



New Mexico's State Tree is the Pinon.

New Mexico State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in New Mexico
5,826



TREE CITY USA®

Program in New Mexico:

Tree City USA Communities: **9**
Total population served: **629,376**

Largest Tree City USA in New Mexico:
Albuquerque, population 484,246

Smallest Tree City USA in New Mexico:
San Jon, population 308

Arbor Day Poster Contest
Participants in New Mexico:
75 Fifth grade classrooms
1,875 Fifth grade students

Arbor Day Award Winners
from New Mexico: **1**

**New Mexico celebrates Arbor Day
the second Friday in March.**



New Mexico

Arbor Day Foundation Collaborates to Plant 100 Large Trees in Albuquerque Area

Thanks to a generous grant by The Home Depot Foundation, the Arbor Day Foundation and The Home Depot Foundation are excited to announce their new joint tree planting campaign for 2008, "Trees for Success." This national campaign will demonstrate the

numerous educational and environmental benefits that trees provide to young schoolchildren in sixteen cities across the country. The "Trees for Success" campaign will provide an opportunity to bring national attention to this issue, as well as educate elementary-aged students and their communities about the importance of trees.

The Arbor Day Foundation will collaborate with local Albuquerque-based nonprofit tree-planting organizations to plant 100 large trees on school grounds in the Albuquerque area during the "Trees for Success" national campaign. Schoolchildren in the Albuquerque area will be invited to take part in the tree-planting event and other fun and educational activities, giving them an opportunity to interact with nature and take an active role in improving their own community. Albuquerque's celebration is an outstanding example of the Arbor Day Foundation's work with local nonprofit groups and important corporate partners to advance community forestry across the nation. Visit treesforsuccess.org for more information on the "Trees for Success" national campaign.



National Tree Planting Tour • 2008

New Mexico Members Plant 45,301 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 5,826 New Mexico members have helped plant more than 45,301 trees across the state in 2007.

Helen Troszczewski, a loyal member from Las Cruces, New Mexico, has been planting membership trees since 1989. Recently Helen shared with us a photo of one of her favorite trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Helen, New Mexico will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.

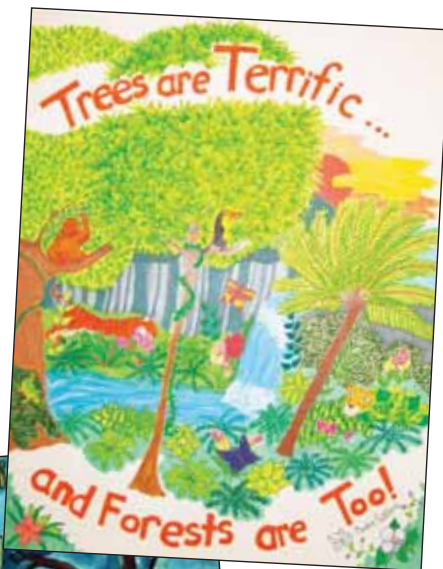


Helen's thriving redbud tree.

Thousands of New Mexico Students Take Part in Arbor Day Poster Contest

Each year, the Arbor Day Foundation coordinates the Arbor Day National Poster Contest, sponsored by Toyota, for fifth graders in classrooms across the country. Now in its sixteenth year, the contest touches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.

Thousands of fifth-graders are encouraged by this educational program to think deeply about how trees make the world a greener, healthier place. By conveying their interpretation of the theme of their artwork, the student's message that trees are terrific is spread to thousands of people around the country.



(Left) 2006 New Mexico State Winner

(Above Right) 2007 National Winner

New Mexico Tree City USAs Support Community Forestry

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA® program encourages, supports, and strengthens effective urban and community forestry programs in diverse communities nationwide through recognition, education, and publicity. From the humble beginning of the program 32 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with nearly 3,200 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in New Mexico because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the New Mexico State Forestry Division. New Mexico boasts 9 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, New Mexico's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$3,241,338 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 600,000 New Mexico residents who live in those communities. The dedication of New Mexico's urban and community foresters, city officials, and citizens to planting and caring for trees in their cities and towns helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water, and beautify the entire state.



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