

**Canton, Ohio,  
since 2015**



**City of Canton Tree Commission**

The Canton Tree Commission was formed in 2013 by city ordinance (Chapter 917); it is comprised of 5 members appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council, as well as representatives from several City departments and one local utility company. The Tree Commission assists the City in developing a comprehensive plan for the planting, maintenance, removal, and replacement of the City's trees. The Tree Commission meets the first Tuesday each month January through May than bimonthly July - September - November at 6pm at the Canton City Engineer's Office. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.



**Canton's Fourth  
Annual  
Arbor Day  
Celebration**

**Friday April 28, 2017**  
Canton Garden Center, Stadium Park



Presented By  
Canton City  
Canton Tree Commission  
Canton Parks & Recreation  
Canton Garden Center



## PROGRAM AGENDA

### **11:00 am**

Welcome – Tree Commission Chairperson, Maureen Austin

Arbor Day Proclamation – Mayor, Thomas M. Bernabei

### **11:20 am**

Dedication of Arbor Day tree Mayor Thomas M. Bernabei, Dan Moeglin City Engineer, Derek Gordon Park Director

### **11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Music by Michael George, a local musician who creates an atmosphere of love, peace and sunshine wherever he plays. Michael will be performing his own music as well as cover material.

### **11:30 am to 2:00 pm**

Activities include: crafts, refreshments, tree identifying, seedling giveaway, and Photo Contest voting.



“Tree Filigree of Snow”

2016 Arbor Day Photo Contest Winner

Pictured Above: Margie Blake's Tree Filigree of Snow photo won first place by popular vote.

## INTRODUCTION

### Arbor Day

Welcome to the City of Canton's fourth official Arbor Day celebration! Arbor Day is celebrated in communities and countries all over the world as a day to celebrate, plant, and care for trees. Our national Arbor Day is designated as the last Friday in April; however many states celebrate Arbor Day on different dates according to the best tree-planting times of the year. The first Arbor Day in America was promoted by J. Sterling Morton and celebrated in April 1872 when an estimated one million trees were planted in the state of Nebraska. One hundred years later, the Arbor Day Foundation ([www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org)) was founded to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that first Arbor Day. The organization encourages people to plant, celebrate, and nurture trees, and sponsors the Tree City USA program.



2016 Arbor Day Tree Dedication

Pictured left to right: Dick Drake, City Arborist; Derek Gordon, Park Director; Dan Moeglin, City Engineer; Maureen Austin, Tree Commission Chairman; Thomas M. Bernabei, Mayor

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### Canton Tree Commission

- Maureen Austin, Chairperson
- John Stone, Vice Chairperson
- Lois Ellis, Secretary
- Patricia Kirk, Member
- Remel Moore, Member
- William Bartos, Service Director, Exofficio Member
- Derek Gordon, Park Director, Exofficio Member
- Dan Moeglin, City Engineer, Exofficio Member
- Steve Wingerd, AEP Arborist, Exofficio Member
- Joseph Martuccio, Law Director, Technical Advisor
- Lola Lewis, ODNR Urban Forester, Technical Advisor
- Richard Drake, City Arborist, Technical Advisor

### Arbor Day Exhibitors

- Ohio Department Of Natural Resources (ODNR)
- Ohio Chapter of International Society Arboriculture (ISA)
- Canton City (Mayor, Parks & Recreation, Engineering)

### Arbor Day Contributors

- Bill Smuckler
- Dick Drake

*A Very Special Thanks to*

