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Champion Coast Redwood Tree Clones to be Gifted at the Oregon State Capitol

The non-profit Archangel Ancient Tree Archive will give 100 exact genetic duplicates of some of the largest and oldest champion coast redwood trees in the world to the people of Oregon at a special ceremony on April 13th at 11:00am in the Senate and House Chambers.

The gifting is in partnership with the Port Orford Rotary Club to include full integration with the upcoming Rotary International 2017-18 theme Rotary: Making A Difference.

State Representative David Brock Smith (R- Port Orford) will give a tree to each member of the House of Representatives and the office of the Chief Clerk. State Senator Jeff Kruse (R-Roseburg) will give a tree to each member of the Senate and the office of the Secretary of the Senate. A tree will also be given to the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer and the Attorney General.

“I have been involved with the work of Archangel Ancient Tree Archive for a number of years and appreciate their efforts in preserving these magnificent species in Oregon. It is an honor to share this work and these incredible young giants with my colleagues in the State Legislature and the people of Oregon”, said Rep. David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford). “The trees are gifted to every House and Senate District in Oregon as well as to the statewide elected officials. Members can work with organizations in their communities to find a viable location where these treasures can be enjoyed for millennia. Members whose District are outside of the growing region can donate their tree to a Members District who is inside of the growing region,” he said.

The mission of Archangel Ancient Tree Archive is to propagate the world’s most important old growth trees before they are gone, archive the genetics of ancient trees in living libraries around the world for the future, and reforest the Earth with the offspring of these trees to provide the myriad of beneficial ecosystem services essential for all life forms to thrive.

Archangel Ancient Tree Archive has used funds donated from hundreds of private individuals to finance champion coast redwood tree production for plantings to further preserve the genetics of the largest and oldest living organisms on earth in an effort to assist with the migration of these incredible species. Co-sponsored by the Rare Tree Reserve, Wild Rivers Coast Alliance, and the Arthur Sherman Davidson Family, expanded plantings are occurring at numerous private and

public property locations up and down the Oregon coast, including Ocean Mountain Ranch, site of the World's First Planting of a Champion Redwood & Sequoia Forest located in the headwaters of the Port Orford Community Stewardship Area in Curry County, Oregon. Among the dozens of unique individual tree clones to be planted in Oregon will be a duplicate of the Fieldbrook coast redwood tree - a giant cut down over 100 years ago which measured 32.5 feet in trunk diameter and would surpass the General Sherman Sequoia as the largest tree on Earth.

Rep. Brock Smith represents House District 1, which includes Coos, Curry, Douglas and Josephine counties.

This press release and an archive of previous press release issued by Rep. Brock Smith's office are available on the web at: www.oregonlegislature.gov/smithd.

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