FM and UMD Celebrate Arbor Day

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FM’s Arboretum & Botanical Garden staff recently observed the Arbor Day holiday (officially celebrated in Maryland on the first Wednesday in April, and nationwide on April 25) by heading out to the lawn near the “kissing tunnel” to plant a tree.

At the event, Karen Petroff recapped the history of Arbor Day and described the qualities of this year’s tree. It is a Maple “White Tigress”. The tree features green and white bark, and sports bright yellow leaves in the fall.

FM shovelers included John Farley, Pee Wee Landes, Karen Petroff, Carin Celebuski and new FM employee Deborah Galloway. They were joined by Foon Sham, creator of the sculpture that re-used wood from Duke’s Tree, and other Arboretum supporters.

The event included handouts, buttons and tasty maple candy provided by faculty member Ken Ingram.