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THE PERFECT TIME TO GIVE

Tuesday Nov. 30 is Giving Tuesday, which means that if you donate \$20 or more online through our website at mapleleavesforever.ca/donate/, CanadaHelps will add an extra \$2 to your donation!

**Winter Update from our Executive Director,
Deb Pella Keen**



recognized by the Canadian Museum of Nature with the **"Inspiring Nature" Lifetime Achievement Award**. We joined the museum's "virtual gala" live from the new office of Forests Ontario in Barrie, Ontario. Congratulations Ken on your vision and work to ensure only native Canadian maples are planted across the rural landscape of Ontario.

2021 was a very successful year for Maple Leaves Forever as we continued to advocate for the native maple! We **commissioned an article about the historic roadside plantings of maple** by Terry Schwan (linked below) and presented to the Aurora Community Arboretum about our goals.

We also continue to support programs that are important to our mandate. This year we supported the planting of over **1600 native maples** along roadways and laneways across rural southern Ontario! Thank you to all who participated in the program and are caring for those trees as part of our unique cultural landscape.

New this year was our support of the **One Bench One Tree (1B1T)** project that aims to place a bench and plant a tree to shade the bench as a thank you to front-line workers and other healthcare staff during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, MLF has provided four native Canadian maples to shade these respite benches placed at Sunny Book Hospital, Hamilton General, Victoria Hospital (London) and Guelph General Hospitals.



November 30, 2021 is #GivingTuesday where charities across the world are encouraging you to help support their cause with donations. We hope you will consider Maple Leaves Forever as you decide what charity to support. Every **[donation to MLF](#)** helps support our work to ensure only native Canadian maples are planted across Ontario.

If you are unable to help us this year with a donation, please help spread the word to your friends and family! Follow us on **[Twitter @MLeavesForever](#)**, **[Instagram @mapleleaves4ever](#)** or **[Facebook @MapleLeavesForever](#)**.

Thank you and we wish you good health and good growing conditions for trees in 2022!

- Deb Pella Keen on behalf of the Maple Leaves Forever Team

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News & Events

MLF and the Museum of Nature celebrate Ken Jewett



Video from the Canadian Museum of Nature
about Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Ken Jewett



Members of the Maple Leaves Forever family gathered in Barrie recently to celebrate our founder, Ken Jewett, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Museum of Nature during a virtual ceremony.
Congratulations Ken!!

175 Native Maples Trees in Trenton A Living Memorial to Fallen Soldiers



Maple Leaves Forever supported the planting of 175 native maple trees at the home of Trenton's Afghanistan Repatriation Memorial. The trees were planted both to honour 175 of our fallen service members and to commemorate the 175th anniversary of St. George's Anglican Church.

On November 4th, 2021, in the days leading up to Remembrance Day, there was a special dedication ceremony to commemorate the addition of these memorial trees at this prominent community green space. The project was a joint effort of [Highway of Heroes](#) and [Maple Leaves Forever](#).

[Read more on our blog](#)

History of Roadside Tree Planting in Ontario

by Terry Schwan



Maple Leaves Forever was proud to sponsor a detailed history of roadside tree planting in Ontario, researched and written by **Terry Schwan, R.P.F.** The full essay is now available on our website as a PDF, and in a series of three blog posts.

Terry Schwan is a semi-retired forest consultant. Born in Hanover, he served as District Forester in Guelph for the Ministry of Natural Resources for 17 years. One of his current

Maple Leaves Forever thanks Terry warmly for this detailed and informative essay.

[Download the Paper in PDF](#)

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Maple Care & Planting

Remove LDD Moth egg masses to reduce next year's infestations

How to: Scrape European Gypsy Moth Egg Masses



EGM eggs are tan-coloured and can be found on tree trunks, bark, or other hard surfaces. Egg masses are about 4 cm and contain 100-1,000 eggs.

- Use a scraper (i.e. a butter knife or paint scraper) to carefully remove the masses off of tree trunks, branches, and outdoor equipment throughout all seasons into a container
- After removal, dispose of masses in a bucket of dish soap and water mixture
- Leave eggs in water for 48 hours then dispose



Karla Saip, Washington State Department of Agriculture, Bugwood.org

Egg masses may be located high in the tree, always take caution if scraping from a ladder and wear gloves and protective glasses.

This year has again seen a rise in the number of *Lymantria dispar dispar* or LDD moths (also known as European Gypsy Moths) and LDD caterpillars, which affect native maple trees as well as other species. In areas with severe outbreaks, “trees and shrubs are completely defoliated over large areas; despite the trees’ ability to

One effective way to reduce the spread of this invasive pest is to **collect and destroy their egg masses** before they hatch.

After leaves fall is a good time to inspect for egg masses, scrape them from your trees and soak them in soapy water for 48 hours, to reduce chances of infestation next year – this can be done any time from August through the fall and winter to mid-April.

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LDD Moth Webinar Coming up this Wednesday!

If you are concerned about LDD moth and its impact on our forests, check out this upcoming webinar this **Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 7pm.**

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The LDD (gypsy) Moth A review of our 2021 experience, and a look forward to 2022

Date: Wednesday, December 1st, 2021

Time: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. (followed by a moderated discussion)



Photo: Eric Boysen

Agenda and Speakers:

1. An introduction to the pest and its impact, and getting ready for 2022

Eric Boysen, woodlot owner / forester, Maberly

2. A forester's perspective on LDD management in oak woodlands

Fraser Smith R.P.F., Consulting forester, Peterborough

3. Dealing with LDD issues in an urban environment.

Jason Pollard R.P.F., Section Manager Forestry Services, City of Ottawa

4. Aerial spraying to combat LDD - background and planning considerations

Paul Zimmer, President, Zimmer Air Services, Blenheim

Platform: Zoom Webinar

Registrants will be provided with a Zoom Webinar link a few days before Dec. 1st

The Early Detection & Rapid Response (EDRR) Network Ontario is a community action project coordinated by the Invasive Species Centre in collaboration with the Eastern Ontario Model Forest and the Ontario Invasive Plant Council. This project aims to train and equip volunteers with the skills and resources needed to better detect and reduce invasive species in Ontario, one community at a time.

This project is funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

As your beautiful native maples drop their leaves and their branching structure becomes more evident, you may be tempted to perform some winter pruning. Generally, for deciduous trees, this would be the ideal time. When the trees lay dormant and the branches are more easily visible, it is very practical to perform the removal of dead, dying or interfering limbs. **For maples, any pruning or wounds created during this period may cause an excessive loss of sap known as ‘bleeding’.**



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MAPLE PLANTING AND TREE CARE CALENDAR

Late November – December

- monitor for tree damage or stress (snow load, ice damage, vandalism and rodent or deer browsing).
- prune only to remove dead, cracked or broken branches.

January - February

- monitor for tree damage or stress
- [check for gypsy moth egg masses and remove them](#)
- [prepare planting plans](#) for upcoming year
- place order for Native Maples from [nursery](#) as early as possible (You may be disappointed if you delay doing this now)

Native Maples should **not be pruned** during the late winter through spring season. Bleeding (loss of sap from pruning wounds) can be excessive when maple trees are pruned during this time. Wait until the leaves have fully formed in mid-summer. Light [pruning](#) can also be done in fall.

March

- monitor trees for over-winter damage and repair as needed.
- finalize [planting plans](#)
- contact nursery to arrange for tree pick up or delivery
- [Apply for your Thank You Rebate](#) from Maple Leaves Forever (spring application deadline is May 15 - but you will get better selection if you apply and order your trees early!)

[View our online MAPLE CARE CALENDAR](#)

for more details, year-round maple care & planting advice



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TRADE SHOW - IN-PERSON EVENT >

JANUARY 18, 19, & 20, 2022

CONFERENCE - VIRTUAL EVENT >

Maple Leaves Forever will be attending Landscape Ontario's 2022 "Redefined" Congress Tradeshow January 11 - 13, 2022. Look for our red polo shirts as we connect with nurseries and industry contacts.

You can get tickets to attend the hybrid live and virtual event at congressredefined.com

Interested in Joining our Nursery Partner Program?

We are pleased to announce an exciting new program for aspiring nursery partners. The new Trial Partnership Program has launched and we are looking forward to hearing from you! Is your nursery passionate about growing and promoting the use of our native maples? Do you share our vision of Ontario's rural roads and laneways exploding with beauty and fall colour?

[Reach out to us](#) and let's start this conversation.

We can't wait to grow with you!

FIND OUT MORE CONTACT US



HOW CAN YOU HELP? TELL A FRIEND!

If you recently received our Thank You Rebate, or you find our tree care information helpful – please share this email with your contacts!

SHARE YOUR MAPLE PHOTOS – We love seeing photos and stories about your maple plantings – please email them to

info@mapleleavesforever.ca.

Why did I get this?

We've put together this email news list to inform, update and remind our subsidy applicants, nursery partners, and anyone else who might be interested about our activities and encourage the planting and ongoing care of more native maples in rural Ontario!

We only send 3 or 4 emails a year. You can [unsubscribe](#) from these mailings at any time. No hard feelings.

Feel free to share and forward MLF News to your friends and neighbours - and encourage them to plant native Canadian maples too!

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