



The Wonder of Trees Shared by People in Many Lands

Vibrant colours continue to lure people to many parts of Ontario to enjoy autumn's wondrous carpet of trees. Protection of these trees remains a priority for many. Their allure may afford some protection.

Storytelling is another way to promote heritage tree protection. Norma Lundberg, a member of the Ontario Heritage Tree Alliance, says "that there might be a link between the recognition and preservation of heritage trees and the act of storytelling ~ these trees have stories that need to be passed on. Telling stories about these trees could bring them into people's imaginations in a way that might further their awareness of the trees as living beings with a tale to tell". She is working towards including this topic in the Toronto Storytelling Festival in the future.

A Forest of Stories ~ Magical Tree Tales from Around the World ** is "not only a portrait of seven unique trees but it is a celebration of all the trees growing in the world". Stories retold by Rina Singh and illustrated by Helen Cann tell of the Cypress Tree (Chinese), the Kapok Tree (Guatemalan), the Chestnut Tree (Japanese), the Cherry Blossom Tree (Indian), the Palm Tree (Nigerian), the Fig Tree (Jewish) and the Pomegranate Tree (Moroccan). This book entertains both children and adults as well. (**Published by Barefoot Books, 2003)