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FGSA's Monthly Newsletter



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Happy Spooky Season!

It's that time of year when the colours of fall begin to appear and Halloween is just around the corner. We hope you've had a wonderful start to the semester and we hope to see you on campus for our upcoming events!

Upcoming Events



FGSA Morning Coffee

Come by the Forestry building, second-floor lounge every Monday from 9-10am for a cup of coffee or tea to start of your week! We'd love to see you there!



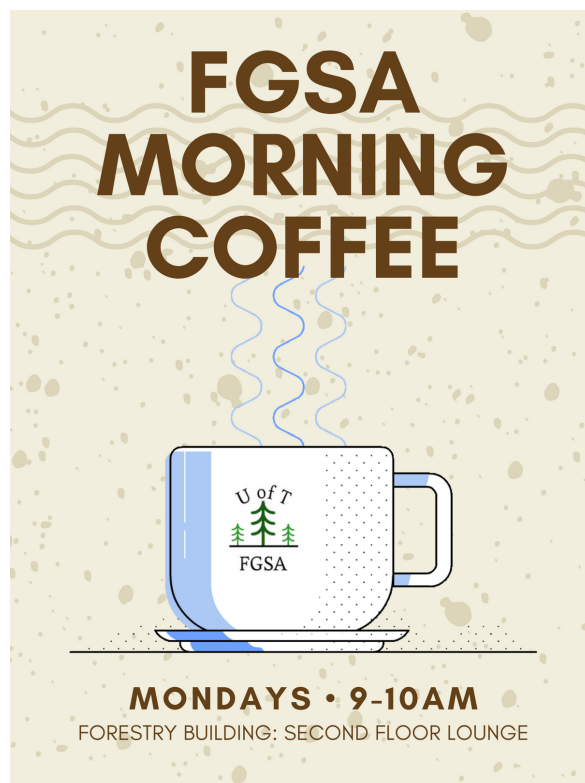
Sports League

This semester, the FGSA is hosting a Forestry Sports League! Every Thursday/Friday, all students are invited to participate in a variety of different team sports from soccer to obstacle courses to ultimate frisbee! Keep an eye out on your email for the next upcoming sports day.

But First...Coffee!

Start off your week by joining the FGSA at our weekly Morning Coffee in the second floor lounge in the Forestry building. Come by between **9-10am every Monday** and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea while socializing with your fellow forestry colleagues!

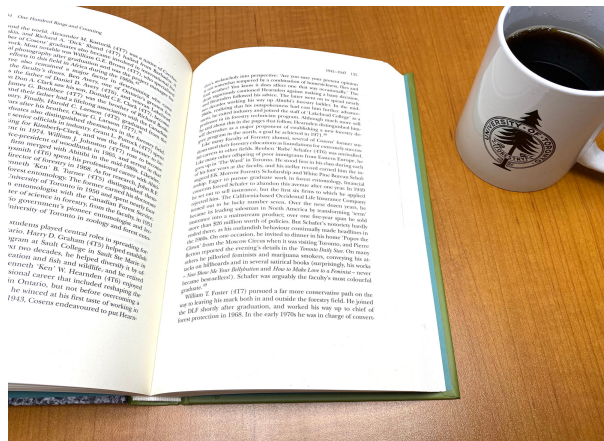
Please bring your own travel mugs/cups and utensils. Coffee, milk, cream, and sugar will be provided. There will also be a kettle available for tea. We would love to see you all there!



Mug With Your Coffee?



While quantities last, we are selling mugs for **\$5 each!** You can pick them up during our Morning Coffee times, or come by our office while we are selling Tree Guides!



Guide to Campus Trees Sale



Looking to learn your tree species around the U of T campus but not sure where to start? Well, the Guide to Campus Trees is a perfect tool just for that! This guide is primarily meant to help students brush up on their tree ID skills providing identifiable features of the wide breadth of trees found at the UofT St. George Campus. Each tree included in the guide is accompanied with high quality photos along and a handy map depicting the exact location of the tree on campus.



The idea of a campus tree guide was conceptualized by the 2019 executives of the Forestry Graduate Students' Association. With the help of MFC alumnus Emmett Snyder this year, the guide has finally been printed, bound, and is now available for sale.

We're selling hard copies this month for **\$40/each (cash only)**, **Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12-1pm** in the Forestry building (ES 2016B). Come pick one up while quantities last!

Order Your Forestry Merch!



[Click here for the item catalogue](#)

[Click here for the order form](#)

Place your order today for exclusive UofT forestry merchandise! This year, we're selling t-shirts, long-sleeves, crewneck sweaters, and hoodies in an assortment of different colours. All proceeds will go towards funding FGSA social events, activities, and more!

Click the links above for the item catalogue and the order form. We'll be collecting orders until the end of October. At this time, we're accepting **cash only** so please bring your payment to the FGSA Office (ES 2016B) at your earliest convenience!

If you have any questions, please email or message us on Facebook/Instagram. Looking forward to seeing you all rocking the forestry gear!

Tree of the Month: *Gleditsia triacanthos* (Honey Locust)

This article was written by MFC student Sylvia Jorge for the "Tree of the Week" posts on Instagram for the Long Branch Neighbourhood Association as part of her summer internship. Check out more "Trees of the Week" on their instagram page, @LongBranchTrees!



Our tree of the [month] is honey locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos*)! This tree is native to the central United States, from Michigan to Texas, and the most southern tip of Ontario. It is a very popular street tree, garden tree and park tree here in Toronto due to its hardiness and non-invasive properties. Honey locusts grow quickly, are tolerant to high air pollution, and high alkaline or salt levels in their soil. They have beautiful yellowish green leaves in the spring/summer and bright yellow leaves in the fall too.

These trees are known as pioneer species. This means in their natural environment they are the first trees to grow after a large disturbance like a tree fall or fire has left an opening in the canopy. It is many of the same traits that come with being a pioneer species that make it a great city tree. To identify honey locust look out for their single and sometimes doubly compound leaves with 14-26 leaflets! In the wild they often have large thorns all over their bark too, but city varieties are thornless. Also look out for the density of their foliage. Unlike shade trees, honey locusts have light foliage which leaves a lot more sunlight hitting the ground underneath.

The honey locust derives its name from the sweet taste of the pulp within its seed pods. These pods look a lot like string beans, which makes a lot more sense when we look at the tree's family. Honey locusts are of the taxonomic family Fabaceae, aka. legumes! Just be careful not to mistake the tree with a black locust, these trees look very similar but the pulp within their seed pod is toxic.

Outdoor Snapshots

Check out the latest pictures taken by our students and faculty members from the Faculty of Forestry. All of our photos this issue come from second-year MFC students. Email us with your outdoor pics to be featured in next month's newsletter. Enjoy!



(Top left): Shan Shukla visiting a woodlot in Vaughan. (Top right): Zoe Bedford hugging a 116cm Red Oak tree at Hungry Hollow. (Bottom left): A view from the top of Sulphur Mountain in Banff, taken by Monique Dosanjh.