

GSP Readers Group: *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben

Friday, October 11 from 9:30-11:00 am in the Bloom Room

Trees have friends, feel loneliness, scream with pain and communicate underground via the “woodwide web.” Some act as parents and good neighbors. Others do more than just throw shade – they’re brutal bullies to rival species. The young ones take risks with their drinking and leaf-dropping then remember the hard lessons from their mistakes. [Author] Peter Wohlleben has developed his thinking over the past decade while watching the powerful but self-interested survival system of the ancient beech forest he manages in the Eifel mountains of western Germany. “The thing that surprised me most is how social trees are. . . . As a forester, I learned that trees are competitors that struggle against each other, for light, for space, and . . . I [also] saw that it’s just vice versa. Trees are very interested in keeping every member of this community alive.”

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