

## Did You Know for February

Did you know that up to 100 trees on campus have been labelled with tree genus and species plus the name of a 25-year employee? This was the brain-child of Tom Martin, head of grounds Wenatchee campus, as a way to honor long-time employees and raise awareness about the diversity of trees on campus. A multitude of well-managed trees on campus offers many benefits for the college and our community, by providing shade, wind breaks, natural beauty, and the storage of carbon out of the atmosphere to fight climate change.

WVC is a certified Tree Campus through the National Arbor Day Foundation. Our goals are to effectively manage campus trees, connect with the surrounding community to foster healthy urban forests, and engage students with service-learning opportunities centered on caring for trees. This year's service-learning project will focus on planting native varieties either on campus or in the community. Native tree varieties are well suited to our arid climate and soil conditions and once established, they require less watering.

Our community partner Cascadia Conservation District is hosting a series of free [Native Planting Workshops](#) each Monday evening in March and we hope that students and staff will register to learn more. In the first workshop, one of our Tree Campus Committee members, Betsy Dudash, who is a landscape horticulturalist will teach us how to design and build a native plant palette (of trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses) based on site conditions and personal preferences. Check out the rest of the series [here](#).

At Wenatchee Valley College, we recognize that our trees are not only highly valuable assets but in fact they are living treasures that enhance the well-being of students, faculty, staff and the greater Wenatchee community. Trees create a more sustainable environment for all to enjoy!