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**(Neb.)-Chadron State Volunteers To Learn About Tree Planting And Pruning**



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(CHADRON)-Trees start out small, but they can take over a yard in just a few years. A well-placed shade tree can save about \$250 a year on home heating and cooling costs. Area residents are invited to drop by the Chadron State College campus to volunteer their time and in exchange receive hands-on mini-lessons regarding tree placement and care. Volunteers will meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon, starting at the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, 1000 Main Street, on Saturday, March 23rd. The mini-lessons will begin at 9:00 a.m., and then volunteers will help plant and prune young trees on campus.

The mini-lessons cover how to locate a good planting site in a landscape, how to plant right so the tree can last for decades, and tips on structural pruning to create strong growth. CSC horticulturist Lucinda Mays says, "This is the time of year to prune most trees, and there are some important rules to follow to ensure results that will help keep trees healthy and meet tree owners' desires."

Families with children are always welcome, and the workday is another great opportunity for kids and parents to get involved. Dress for the weather.

The Campus Arboretum Volunteers host learn and work days on campus about every 6-8 weeks. The 2013 calendar features elements of design relating to tree pruning and planting, plant placement in the spring, and dirt work in the fall. The events are held on Saturdays from 9:00 to noon and begin at the Sandoz Center on the CSC campus. All ages and experience levels are encouraged to join the group.

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