
HOLIDAY GIVING CATALOG

2011



 **Taltree**
arboretum & gardens®



Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a remarkable asset to the South Lake Michigan region. Sitting on top of the Valparaiso moraine, Taltree boasts 360 acres of woodlands, wetlands, prairies, and ornamental gardens.

In 1997, with rapid population growth throughout Northwest Indiana, Taltree's founders realized that one of the consequences of population growth was the loss of green space with its corresponding detrimental effect on people. Making plans to offer a solution, they envisioned a place where people would come to be refreshed and restored, find inspiration and creativity in nature, and learn about horticulture and ecology.

During the spring of 1998, Taltree staff and volunteers planted 35 acres of warm season prairie and more than 7,000 oak and hickory trees. Soon thereafter, a large wetland that had been drained for agriculture was restored. Trails connecting each area were constructed, enabling people to easily explore. Since that time numerous species of mammals, birds, insects, invertebrates, and amphibians have returned to call Taltree home.

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Dear Friends,

Today, Taltree continues to grow, adding important educational opportunities for our children, research and conservation programs for our environment, and events, classes, and miles of hiking trails for the enjoyment of all.

This holiday season, please consider making a charitable contribution to Taltree Arboretum & Gardens, in your name or as a gift in the name of a friend or family member. If you choose to make a donation in someone's name, they will receive acknowledgement of that gift directly from Taltree. It is through your generosity that we will be able to continue our mission of preservation and conservation of some of Indiana's most beautiful treasures.

This is a Holiday Giving Catalog of our most needed items for the coming year. Please help us fulfill our wish list so that we may serve you to the best of our ability. You may also make a gift to the Taltree General Fund to assist us in meeting unexpected needs as they arise.

I would like to personally wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.



*Alexis R. Faust
President and CEO*



P.S. Please remember to recycle this catalog.

FOR KIDS.

The Education Station.

The Ultimate in Outdoor Classrooms.

You're chaperoning your 2nd grader's field trip to Taltree to learn about the wetlands, and you've all been tromping through the woods like true troopers, but everyone is getting a bit tired. It sure would be nice to sit down for a few minutes, and let the kids catch their breath!



You follow your excellent docent around the corner, and voila! An outdoor classroom – benches for the kids, a teacher chair with all kinds of accoutrements hidden in the bottom of it – like old praying mantis egg cases, last year's bird nests, and some dried up mushrooms.

It's show and tell time!

One Outdoor Classroom: (#T01).....\$3500.00

One Classroom Share: (#T02).....\$250.00

The Giving Taltree Library.

Books are some of the most sought-after resources by teachers everywhere. And yet, they are not always easy to come by. To lend a hand, Taltree has established The Giving Taltree Library. Each class that comes to experience at Taltree will receive a book to take with them.

Help us stock our shelves! Buy a book for a class. Our goal is to stock 100 copies of each book to support all of the classes visiting Taltree in 2012!

Be a Friend to Trees

by Patricia Lauber

(School Binding): (#T03)\$12.50



Books continued next page . . .

Get on the Bus.

It's Field Trip Time.

Times are tough. Money's tight. Schools are struggling to provide interesting and enriching experiences for their kids. A field trip to Taltree Arboretum & Gardens would be the perfect ticket.

But wait. Just because your mother walked eight miles in four feet of snow, twice a day, just to get to school and back home doesn't mean it's an approved mode of transportation today for that school field trip.

Save a class a very long walk. Buy a bus ride for a class of kids and make their day.



Buy a Bus: (#T04)\$250.00

Buy a Bus Share: (#T05)\$25.00



Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert
(Hardcover): (#T06)\$10.50

Look What I Did with a Leaf
by Morteza E. Sohi
(Paperback):
(#T07)\$7.99



The Life Cycle of a Tree
by Bobbie Kalman and Kathryn Smithyman
(School Binding):
(#T08)\$25.00

The Giving Tree by Sid Silverstein
(Hardcover):
(#T09)\$10.00



TOOLS OF THE TRADE.

The One and Only. The Silky Saw.

Once upon a time, John the Arborist struggled to trim his beloved trees. He had been left with old and rusted tools that got stuck in branches and broke off before he could free a tree from its dead and damaged limbs. And then, one day, the Silky Saw appeared. Smooth. Painless. Beautiful! It cut wood like butter. Of course, John the Arborist's Silky Saw caused much envy in the land, and now everyone in the kingdom longs for a Silky Saw of their own. Give the tale a happy ending – purchase a Silky Saw for a budding Arborist.



*Silky
Kamisorime 375*



*Silky
Pocketboy*

For big jobs, the **Silky Kamisorime 375** with XL Teeth with Scabbard: (#T010).....\$81.95

For the delicate work, the **Silky Pocketboy** with LG Teeth: (#T011).....\$33.95

The Multi-Purpose Hori-Hori Knife

The Best Kept Secret.

We all keep secrets. Yes, we do. Even gardeners keep secrets, like old family recipes that you don't dare give out, even long after your mother has passed on to better things.

The Hori-Hori is one of those secrets. Its name is Japanese for "Dig-Dig" but that is just one of its talents. Just remember, you didn't hear it from me. It can weed, transplant, slice, dice, trim, cut, and divide. Sleek wooden handle, beveled blade for shoveling and serrated edges for sawing. Holster included. Arm a horticulturist this season – buy them a Hori-Hori.



Hori-Hori Knife: (#T012).....\$21.99
(total qty. needed: 10)

NeverKink Hoses.

The hose wrestling event would be starting soon and Patty the Horticulturist couldn't find the hoses. The last time she'd seen them was in the rose garden when she'd tried to lead a 100-footer around one of the beds and had taken down two hybrid teas and a climber. But the wrestling contest was about to begin! Where were those hoses?!



Suddenly her eyes flew open and she realized she'd been dreaming.

End a horticulturist's nightmares and purchase an AquaPure NeverKink Eco-Smart and Family Safe Garden Hose.

Our roses will be forever in your debt.

NeverKink Hose 50 ft.: (#T013).....\$35.00
(total qty. needed: 12)



The CobraCo® Copper Cylinder Hose Holder, for hiding those Neverkink hoses in the garden.

Hose Holder: (#T014).....\$99.99
(total qty. needed: 12)

The Recycled TubTrug®.

**Sometimes the Answer is So Simple,
it Doesn't Seem Real.**

360 acres is a lot of ground to cover, especially when you are carrying an armload of weeds. The TubTrug® is the answer. Made from one molded piece of 100% recycled material, the TubTrug® is flexible and bendable, with incredibly strong handles. You can fold it, bend it, step on it, and drop it – just don't lend it to your best friend – you'll never give it back!



Make a Taltree volunteer's job easier – get them a TubTrug® this holiday season to thank them for all of the hours they spend weeding at Taltree.

The Large TubTrug®: (#T015)\$15.99
(total qty. needed: 10)

Stainless Steel Utility Trowel.

This 16-gauge stainless steel trowel is constructed of a single piece of metal, giving it that extra muscle needed to slice through our Indiana clay.

Save a horticulturist's rotator cuff – get them a stainless steel utility trowel this holiday season!



Utility Trowel with 2-inch Blade:

(#T016)\$14.99
(total qty. needed: 8)

Utility Trowel with 3-inch Blade:

(#T017)\$15.99
(total qty. needed: 8)

Okatsune Premier 201 Hand Snips.

When you see someone with these snips strapped on their belt, you know they're the real deal! Strong, yet graceful, these pruners can handle all the tough jobs, but also the most delicate bonsai work.

Help our experts be the best that they can be. Get them a pair of Okatsune snips.



Okatsune Hand Snips: (#T018)\$79.95

Garden Works Sun Grip Gloves.



Simple, inexpensive, but oh, so essential! Lightweight, breathable, and with reinforced fingertips – what more could you want?

The Sun Grip Glove:

(#T019)\$8.50

THE VENERABLE OAK.

Since the beginning of time, the oak tree has provided its bounty to humankind. Fuel, shelter, food, art, music, and the bouquet of a perfectly-aged glass of wine, are just some of its gifts to us.

Oak trees are symbols of strength, honor, endurance, and all that is steadfast.

And yet, 78 of those ancient species are now considered globally threatened.* Join us in our quest to save the honorable oak – the National Tree of the United States of America.

Buy a threatened species of oak from the selection below and allow us – experts in the husbandry of trees – to care for it in perpetuity.

Choose one of the oaks featured below, or let us select one for you. We will collect eight of each species to ensure survival.

One Threatened Oak Specimen:\$39.99

Slender Oak (*Quercus graciliformis*) (USA: Texas)

They call me graceful.
Like a dancer I have
slender, arching limbs.
I am small, considered
fully grown at about
30 feet. I'm fussy about
where I live – only one
very small place in
Texas! (#T020)



Ajo Mountain Oak (*Quercus ajoensis*)

Mexico (Baja California), USA (Arizona, Colorado)



Almost mythical, I can
live in the most unlikely
places, clinging to the
mountain ranges of the
Baja Peninsula or the
mountains of southern
Arizona. I'm small and

tenacious, and I can even live in some of the oldest
rocks on the earth. (#T021)

* *The Red List of Oaks*, published jointly by Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) and Fauna & Flora International (FFI), through the Global Trees Campaign (GTC).

Sôi quang (*Quercus chrysocalyx*)

Cambodia, China, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam – Someone found me on the east slopes of Phu Pha Phong peak in the Pu Luong range, where the forest protects the watershed of the Ma river, the largest in Thanh Hoa province. I'm camera shy, so don't expect to find my picture anywhere. (#T022)

Boz-Pirnal Oak (*Quercus aucheri*)

S. Europe, Mediterranean around Greece



I'm very petite at 16 feet. I'm a sun-loving Mediterranean but I can hang in the shade if I have to. I have an eclectic palate – I like loam but I can do clay too. Just don't hang me out over the ocean and I'll be ok. (#T023)

Roble blanco (*Quercus benthamii*), Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico (Chiapas, Oaxaca), Panama

You can find me in the Isthmus of Panama but I haven't been noted since 1969. I like the big vistas, so you usually can only find me above 5000 feet in the wet montane forests, chillin' with all the conifers. (#T024)



Pontine Oak (*Quercus pontica*), Georgia, Turkey

I live in the rainforests of Turkey and Georgia, looking out over the beautiful Black Sea. If I had a zodiac sign, it would be Aquarius. Every year we get 100 to 160 inches of rain! (#T025)



Quercus brenesii, Costa Rica

I live in Costa Rica, which right now is not such a good thing. Oak trees are prized here because we make such high quality charcoal. It sure is hard to reach that century mark from the bottom of someone's grill!



There's just a couple of us left in the Peñas Blancas National Wildlife Refuge near the Puntarenas Province. Just don't tell anyone! (#T026)

COMFORT & SAFETY ON THE BACK 40.

Lightning Rods.



There's a reason our mothers warned us not to stand under a tree during an electrical storm. A typical lightning bolt contains 250 kilowatt hours of electricity – enough to

power an average home for two weeks.

Our beautiful Bur Oaks are out there 24/7, rising 75 to 90 feet into the air. They have nowhere to hide. Installing a lightning rod in our oldest and tallest trees will assure that our kids can give their kids the same advice.

Buy a Tree Care Industry Association and Lightning Protection Institute-approved Lightning Protection System, installed by a professional Arborist, and save a life.

Lightning Rod for:

Companion Oak: (#T027)	\$1500.00
Prairie Oak: (#T028).....	\$1500.00
Spirit Oak: (#T029)	\$1500.00
Council Oak: (#T030).....	\$2000.00
Mother Oak: (#T031).....	\$2000.00
Buy a Share in a Lightning Rod: (#T032) ...	\$250.00

AEDs.

No one anticipates having Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) while listening to *Marrakesh Express* at the Taltree Summer Concert Series – but it can happen. It gets crowded down there – and then there's all that dancing. You never know. Help us be fully prepared.



LifePak CR® Plus External Defibrillator:

(#T033)\$1695.00
(total qty. needed: 2)

Outdoor AED Cabinet:

(#T034) \$400.00
(total qty. needed: 2)



Arctic Cat Bearcat® Z1 XT Limited.

You've been looking forward to trying out those new cross-country skis for months now. Finally, the perfect snow arrives and you hit the scenic trails at Taltree.

The only problem is, they haven't been groomed. To top it off, someone with at least size 14 boots has walked straight down the right side of the trail, and back on the left side! Ugh. No fun.

Help us groom our magnificent trails for your crosscountry adventure.

(We can also use it to find you in a blizzard!)

Utility Snowmobile for Trail Grooming and Winter Rescue: (#T035)\$12,000.00

Buy a Share in a Bearcat: (#T036)\$250.00

*Arctic Cat Bearcat®
Z1 XT Limited*



Accessories.

Snowmobile Deluxe Emergency Kit

Includes Bigfoot 25" Snowshoes, Everest backpack, Snow Claw, and a first-aid kit.

Emergency Kit (#T037)\$250.00

Solar Tower Emergency Phone.



This 9-foot tall solar powered emergency phone tower is perfect for when you've twisted your ankle on the far side of the Goldfinch Trail! At this height, you can even find it over Indiana's finest tall grass Prairie.

Help is on its way!

2100 TS Series Solar Tower Emergency Phone

(#T038).....\$500.00
(total qty. needed: 2)

The Composting Toilet.

The Ultimate in Comfort.

Relief has never been so environmentally friendly. The Envirolet® FlushSmart™ VF™ 770 features dual composting systems and a very sharp, modern flush toilet.



Convenient, elegant, and infinitely useable, this composting toilet also features an electronic flush, which uses very little water.

Don't worry about jogging all the way back to the Depot with Junior riding on your shoulders to reach the bathroom in time – just follow the signs to our new outdoor solution!

Composting Toilet (#T039).....\$3,500.00
(total qty. needed: 2)

Toilet Shares: (#T040)\$100.00

WE'RE A DOG ARBORETUM.

The Dog Hitch System.

It's true . . . there's a hitching post for dogs. And we need them. We've heard. You want to see the Railway Garden, but your dog is not allowed past the Depot threshold. Never fear – tie 'ole Yeller up to the hitchin' post and head on into the Depot to take a look around, grab a drink, and don't forget to get one of those cute new doggie sweaters from the Taltree Store. Don't worry – 'ole Yeller's already making new friends at the hitchin' post.

The Original Pooch Post Dog Hitch System features a safe, attractive design that will allow you dog owners to enjoy all of our amenities. One per dog.

Pooch Post Model PP-SM-G: (#T041).....\$349.00
(total qty. needed: 6)



The Pooch Fountain.

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The Model 3500D is a StreetSmart™ pedestal drinking fountain with attached pet fountain. The pet fountain is foot operated in order to facilitate drinking by your darling pet.

Remember, the ASPCA clearly ranks water as the most important part of your pooch's healthy diet – particularly after that nice long hike around the Cardinal Trail. P.S. Humans can drink from it too!

Pooch Fountain: (#T042).....\$5,057.00
(total qty. needed: 1)



Gift Giving Order Form.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home phone _____ Home E-Mail _____

GIFT GIVING ITEMS: I would like to order the item(s) checked below for Taltree Arboretum & Gardens.

<input type="checkbox"/> #T01\$3500.00 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T016\$14.99 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T031\$2000.00 ..qty:
<input type="checkbox"/> #T02\$250.00 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T017\$15.99 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T032\$250.00 ..qty:
<input type="checkbox"/> #T03\$12.50 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T018\$79.95 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T033\$1695.00 ..qty:
<input type="checkbox"/> #T04\$250.00 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T019\$8.50 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T034\$400.00 ..qty:
<input type="checkbox"/> #T05\$25.00 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T020\$39.99 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T035\$12,000.00 ..qty:
<input type="checkbox"/> #T06\$10.50 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T021\$39.99 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T036\$250.00 ..qty:
<input type="checkbox"/> #T07\$7.99 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T022\$39.99 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T037\$250.00 ..qty:
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<input type="checkbox"/> #T09\$10.00 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T024\$39.99 ..qty:	<input type="checkbox"/> #T039\$3,500.00 ..qty:
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Thank You for Your Support.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Make checks payable to: Taltree
 Arboretum & Gardens Foundation, Inc.

Check enclosed (amt.): \$ _____

Use my Credit Card:

MasterCard VISA Discover

Card #: _____

3-digit code (from back of card): _____

Credit Card amount: _____

Signature: _____

Expiration date: _____

Gift in the name of: _____

Please note, if you have chosen a particular item to fund, please keep in mind that we reserve the right to redirect the money should we receive over-funding on a particular item. Your contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



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