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Village of Swanton Tree Commission announces inaugural tree photo contest; named for the late Walt Lange

SWANTON, OH- The Village of Swanton Tree Commission wishes to raise awareness of the Village's urban forest, both on public and private property. In honor of Arbor Day 2020, the Tree Commission announces the inaugural *Walt Lange Arbor Day Photo Contest*. Walt Lange was a charter member of the Village of Swanton Tree Commission and was instrumental in many Arbor Day activities for the community. Walt liked to quote the following Greek proverb, "Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in". Naming the contest in his memory is a small gesture for all his years of service.

The contest will run from April 24, 2020-July 24, 2020. Please practice safe social distancing if you wish to take part.

Eligibility requirements are as follows: any amateur photographer, photos must be taken within the Village of Swanton incorporated limits, and the main subject of the photo is to be a tree, or trees, but may contain other elements (people, flowers, shrubs, etc.) in a minor way. Photos may be in color or black and white and please limit of one photo per entrant

The Tree Commission will select the top photos from the following categories: Group 1: Ages 5-9, Group 2: Ages 10-13, Group 3: Ages 14-18, and Group 4: Ages 19 and older.

The top photo in each category will receive a \$25 gift card. These gift cards are gracious donations from community members. Top three photos, from each category, will also be hung in a public facility from September to December 2020.

To enter please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/ckvMmfxnDAA5haWR9>.



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