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1,000 OLD GROWTH CHAMPION REDWOOD CLONES TO BE PLANTED ON THE SOUTHERN OREGON COAST

Will Genetic Clones of the World's Largest Trees Help to Save the Planet?

Building an Ark for the Anthropocene

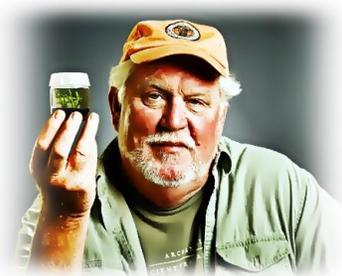
(Copemish, MI – February 8, 2015) The non-profit **Archangel Ancient Tree Archive** has announced the shipment of 1,000 additional exact genetic duplicates of 50 of the largest and oldest champion coast redwood trees in the world to restore old growth forest on the southern Oregon coast. Archangel Ancient Tree Archive has used funds donated from over 200 private individuals to finance tree production for this month's planting to further preserve the genetics of the largest and oldest living organisms on earth in an effort to assist with the migration of the species during coming climate changes. Timed to take advantage of the seasonal rainy season, this year's expanded plantings will occur at numerous private and public property locations up and down the coast, including Ocean Mountain Ranch, site of the [*World's First Planting of a Champion Redwood & Sequoia Forest*](#) located in the headwaters of the Port Orford Community Stewardship Area in Curry County, Oregon.

David Milarch and his life-long efforts to re-forest the world with his two sons, Jared and Jake, are the subject of a recent book by *New York Times* science writer Jim Robbins entitled [*The Man Who Planted Trees: Lost Groves, Champion Trees, and an Urgent Plan to Save the Planet*](#). This book has documented Archangel's mission to clone the champion trees of the world - the largest, the hardiest, the ones that have survived millennia and are the most resilient to climate change - and create a kind of Noah's ark of tree genetics.

Initially, many scientists and tree experts said it couldn't be done, but now Archangel's team has successfully cloned some the world's oldest trees - including old growth coast redwoods and giant sequoias - and David says, *"We are working for our grandchildren!"*



Among the dozens of unique individual tree clones to be planted in Oregon will be a duplicate of the Fieldbrook coast redwood - a giant cut down over 100 years ago which measured 32.5 feet in trunk diameter and would surpass the General Sherman Sequoia as the largest tree on Earth.



The mission of Archangel Ancient Tree Archive is to [propagate](#) the world's most important old growth trees before they are gone, [archive](#) the genetics of ancient trees in living libraries around the world for the future, and [reforest](#) the Earth with the offspring of these trees to provide the myriad of beneficial ecosystem services essential for all life forms to thrive – [Scientists Seeking to Save World Find Best Technology is Trees](#)

"It's amazing for one layman to come up with the idea of saving champion trees as a meaningful way to address the issues of biodiversity and climate change. This could be a grass roots solution to a global problem. A few million people selecting and planting the right trees for the right places could really make a difference." -- Dr. Rama Nemani, Earth Scientist.