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Message from the President's Desk

The past four months have been extremely exciting. Global Forest has released our two new websites www.GlobalForestScience.org and www.GFAwesome.org and we welcome your feedback. In late September we opened the Global Forest International Insect Quarantine Facility at Simon Fraser University, BC. We wish to thank the Dean of Sciences at SFU, William Davidson, for the lovely reception. Our latest book "Forest Giants of the Pacific Coast" from Global Forest Press is out, and I encourage you to visit www.GlobalForestScience.org to purchase a copy – it will make an excellent Christmas gift. The Honorable Senator Mira Spivak of Winnipeg, Manitoba, has joined our Honorary Board of Directors and we wish to thank her for her interest and continuing support of our conservation efforts. I am excited to announce that Global Forest has embarked upon a long-term initiative to investigate and determine the causes of catastrophic redwood forest decline. This crucial project is headed up by Professor Stephen Sillett, Biological Sciences, Humboldt State University, California. Lastly, I had the pleasure of watching Marcel Marceau (Honorary Director) perform in Tyler, Texas. Marcel will be contributing unique drawings for our children's website, and his work will be found on www.GFAwesome.org early in 2002.

GFS Gets a New Look

Visit our redesigned Global Forest Science website at www.GlobalForestScience.org - it has an amazing new look! After months of intensive revisions, analysis and editing, the GFS website has been re-launched. This joint effort between Global Forest and our web developers, The Level, has produced a fabulous new site that is polished and professional. The content has remained largely the same, but the layout and navigation are much more comprehensive and user-friendly.

Let us know what you think by emailing info@GlobalForestScience.org

GFAwesome!

Our new kids' website, GFAwesome, has also been relaunched. The www.GFAwesome.org website is very user-friendly and has fun activities, great new gruesomes and factoids, and cool toys. It is designed to get kids excited about visiting the site, and encourages them to explore the outdoors. All the resources on the site are intended to enhance kids' understanding of forest ecosystems. GFAwesome's goal is to get children motivated and involved in conservation.

Tree Fact

The tree network with the greatest mass on Earth, is a network of quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*). This mass is growing from a single root system in the Wasatch Mountains of Utah. It covers 106 acres (43 ha) and weighs about 6600 tons (6705 tonnes). This clonal system is genetically uniform and acts as a single organism, changing color and shedding leaves in unison.

Milestones

A giant CONGRATULATIONS goes out from our office to Dr. Reese Halter on his engagement to LuAn Mitchell of Banff, Alberta. We wish them happiness, health and success in their future together!

Catastrophic Redwood Forest Decline

Global Forest Scientists have been afforded a unique opportunity to unravel the mysteries of how water moves through redwood trees, some of which are as tall as a 34 storey sky scraper. Once we quantify these water movements, we will begin the arduous, but most necessary task, of addressing why redwoods along the Californian highways and some park boundaries are dying, en masse, from the top down. "It is a rare opportunity that would not have occurred if Dr. Reese Halter and Global Forest Society had not provided substantial funding to address this severe problem." says Prof. Stephen Sillett, Humboldt State University, California.

GF & SFU Quarantine Lab Grand Opening

The grand opening of our international insect quarantine facility at Simon Fraser University (SFU), Burnaby, BC was held on the 24th of September 2001. The event was a great success with numerous representatives from the scientific community, federal government, the university research labs and administration, Global Forest staff, and reporters from the Vancouver Sun and SFU.

A comprehensive tour of the quarantine laboratory in the Science Research Annex led participants through double airtight doors, and a series of black-lit chambers. These chambers housed the quarantine room, an incubation area, and a green house. Our tour was followed by a presentation ceremony in the Shrum Science Centre. The Ministry of Health and Safety presented a certificate to Simon Fraser University declaring the laboratory a valid facility that meets Agriculture Canada health, safety, and quarantine standards.

This event was covered in an article in the Business Section of the Vancouver Sun on September 26, 2001. You can read the complete article on the web at: http://www.globalforestscience.org/newsroom/gf_news/2001_10.26__SFU_lab_to_tackle_world's_bug_woes.html