

2016 ARBOR DAY: More than 100 residents, both adults and children, gathered at the house of Mayor Mary Jo Guinchard and her husband Claude on April 30 to celebrate Arbor Day. TPTAB members shared information about the importance of planting trees and shrubs to replenish our aging forest and to keep our drinking water from the Tuxedo Lake (our reservoir) clean. The 2016 Arbor Day Award recognizing exemplary environmental stewardship was presented to Dena M. Steele and the Honorable Houston A. Stebbins. An American Beech tree was planted on May 2 in their honor in front of the Village Building to the left of the Keep. The Deviners were specially thanked for their hard labor removing invasive vines that have been strangling trees and plants on Village land. Students from the George Grant Mason Elementary and Middle School sang “Trees”, the poem by Joyce Kilmer beautifully set to music. Garden Club members demonstrated tree planting and composting. Assemblyman Karl Brabenec judged the children’s tree drawings competition and presented the awards to the winners. Their drawings are now being exhibited at the Village Hall and on www.tptreeboard.org.

The TPTAB thanks the many volunteers and donors for their generous support of Tuxedo Park’s first Arbor Day Celebration. For more details and photos of this day of fun, education and camaraderie, please visit www.tptreeboard.org.