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Moultonborough to dedicate Liberty Tree Memorial on 5/14/2011 at 12:00 noon

On 5/14/2011 at 12:00 noon when a special American Liberty Elm puts down roots on the grounds in the Town Park / Playground Facility on Playground Drive, it will be much more than a tree. It will be a Liberty Tree Memorial, a living growing tribute to our country's freedom and founding. Citizens of Moultonborough are invited to gather beneath the Liberty Tree to hear the "Liberty Tree" poem by Thomas Paine.

The gift is made possible by a grant through the Liberty Tree Society sponsored by Elm Research Institute (ERI), Keene, NH. A dedication is being planned for 5/14/2011 at 12:00 noon. The public is invited to attend.

The Town of Moultonborough received a ceremonial disease-resistant American Liberty Elm, and a Liberty Tree Memorial plaque with an inscription that recounts the history of Boston's Liberty Tree, an American elm that was the rallying place for the Sons of Liberty in the American Revolution.

Inspired by these Patriots whose efforts were immortalized by the original Liberty Tree, Elm Research Institute, developed the Liberty Tree Memorial to commemorate the day this famous tree was chopped down by angry Red Coats.

In order to bring this first symbol of Freedom to Americans everywhere the Institute has established the Liberty Tree Society with a four-fold mission: First to fulfill the goal of Massachusetts Governor Peabody who first declared August 14th as Liberty Tree Day in his state. The Society would like to see all 50 states recognize this day; Second to dedicate Liberty Tree Memorials in 1000 communities, Third to tell the exciting story of the Liberty Tree in classrooms across the land, Fourth to continue the "Re-Elming" of America by planting disease-resistant American Liberty Elms in public spaces nationwide.

For more than 20 years, Elm Research Institute has been establishing Liberty Tree Memorials in communities across the country to commemorate the birth of freedom and help restore the American elm. The Town of Moultonborough is the site of one of 440 Liberty Tree Memorials in the country.

Elm Research Institute was established in 1967 with the purpose of saving the American elm from extinction. ERI sponsored genetic research that resulted in the American Liberty Elm, a purebred descendant of disease-resistant American elms. It is the only elm with a Lifetime Warranty against Dutch elm disease. Over 300,000 have been planted since 1984.

For information about the American Liberty Elm or the Liberty Tree Memorial program, phone Elm Research Institute at 1-800-367-3567, visit online at www.elmresearch.org or write to Elm Research Institute, 11 Kit Street, Keene, NH 03431.

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