Ice Cream Social on Friday, June 14, in Gamber between 2 and 3 PM, indulge in the

unique and delicious flavors of Juneberries, also known as Serviceberries. Juneberry sauce will be available. Enjoy its sweet, blueberry-like taste with a hint of almond.



Tuesday, June 18: Program by Len Eiserer

On Tuesday, June 18 in Gamber Auditorium at 9:30 AM, enjoy a program on the Serviceberry Tree and its tasty fruit by Len Eiserer. Len was recently here to present a program about the American Robin (Bringing Up Baby). Woodcrest Villa has many Serviceberry trees on our campus; discover this plant's many aliases, its special characteristics and why it is so important to wildlife. This talk will cover everything you need to know about this beautiful tree and its tasty fruit. There will be door prizes.

Edible Delights

The berries, known as Juneberries due to their typical ripening time in June, are sweet and can be eaten fresh, dried, or used in various culinary creations such as pies, jams, and, of course, ice cream.

Historical Significance:

The name "Serviceberry" is believed to come from the time when the trees bloomed in early spring, signaling that the ground had thawed enough to hold burial services for those who had died during the winter.



Early Bloomer

Serviceberry trees are one of the first to bloom in spring, producing a stunning display of white flowers that can light up a landscape and provide early nectar for pollinators.



Ecological Benefits

Serviceberry trees are not only beautiful but also beneficial to wildlife. Birds and mammals enjoy the fruit, while the flowers attract a variety of pollinators. Serviceberries are native to North America and have been used by indigenous peoples for centuries. The berries were a vital food source and were often mixed with meat and fat to make pemmican, a high-energy food for long journeys.



Three-Season Appeal

This hardy tree boasts attractive fall foliage, adding to its year-round appeal.

Don't Miss The Serviceberry Mini-Festival

Join us at the Serviceberry Mini-Festival to celebrate this incredible tree and its delightful fruit. We look forward to seeing you there!

Honor/Memory Trees

Unfortunately space along Harrisburg pike was much more limited than expected and there is no longer space available. Space exists in the arboretum expansion area across the bridge from the original arboretum.

Thanks For Donations

Thanks to those who donated for the Trail Crew to buy supplies for the Nature Trail & Arboretum such as saw blades for trimming, wood chips for the trail, and service for the tractor.

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