

**THE NORTH FORK ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL**  
joins the **QUOGUE LIBRARY** for an **ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

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**Some Arbor Day Facts:**

The idea of Arbor Day came from Nebraska where a lack of trees lead to the founding of this holiday in the 1800s. J. Sterling Morton from Detroit moved to Nebraska in 1854 and he and his wife quickly planted trees, shrubs and flowers in the home they established as they were both lovers of nature. As a journalist, Morton advocated tree planting by individuals in his articles and editorials and encouraged civic organizations and groups to join in. His became the secretary to the Nebraska Territory, which provided another opportunity to stress the value of trees.

On January 4, 1972, Morton proposed a tree planting holiday called "Arbor Day which was set for April 10. Prizes were offered to counties and individuals for planting the largest number of trees on that day. It was estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day.

Arbor day was named a legal holiday in Nebraska on April 22, which was Morton's birthday.

**JOIN US SAT., APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:00 noon**

Amazing Tree and Wood Facts:  
Trees and wood are amazing! Here are some fun facts you might not have known about them:

- ◆ The oldest known tree in the United States is a Western Juniper on California. It's 4000 years old!
- ◆ The largest tree in the U.S. is a Giant Sequoia in Sequoia National Park in California. This tree has a girth of 998 inches and it's 275 feet tall!
- ◆ In the United States there are about 747,000,000 acres of forested land – that's about a third of the country!
- ◆ A wooden pencil can write about 45,000 words, or draw a line about 35 miles long!
- ◆ The average person in the United States uses about 1600 pounds of wood every year!
- ◆ A healthy, mature tree has about 200,000 leaves on it.

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