

# Dec. 2020 Newsletter



## WE ARE FOUNTAIN



### Seedlings

A select number of miscellaneous tree seedlings are available and are looking for good homes, free-of-charge, to residents committed to babysitting them through winter and beyond. The varieties are from the Arbor Day Foundation and include trees that have the potential to grow very tall. Ensure you have the room and are committed to caring for the tree over the winter and into the future.

For example, the white pine will grow up to 50-80 feet tall with a 20-40-foot spread. If you are brave, other varieties available are Norway spruce, red maple, dogwood, pussy willow, and a few unidentified trees, all free of charge!

Planting and caring for the tree seedlings will help reduce erosion, provide shelter and nutrients for animals, insects, and microorganisms. An adult tree can exchange 48 pounds of carbon into oxygen each year, enough to keep two people alive. Please consider adopting the seedlings for a free tree, and feel free to reach out to us if you are interested!

Susan Kircher  
Fountain Together Leader

### Tree Nursery

Construction of Fountain Together's tree nursery came to a grinding halt on Friday due to Fountain's "snowstorm." When completed, the facility will receive seedlings grown by Chelsea Mansour in her basement hydroponic system.

The seedlings will be distributed free of charge by Fountain Together in 2021. We plan to distribute and plant 1,000 trees throughout the Fountain area in conjunction with Michael Alcazar's "One Million Trees for Colorado."

Tree planting is part of the group's overall effort to make Fountain a better place for people and animals, including birds and pollinators.

Check out the websites of the friends we work with:

[OMT4CO.org](http://OMT4CO.org) / [peopleandpollinators.org](http://peopleandpollinators.org)



## Merry Christmas, Fountain Friends!

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## Meet the Members



### Nathaniel Stockwell

One of the best-kept secrets of Fountain Together is Nathaniel Stockwell. He has single-handedly made Fountain Together what it is today.

Nathaniel is a graduate of Fountain-Fort Carson High School. He was on the original Youth Council and incredibly involved with school activities, the council, and the Fountain Park and Recreation Advisory Board. He is an active member of the United States Air Force now and is stationed at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi. He helps keep the country safe while demonstrating his commitment to the environment and Fountain, Colorado. Whether it is volunteering time and effort or purchasing a hybrid vehicle, Nathaniel walks the walk when making Fountain a more communal and sustainable place to live.

Nathaniel has distinguished himself with Fountain Together by creating and managing our IT Department. He has developed and maintained the website Fountain-Together.org, our interactive Facebook page, Fountain Together, and has set up our email and operating systems and structures. Nathaniel is also the person who greets and welcomes prospective members and keeps the group running smoothly.

### Editor Remarks ->

As the newsletter editor, I, Nathaniel Stockwell, must say that it was hard to include this article, as I am only an everyday person. Susan Kircher, our amazing founder and visionary leader, is the real hero here, and it is an absolute pleasure to work with her, and especially all of you. Thank you for reading our newsletter, Fountain friends!



Thanks to all local dog volunteers for helping out Fountain Together. We couldn't do it without you.

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