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# Green Works

Newsletter of Tree Preservation, Forestry and Land Enhancement



Hasn't this season been one of glorious bounty? Everyone I speak with—from the local dairy farmers, to produce growers at the local markets, to my flower and herb gardening wife—is as pleased as can be with the growth we have experienced this year. Our allée\* of Sugar maples, planted three years ago, have grown more than two feet in the past six months!

Our company family tree is also branching out: in the last 12 months five babies have been born to our Chippers employees, and three more are expected before the end of 2007. We are proud to provide employment opportunities in northern New England that help to sustain and nourish families.

—Will Russell

\*allée: *a lane or path lined with trees or shrubs*

## SAVING HEALTHY SPECIMENS:

### Relocating Mature Shrubs and Trees

There are a number of reasons why a home owner will decide to move a valuable mature tree or shrub or bring a mature tree or shrub from a nursery or other location into a landscape rather than plant a sapling or smaller shrub. Impending home improvement plans may make it necessary and desirable to move a beautiful landscape specimen in order create space for a new building addition, roadway expansion or other construction.

Additionally, one might need to find another home for a large, healthy shade tree due to yard-size limitations, or to increase the sun-light and/or views that are being blocked from a dwelling. Or perhaps

*"If I knew I should  
die tomorrow I would  
plant a tree today."*

—STEPHEN GIRARD

there is the desire to enhance the design of the landscape by placing trees in a very particular, new location. And very often moving a struggling specimen to a site better suited to its needs will improve the quality and health of the tree or shrub.

One of the most attractive reasons to relocate mature trees or shrubs is to reduce by years the time it takes waiting to enjoy the shade, blooms and visual maturity that an established landscape provides. Along with improving the aesthetics of your property, another positive attribute of mature trees and shrubs is that they are reputed to represent between 10-25% of the value of your home, thus a property's value is immediately increased.

#### HEALTHY RELOCATION REQUIRES PROFESSIONAL ATTENTION

While planting small trees and shrubs is something most homeowners can undertake themselves (see our Spring 2007 edition of *Green Works* for more information), large tree and shrub relocation is best left to professionals. Our arborist team operates a truck-mounted hydraulic tree spade that uses triangular blades to dig enough root mass to transplant established hardwoods with a 7" diameter and softwoods up to 10" in diameter. Transplanted trees in this size range have very good survival rates when properly dug, transported and planted, and when before and after care procedures are closely followed.

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## WANTED

We are looking for sources of high quality, locally grown evergreen trees and hedging, particularly native grown hemlock, with up to a 10" trunk diameter.

Please call Jason Eaton at (802) 457-5100 or email [trees@chippersinc.com](mailto:trees@chippersinc.com) with any information.



### Think Like a Tree

Soak up the sun  
Affirm life's magic  
Be graceful in the wind  
Stand tall after a storm  
Feel refreshed after it rains  
Grow strong without notice  
Be prepared for each season  
Provide shelter to strangers  
Hang tough through a cold spell  
Emerge renewed  
at the first signs of spring  
Stay deeply rooted  
while reaching for the sky  
Be still long enough  
to hear your own leaves rustling.

—Karen I. Shragg

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The first consideration in the process is evaluating a landscape specimen's capacity to be transplanted. Survival is based on species, size, health, and habitat, both former and future. A professional arborist can help evaluate whether or not your conditions are suitable for this type of transplanting. Adequate before care of a transplant candidate may include root pruning (ideally beginning a year before the move) and heavy watering (beginning a few days before), depending on the situation.

Each planting or transplanting requires the tree spade operator to first remove a soil plug from your yard. Soil type, quality, and amendments, as well as planting depth and drainage, will be several of the many factors to be considered at this stage of the process, and our arborists try to duplicate the original living conditions of the specimen as closely as possible, therefore reducing stress on the tree or shrub.

#### TRANSPLANTS NEED INTENSIVE AFTERCARE

After the planting has been completed, the after care begins: staking, watering and mulching are critical factors to the success of the transplant, and each situation will require careful evaluation, planning and execution. Though the process is not without risk, the key to ensuring the greatest probability of success is to hire an experienced large tree and shrub mover with the right equipment and the transplanting know-how.




We recently relocated this 6" Littleleaf Linden, *Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire' to a new home, with the aid of our specialized tree spade. Following transplant recovery, this tree should eventually mature to 60' in height.

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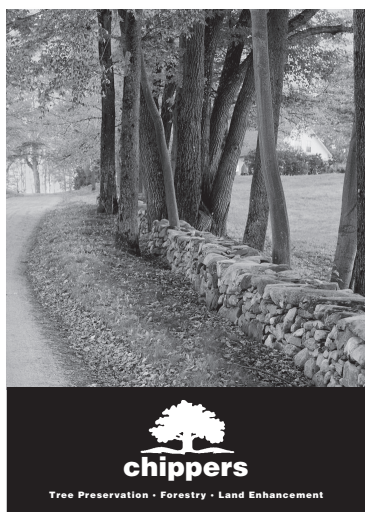
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## Chippers Chatter



*Our growing family tree: (left to right) Sara & Caden Smith; Lisa & Liam Murphy; Renee & Sam Liebert; Matt & Heidi Hewes; Joel & Trea Rowland.*



### **Our corporate image video “chippers,”**

directed and produced by Charlie Rattigan of the Company for Home Entertainment, was recently honored with a coveted 2007 Bronze Telly Award. The production featuring our company was recognized for creative excellence and outstanding achievement. For the past 28 years the Telly Awards have showcased the best work of the most respected ad agencies, production companies, TV stations, cable companies and corporate video departments in the world.

*Please call or email  
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if you would like a complimentary copy.*

## MEET A CHIPPER



**Alex Sherman** of Sharon is one of our talented ISA Certified Arborists and Assistant Forester based in our Woodstock location. His New England roots are strong, growing up in East Providence and Barrington, Rhode Island, attending the University of NH (earning a BS in Forestry), and now living in Vermont.

Alex also spent two years out west in Arizona and Colorado working with a forestry contractor and the City of Fort Collins Forestry Division learning the forestry technician trade and developing his arboricultural skills in nursery maintenance, clearance pruning and tree spading. He and his girlfriend, Gina Pasquantonio, returned East two years ago for her to attend the VT Law School in Royalton.

Alex's career choices with trees first developed during a high school internship with a Rhode Island State Forester. He finds the combination of indoor tasks (e.g. writing forestry management plans for current use) and his love for the outdoors well matched in his position with us. In his free time he enjoys playing the guitar, hiking, snow boarding and visiting his parents (and the beach!) who now live in Narragansett, Rhode Island.

## Plant Profile:

### **Peegee Hydrangea**

*Hydrangea peniculata* ‘Grandiflora’

**Hardiness zone:** 3b-9

**Light:** Sun or partial shade

**Size:** Can reach up to 10'

**Habit:** Small, single stemmed tree or multi-stemmed large shrub

**Bloom:** Mid summer – late fall

*Often grown as a small tree, this plant flowers with tight heads of sterile white florets that turn pink and then brown with age. Very cold hearty and disease resistant—a northern New England classic!*





## Fall/Winter Check List

- ☐ Rake leaves from below trees affected by leaf blights
- ☐ Apply protective mulch
- ☐ Perform deep fall watering
- ☐ Apply anti-desiccant spraying
- ☐ Plant and transplant; divide spring blooming perennials
- ☐ Schedule professional inspection of trees
- ☐ Rake leaves off lawns and apply lime; thatch, aerate and overseed
- ☐ Protect sun & wind sensitive shrubs, particularly roses
- ☐ Plan deer protection
- ☐ Contact us in early 2008 about establishing a preventative IPM program
- ☐ Prune fruit trees in late winter

## WINTER IS COMING...

Arranging for one of our certified arborists to perform a prevention audit now may protect your property from unnecessary storm damage.

Some of our recommendations might include: removing dead and damaged limbs, cabling and/or bracing, and sweeping heavy snow from trees and shrubs following storms.

*“A solitary maple on a woodside flames in single scarlet, recalling nothing so much as the daughter of a noble house dressed for a fancy ball, with the whole family gathered round to admire her before she goes.”*

—HENRY JAMES (1843-1916)



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