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President's Letter

ReLeaf has had quite a year of celebrating our 20th Anniversary. We highlighted some of the events in the

Fall newsletter. I want to thank all of the Board members, Advisory Board members and members who have made this year so successful, and given of their time, talents, and treasure throughout the year. This Spring we celebrated our first Community Roots Day. We had over 100 volunteers come out to help plant 50 canopy trees and 1,000 tree seedlings along the South Tar River Greenway in February. This 3 and 1/2 mile new section of our Greenway will open on June 11th, will be a wonderful addition to our greenway system, and the trees we planted will certainly add to the beauty of this area as the years go by. Community Roots Day was another example of partnerships we form with other community resources. The Greenville Public Works Department played a major role in making this event happen, and organizations such as the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation, Tar River University Neighborhood Association, local Boy Scout troops, and Friends of Greenville Greenways (FROGGS) also participated, along with Board members and their families. Special thanks go to Kevin Heifferon at Public Works for coordinating the event with our Board and others. We look forward to our second Community Roots Day in February, 2012.

Our Annual Arbor Day Celebration was held on April 29, 2011 at the Greenville Christian Academy. This year we had seven winners of the ReLeaf Essay Contest on the importance of Urban Forests. This is the largest number of essay winners we have honored, but the essays this year were the best I have ever heard. The students who participated really gave special thought to the importance of our environment and the role that trees play in cleaning the air, protecting the watershed, providing habitat, and their economic impact. Thanks go to Charles Ward and Nell Garner



Inez Fridley and the chair of the CAC

for heading up this event, and I urge you to visit our web site, and enjoy the photographs of the tree planting and the essay winners. As usual, we planted a tree on the grounds of the Greenville Christian Academy, and Public Works gave a wonderful demonstration of the new hybrid bucket truck that the City uses for trimming. This new truck helps the environment by allowing the operators to switch to battery power rather than diesel fuel to operate the truck boom, thereby reducing air pollution. This new equipment is a great addition by the City of Greenville.

As I come to the end of this year, I want to say special thanks to all of our Board members, but especially to those members who will not be returning next year. These folks have given their heart and souls to ReLeaf, and we are truly going to miss them. Ann Bellis has chaired our Projects Committee for several years, she has been very involved in planning and organizing our membership event in the past years, and has always been a conscientious board member in every way. Ann Riggs has been our Treasurer for a number of years, and always prepares responsible financial documents for the boards review. She has also kept the records for our Commemorative Tree program, and made sure donors and recipients were

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Winners of the ReLeaf essay contest: Abelson Abueg, Caleb Benson, Erin Crawford, Trevon Hardee, Aaron Joyner, James Perry Morgan, and Taylor Perkinson help plant a tree

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thanked and notified in a timely manner. June Graves has offered her skills as a CPA to ensure that our financial documents meet all tax requirements and are filed appropriately for a non-profit. Cori Hines has handled publicity and press opportunities for us, and we have benefited from the exposure. I want to thank all of these dedicated people for offering their time and expertise for many years. I know that ReLeaf can count on them in the future. Now, can we count on some of you for the same help and support? Please think seriously about offering your service to ReLeaf as a board member. We could really use your help. I look forward to seeing many of you at our membership Wine and Cheese in the Fall, and until then, have a wonderful summer.—Inez Fridley



ReLeaf President, Inez Fridley, speaks at Arbor Day 2011

Proper Planting Techniques

Plant material is available from nurseries and garden centers grown under a variety of production methods. Examples of these methods include: bare-root, balled and burlapped, and container grown. Bare-root plants are the most economical. They are less expensive due to the ease of harvesting, handling, storage, and shipping. Bare-root plants should be planted only while they are completely dormant (from mid-November to late February). Make sure to remove any damaged roots by pruning before you plant. Many people plant fruit trees during the winter that are sold bare-root. Many large landscape plants are grown and harvested balled and burlapped (B&B). The main advantage of B&B plants is that you can match the soil type to your yard. The main disadvantage is that up to 95 % of the roots can be lost during digging of these plants. B&B plant materials are best planted during the dormant season when water loss is low although there are some exceptions (certain crapemyrtles and special treatments for summer digging). The most important element for success is water. Give these and all newly transplanted trees and shrubs at least one inch of water a week during the first year. If this water is not supplied by rain you can supply this by applying 5 gallons of water per square yard of bed area. Container grown plants have the advantage of retaining their entire root system when transplanted. Plants are grown in a soilless substance like ground pine bark. Container plants can be planted year around. The number one problem with container plants is they can become root bound. Root bound plants have roots encircling the container. This condition must be corrected at planting to

prevent poor plant performance. The solution is to make 4-5 one-inch deep vertical cuts around the outside surface of the root ball. This will cause roots to branch at that point and prevent further circling. You may also want to loosen the root ball with your hands so more root surface area can come into contact with native soil. Selection of plant size is usually limited by cost. This is not always bad. Research has shown that smaller plants have greater survival and establish faster than large plants. If you want an instant landscape effect, plant larger material, but realize that transplant stress increases with plant size (for bare root and B&B plants). If you can't afford larger plants, but still want an instant landscape, resist planting smaller plants close together. In fact, no matter what size plant you are planting, mature size should be known and space accordingly. Plants should never be handled by the trunk, but by the root ball or container. If plants are to be stored on your site before planting, make sure the roots are protected from freezing temperatures and drying. Proper planting techniques can prolong plant life. Avoid the "plop it in a socket" technique. When soils are compacted and difficult to dig in, many times the planting hole is dug just large enough to plug plants in the soil. It is these situations where the most soil preparation is required. If individual holes are dug versus preparing an entire planning bed, make sure that the holes are dug at least 2-3 times as wide as the root ball (the larger the area the better) and no deeper than the depth of the root ball. The worst thing you can do for you plants is to place them too deep in the soil. If you error on the planting depth it is better to do so an inch or two shallow. Mulch should lightly cover the top of the root ball and not be piled against the trunk. Always remove containers, cut and fold down wire baskets and burlap, and remove any string when planting. Add soil back around the plant and lightly tamp it until the hole is 2/3 full. Next water the plant in and let the water drain to remove any air pockets. Then add the remaining soil and water again. After planting, add a 2 to 3 inch deep layer of mulch to the surface to conserve moisture and discourage weeds but keep the mulch away from the trunk. For more information on planting techniques call the Extension Master Gardeners Volunteers at 902-1705 or email questions to pittcomgv@hotmail.com. You can find more gardening information online at <http://pitt.ces.ncsu.edu>, www.pittcountyarboretum.blogspot.com, or by searching Pitt County Gardening facebook. If you would like to get some hands on experience planting trees and help out the community, then come out to the Community Tree Day on Saturday, February 12th from 9am to 12pm at the end of Ash Street by the City of Greenville Dog Park. This tree planting event is sponsored by ReLeaf Inc. and the City of Greenville. We will be planting 50 large canopy trees and 1000 tree seedlings adjacent to the South Tar River Greenway. Contact Kevin Heifferon with the City of Greenville for more information at 329-4531 or e-mail kheifferon@greenvillenc.gov.

Commemorative Tree Recipients 2011

In Memory

Elizabeth Wells Honeycutt
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Mary Holt Faircloth
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Lee Stephenson
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Lynndale Garden Club
Don English
Robert and Barbara Sutton
Rusty and Patsy Duke

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Type of Membership

- Under \$50 Acorn Fund donation* \$50 Elm Level \$100 Maple Level
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Make your tax-deductible check payable to ReLeaf, Inc., and mail it along with this form to ReLeaf, P.O. Box 4072, Greenville, NC 27836-2072. *Full membership is available at the Elm Level and above.

Commemorative Tree Registration Form

Consider giving a tree this holiday season. For \$100 per tree, you can honor a friend or loved one for the holidays while contributing to the beauty and health of our community. It's a gift that lasts through the years. To contribute to ReLeaf's Commemorative Tree Program, please type or print the name of the person to be honored or remembered in the space below. Note that there is a limit of 30 letters per plaque with a maximum of two persons listed per plaque.

Person(s) to Notify

Name _____	Name _____	Your Name _____
Address: _____	Address: _____	Address: _____
City _____	City _____	City/St/Zip _____
St/Zip _____	St/Zip _____	Telephone _____

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