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Winter Park Land Trust Tree Committee and Mead Botanical Garden to Host: “Tree Time”- Green Up Winter Park

The WP Land Trust Tree Committee and Mead Botanical Garden (MBG) invite you to join us on Thursday, October 17, 2024, from 5:15-7:30 as we sip and stroll on a guided tour of 28 tree species desirable for Florida yards, followed by an interactive panel discussion with local policy and botanical experts on ways to “green up” Winter Park. Enjoy Yaupon Tea tasting provided by Rise Yaupon, plus wine and lite bites, as you learn about selection, planting and care tips for your own residential landscape. This event is free and open to the public.

With 47 acres in the heart of Winter Park, MBG provides visitors with a unique opportunity to interact with nature in a way rarely experienced in an urban setting. MBG volunteers will serve as guides on our “Tree Time” tours with experts posted at major locations. Tours will be conducted between 5:15-6:15. Participants will learn about the unique characteristics of each tree; the type of soil, moisture level and light conditions it prefers, as well as the wildlife it supports.

The panel will begin at 6:30 p.m. The panel moderator is Dr. Leslie Poole, author and assistant professor of environmental studies at Rollins College. Panelists are Mayor of Winter Park, Sheila Deciccio; Josh Nye, certified arborist and Parks Service Manager within Winter Park’s Urban Forestry Division; and Catherine Bowman, botanist, ecologist, and past state president of Florida Native Plant Society. The discussion will focus on the challenges facing urban areas as they strive to protect/expand their tree canopies and green spaces. Participants are encouraged to bring their questions and ideas.

Please join us for what promises to be an evening filled with information, interaction with nature and rousing discussion applicable to all Central Florida residents.

“Tree Time” is sponsored by Winter Park Land Trust and Mead Botanical Garden, both non-profit, independent 501(c)(3) organizations. The Land Trust’s mission is to plan, finance and manage the acquisition of lands and interests to be used for the creation, expansion and improvement of parkland and green space within and adjacent to Winter Park. MBG Inc. partners with the City of Winter Park to program, improve and care for Mead Botanical Garden.