THE CITY OF CANTON
THOMAS M. BERNABEI, MAYOR

NEWS RELEASE
Office of the Mayor
City Hall - 8th Floor
218 Cleveland Avenue S.W.
Canton, OH 44702

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2016
Contact: Canton Tree Commission
trees@cantonohio.gov

MEDIA ADVISORY: City of Canton to Celebrate Arbor Day on April 29, 2016, Sponsors Photography Contest – "Trees are Artists Too"

CANTON, Ohio – Mayor Thomas M. Bernabei, the Canton Parks Commission, and the Canton Tree Commission are excited to announce the 3rd Annual Arbor Day Celebration will be held on April 29, 2016. In concert with the event, the Canton Tree Commission will be sponsoring a photography contest for all members of the public. The theme of the contest is "Trees are Artists Too".

The contest hopes to raise awareness of the city's trees and their beauty in all seasons. Participants are encouraged to explore the artistry of city trees in Canton and submit their photography entries to the Tree Commission. Entries will be exhibited and judged during the Arbor Day Celebration on April 29, 2016. Winning entries and honorable mentions will be featured during the May 2016 First Friday event at the Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography in Downtown Canton.

Entry details and a submission form are attached to this release. Entries must be received by mail or dropped off to the City of Canton Engineering Department, located at 2436 30th Street NE; Canton, OH 44705 no later than 4:00 PM on Thursday, March 31, 2016.

Sponsors to the event include Canton Parks and Recreation, the Canton Tree Commission, The City of Canton, Community Building Partnership of Stark County Inc., and ArtsinStark.

Residents are encouraged to start taking photos now!

WHO: Canton Tree Commission

WHAT: Canton City's Third Annual Arbor Day Celebration & "Trees are Artists Too" Photo Contest

WHEN: Photography Deadline: March 31, 2016 at 4:00 PM
Arbor Day Celebration: Friday, April 29, 2016

WHY: To promote parks, trees and their care as well as to highlight the beauty and artistry of trees in the City of Canton, and to bring the community together in celebration of Arbor Day and to establish an annual event within the city.

# # #