

TPO News, Events and Opportunities



Upcoming Events

June 18 **at 10:00 a.m.** - Regular Monthly Meeting at Middleton Park next to Town Hall. Seating is limited please bring a chair if you are able.

Thank You to Penderlea Farms

It sounded too good to be true when Isabelle Shepherd, Executive Director of the Cape Fear Tree Alliance contacted us to advise that Penderlea Farms had a surplus of magnificent 25 gallon Live Oaks and would donate them to government entities or non-profits, but it was not. Penderlea Farms is where the Town gets their trees for ROW planting and we had just met them at our Arbor Day celebration. We knew that they hand select acorns from magnificent Southeast North Carolina. Several of us were able to coordinate advertising, and pick up and delivery of 52 trees to Tree Peace members for a \$100 donation. Twenty seven tree lovers joined our little group to take advantage of the opportunity. We hope they will become long-term members.

Thank you to Heath and Paula Byerly, David Sonnenfeld, David Merkle, Chris Riegert, Eileene Soderberg, and Sue and Phil Dudley for making this opportunity a reality. We got donations for achieving our number one goal and new members too!

Oak Tree Burrs



If you see these burrs on your oaks they are nothing to be concerned with. These burrs are typically caused by the leafy oak gall wasp and are benign to the tree.

About Us

Tree Peace OKI is a 509 (a) (2) non profit incorporated in the State of North Carolina dedicated to promoting and educating about the value of trees to Oak Island, NC. We may endeavor to influence legislation for that purpose but we may not support any candidates or political parties.

Contact us

We meet the third Wednesday every month at 10:00 a.m. Message us on our Tree Peace OKI Facebook page.

Our Officers

Phil Dudley, President

Paula Byerly, Vice President

Eileen Soderberg, Treasurer

David Merkle, Secretary

Join or Donate to Tree Peace OKI

at treepeaceoki.org

A one year membership is only \$20

The Miyawaki Method

Trees competing for space grow faster

First attempted in an urban reforestation project in Nagasaki Japan in the 1970's the Miyawaki method has shown that biodiverse plants native to the area planted in close proximity will compete for sunlight and grow far faster. The method has been employed in Japan, Chile, Jordan, Mexico, India and Brazil and they claim that the equivalent of a 100 year old natural forest can be grown in 15 to 30 years.

Here on Oak Island you can observe many large trees growing in close proximity. They compete with one another but also support one another with a broader base in our sandy soil as the roots knit together underground. Likewise the foliage of trees in close proximity protect one another here where the wind can blow from all compass points.

In THE NATURE OF OAKS author Douglas Tallamy similarly recommends planting copse of trees in close proximity concluding that 'these are not unnaturally tight spacings in our forest - just in our minds.'

Go to crowdforesting.org for more information on the Miyawaki method.

The Tree Movers



Adopted Trees and Happy Tree Peace Members

