

**Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens to Host ArborEarth Day Family Festival**

*Stamford Mayor David Martin to Lead Tree Planting Ceremony*

Stamford, CT – April 10, 2017 – The Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens, co-sponsors Bartlett Tree Experts and LaRocca’s Country Market, are proud to host the ArborEarth Day Family Festival in honor of Arbor Day and Earth Day on Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens, 151 Brookdale Road in Stamford. Admission is free.

At the event, Stamford Mayor David Martin will lead a Tree Planting Ceremony to commemorate the value of trees to our community. While enjoying Festival activities, attendees will also learn from Master Gardeners and organization staff how to care about and conserve earth’s resources.

Families will enjoy listening to music by Pierce Campbell; touring the Bartlett Arboretum’s garden and green house; viewing tree climbing, pruning and planting demonstrations and visiting our information booths and learning about gardening, nature, conservation and sustainability. Visitors can also bring their plants to our plant clinic to identify species or learn how to care for ailing plants. Special activities for children include touch a truck, storytelling, face painting, crafting, gardening, composting and more.

Festival participants will also have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of the newly launched book, *Images of Modern America, Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens*, at a special event price. The book, co-authored by S. Jane von Trapp, CEO, Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens, highlights the rich history of the Arboretum and showcases the award-winning trees, gardens, collections and volunteers who have helped this gem grow over the years.

“The Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens is a natural preserve like no other in southwestern New England,” says von Trapp. “As the original home of Dr. Frances Bartlett ‘the father of arboriculture,’ the Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens is the perfect location to welcome guests in celebration of Arbor Day and Earth Day. Festival-goers will enjoy an educational day as they observe, participate and learn about arboriculture and environmental stewardship.”

Event parking will be available for guests at The Church of the Holy Spirit on Scofieldtown Road in Stamford. Parking on Sunday, April 23, the Festival’s rain date, will be at the Scofield Middle School. Rain date information will be available on the Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens website at <http://www.bartlettarboretum.org/>.

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