

Lynnfield Tree Committee Kicks Off Town-wide Tree Photo Contest

Lynnfield photographers of all ages are invited to participate in the Tree Committee's first photo contest "Lynnfield Through the Lens". Throughout the month of October, submit your best photos depicting Lynnfield trees for the chance to win a tree and have your work matted and prominently displayed in the Lynnfield Library for two months! Applicants can submit up to a total of three photographs and choose from six categories: *Fall Foliage*, *Best Bark*, *Abstract*, *From My Yard*, *Age Under 12*, and *Age 12 – 18*. To submit your photo, please visit the town's website, www.town.lynnfield.ma.us, to access a form indicating your contact information and choice of categories. Then upload your photograph (preferably in jpeg form and high resolution) between October 1st and October 28th. Prints can also be submitted to us at the Conservation Commission office at Town Hall provided they are no larger than 11"x14". Winners will be contacted personally and awarded their prize trees in a celebration on the Town Commons Saturday November 3rd at 10 a.m.

Take a closer look at the trees we have around us and capture them in a photograph. With *Fall Foliage* peeking in the month of October, one of our native maple trees may present a great subject. Or focus on the tree's bark, its main protective layer which varies as a tree ages. Is there a tree in your own yard that is special to you? Or do you see trees from different angles and wish to submit an abstract depiction? For Under 12 or ages 12 – 18, show us your favorite trees of any subject. All Lynnfield residents are encouraged to share talents in this contest for the chance to win a grand prize Tree!

To help applicants with their photography skills for *Lynnfield Through the Lens*, the Tree Committee is providing a free educational event on Tuesday October 9th from 7:00 – 8:00 PM at the Meeting House when well known nature photographer Jake Mosser III, HonPSA, HonNEC will present "Photographing Nature – Trees in Focus". Mosser is a serious amateur photographer who in his own words "has been obsessed with photography for the past 30 years". Jake will use live narration to accompany his projection of tree images interspersed with details of leaves, bark, roots, woodland patterns and forest habitats including woodland animals and birds. Light Refreshments will be served starting at 6:30 PM. Please join the Tree Committee in this special presentation of "Trees", a collection of images for tree lovers and photographers, and please submit your photographs!

Questions? Please contact the Lynnfield Conservation Commission at 781-334-9495.