

# News You Can Use!

## From the Community Forestry Program of the Colorado State Forest Service

September-October 2013

### Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

**23rd Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference**-Summit County will host this year's community forestry conference. The date is September 13th. The theme for this year's conference is, "The New Forest Aesthetic." Speakers at this conference will address: forest ecology, the effect of weeds in the forest, community building through forestry, native plant regeneration, and the lessons learned from the mountain pine beetle and fuels mitigation work. The registration brochure is posted here [http://www.coloradotrees.org/PDFs/23rd\\_WCCFC-Final.pdf](http://www.coloradotrees.org/PDFs/23rd_WCCFC-Final.pdf).

**New! American Forests Resource Guide for Urban Forest Assessments**-American Forests has recently published an [online resource guide for urban forest assessments](#). The intent is that practitioners in the field as well as city planners and managers will be able to use this resource to help establish a starting point from which to improve their urban forest. The guide is divided into three main sections designed to walk you through the process of selecting the best urban forest assessment tool for your needs and project.

**Arbor Day Foundation Awards**-Do you know of individuals, groups or organizations that have done outstanding work in tree planting, care, conservation or education? Have you seen excellent coverage of tree and conservation issues in magazines, newspapers, newsletters or on TV, radio or video? How about an exemplary Arbor Day celebration by a community, school or other organization? You can fill out an on-line award nomination at <http://www.arborday.org/programs/awards/nominate.cfm>. The nomination entry deadline should be submitted by the end of the year.

**Partners in Community Forestry Conference November 6-7**-The 2013 Partners in Community Forestry National Conference will be held November 6-7 in Pittsburgh, PA. Now in its seventh year, the Partners Conference brings together many diverse groups who are charged with taking care of our city forests, including utility foresters and vegetation program managers, state and local forestry professionals and tree advocates throughout North America. For more information and to register visit <http://www.arborday.org/shopping/pcf/2013/>.

**IES Tree Project Looking for Volunteers**-The Institute for Environmental Solutions has a wide range of flexible opportunities: Graduate Interns, Tree Project Steering Committee, and IES Board of Directors. If you're interested in helping to advance the IES mission: engage stakeholders to deliver technically sound solutions to complex environmental and health problems -- without unwanted side effects - please email your interest to [Solutions@ies.org](mailto:Solutions@ies.org).

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM INTERN:** The Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) is seeking motivated graduate interns who are passionate about protecting the environment! IES is seeking enthusiastic graduate interns to join our Tree Project team. The Tree Project's mission is to improve the environment of Colorado's urban areas through proper tree selection and management. Successful candidates will be a self-motivated, detail-oriented graduate students or college graduates. This is a part-time unpaid internship (15-20 hours/week) based in Denver with a flexible schedule.

Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to [Solutions@i4es.org](mailto:Solutions@i4es.org). Be sure to include why you are interested in this position and your availability (in Denver).

**IES BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S:** The Institute for Environmental Solutions (IES) Board of Directors has two openings for energetic professionals who want to ensure the application of sound scientific solutions to our pressing environmental challenges.

## **From the ISA-Rocky Mountain Chapter**

**ISA-Rocky Mountain Chapter Conference-**The International Society of Arboriculture & Tree Climbing Conference is scheduled for September 26 – 28 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The theme for this conference is “Frontiers of Arboriculture: Blazing New Trails of Tree Care.” This year’s featured presenter is Gary Johnson, extension professor with the University of Minnesota. Gary speaks across the country and has published numerous arboriculture articles. In addition, there will be other expert presenters covering the following subject matter: insects and disease, tree risk assessment, working in trees with cranes, dealing with stress in trees, water salinity, solar energy conflicts with trees, and trees for the Wild West. Registration is open until September 13th. The registration form is also available at [www.isarmc.org](http://www.isarmc.org).

## **Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits**

**Front Range Urban Forestry Council-**The Front Range Chapter of CTC will be meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> in Wheat Ridge. A program on the South Platte Urban Waters Partnership is planned. Contact Keith Wood at [keith.wood@colostate.edu](mailto:keith.wood@colostate.edu) for more information.

**CTC Scholarship Program-**The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) has a limited amount of funds to assist people with registering to attend conferences and workshops throughout the year. Because of the limited dollars available it is required of all who request assistance to follow these guidelines:

1. Scholarship requests will be limited to a maximum of \$300, and can only be applied to cover registration costs of the event.
2. To request a scholarship please send an electronic request to Keith Wood, at [keith.wood@colostate.edu](mailto:keith.wood@colostate.edu). At a minimum the request should contain the name and location of the conference and what is hoped to be learned at the event, and how it will be applied in your current position. Keith will then submit the request to the CTC Board or Executive Board for their consideration.
3. Requests will also be limited to one person per community/group/organization per workshop or conference. Many workshops and conferences now offer concurrent sessions and there is a value to sending more than one person. However, the CTC will not be able to fund more than one person.
4. Those receiving scholarships will be required to supply an article or notes to be used in *Tree Talk* and/or placed on the CTC web site ([www.coloradotrees.org](http://www.coloradotrees.org)) and/or in another electronic newsletter format so others can benefit from the workshop as well.

The board of CTC is committed to education and is seeking additional funds so the scholarship program can be expanded and more people throughout Colorado can benefit from the various educational opportunities available.

**Elections Reminder!**-Election ballots to elect representatives from the Front Range Urban Forestry Council (FRUFC) to the CTC Board of Directors and to elect FRUFC

officers are due back to Keith Wood by September 8. Please email the ballot to Keith at [keith.wood@colostate.edu](mailto:keith.wood@colostate.edu).

**Champion Tree Nominations Due**-Get those champion tree candidates verified and measured soon! If you want to nominate a tree to see if it can become the next new Colorado champion you will need to fill out a nomination form and send it in to the CTC by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Nomination forms can be found on-line at <http://www.coloradotrees.org/programs.php#champion> and submitted to Neal Bamesberger at [nbamesberg871@hotmail.com](mailto:nbamesberg871@hotmail.com).

**Happy Fall to All!!**