

News You Can Use!

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Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

Join the Grove-You are invited to join The Grove (www.coloradogrove.org) an online community that brings tree and nature enthusiasts together. The Colorado Grove also features the latest news and updates and discussion groups. Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm for building Colorado's green legacy. Make sure you join the Colorado group within The Grove so you can get details on the latest local activities and link to other community forestry groups within the state such as the Colorado Tree Coalition and the community forestry program of the Colorado State Forest Service. We look forward to seeing you on The Grove!

Tree City USA-Thanks for all who helped coordinate and promote the Tree City USA program in their communities in 2013. The electronic application submittal continues to gain in popularity and will be the way of the future. It's never too late to start preparing for the 2014 program; you may even consider promoting the Growth Award to existing Tree City USA communities or plan for projects that will help your community achieve a Growth Award. While you're at it, help that community that wants to be a Tree City USA for the first time or your local college campus that wants to be a Tree Campus USA be one in 2014!

25th Annual Greeley Tree Care Workshop!-Make plans to attend the premier tree care workshop in Northern Colorado! On February 21, 2014 Greeley will once again host the Greeley Tree Care Workshop. Watch for the agenda and registration to be out soon!

Insect and Disease News

Emerald Ash Borer-For all the latest information on EAB in Colorado go to www.eabcolorado.com

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

Colorado Tree Coalition Grants Update-The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) grant reviews are taking place by reviewers across the state. This year 15 grant project requests were received by the CTC Grants Committee requesting over \$30,000 in project funding. Thanks to all who applied and for all who are helping review grants statewide.

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. 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) 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.

2014 Poster Contest-The theme of the 2014 contest is “Celebrate Trees in Our Community” for 5th graders in Colorado! The entry deadline for school winning posters will be April 4, 2014. Details on the program can be found at <http://www.coloradotrees.org/programs.php#poster>.

ProGreen Expo-Don't forget to make it to the ProGreen Expo at the Denver Convention Center from February 11-14. A host of good speakers and topics are lined up and you might even earn some CEU's for that arborist or pesticide certification! CTC will have a booth and information in the Exhibit Hall. Be sure to stop in and say Hi!

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The next FRUFC meeting will be held on January 16, 2014 in Brighton. A program on getting teachers and kids involved with urban forestry is planned. Contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu for more information.

Remember “Tree Talk” is Electronic Only-Please be sure to visit the CTC's web site at www.coloradotrees.org and sign up to receive *Tree Talk* electronically. In 2014 there will be two issues of *Tree Talk* produced, one being the 2013 Annual Report available in January 2014, the other being a mid-year edition during the Summer of 2014. Thanks for helping CTC save its printing funds for tree planting projects around Colorado!

Happy New Year!!