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## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FORESTS

### Spirit of Trees

[www.spiritoftrees.org](http://www.spiritoftrees.org)

Spirit of Trees is a resource for therapists, educators, environmentalists, storytellers and tree lovers! You will find an abundance of resources, in particular a varied collection of multicultural folktales and myths.

The website was originally conceived of as an educational resource for the DC Memorial Tree Groves Project, a national memorial to the victims of 9/11. But the project has grown beyond its original intention and is now offered as an independent resource for a world-wide community of tree-lovers of all ages.

Many tree-related online resources focus on the scientific aspects of trees or describe simple tree-planting procedures. Spirit of Trees offers a complementary approach, one that highlights the symbolic and aesthetic dimensions of trees. You will find, in particular, an extensive collection of multicultural folktales from contemporary storytellers, with links to more tales on the web.

When told with feeling, these have the power to foster a heart felt connection to trees, one that taps deep into the human imagination to inspire hope, wonder and compassion for the living earth.

There is also a selection of poetry, plus other sections for lesson plans, for scholarly essays, and for national and international tree organizations — and more.

Browse and enjoy!

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