

News You Can Use!

From the Urban and Community Forestry Division of the Colorado State Forest Service

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Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

Tree City USA-Thanks for all who helped coordinate and promote the Tree City USA program in their communities in 2010. The electronic application submittal seemed to work pretty smoothly in its inaugural year and will be the way of the future. It's never too late to start preparing for the 2011 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 2011!

Eastern Colorado Community Forestry Conference-The Eastern Colorado Community Forestry Conference is being planned for March 12, 2011 in Windsor. A great program of current hot topics, speakers, panel experts and Tree Board representatives will be on hand to discuss under-used trees to try, the latest insect and disease information, success stories from eastern Colorado communities and community forestry-related services offered by a wide range of organizations. Watch for the agenda and registration form soon.

22nd Annual Greeley Tree Care Workshop!-Make plans to attend the premier tree care workshop in Northern Colorado! On February 18, 2011 Greeley will once again host the Greeley Tree Care Workshop. Watch for the agenda and registration to be out soon!

2011 Municipal Forestry Institute-Do you have what it takes to move yourself and your urban forestry program to the next level? The Municipal Forestry Institute (MFI) can take you there! MFI is an innovative, high-level training opportunity focusing professionals on the leadership and managerial aspects of urban forestry. This week-long intensive educational program delivers a challenging opportunity to grow a more successful community tree program. Master leadership and management tools including program administration, coalition building, strategic thinking, program planning, and public relations by investing a week in your personal growth and development. Sign up now for MFI 2011, being held February 20-25, 2011 in Nebraska City, NE. For more information click [here](http://sma.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=69)
http://sma.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=69.

Insect and Disease Update:

Ravenous Foreign Pests Threaten U.S. National Forests-From the University of Central Florida (2010, December 7) and *ScienceDaily*: "Foreign pests are eating their way through our national forests, destroying majestic scenery and costing taxpayers millions of dollars. If enforcement efforts to prevent their importation aren't stepped up, irreplaceable resources will be lost forever and taxpayers can expect to fork over billions of dollars by 2019, according to a comprehensive study published Decembert 6 in

BioScience.” To read more on this research click here <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/12/101206093709.htm>.

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 grant project requests were received by the CTC Grants Committee requesting over \$139,852 in project funding. It is expected there will be close to \$103,000 available between the three programs, those being the Mile High Million, Xcel Vegetation Management and the regular CTC grant program. Thanks to all who applied and for all who reviewed 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.

2011 Poster Contest-The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC), Colorado sponsor for the Arbor Day Foundation 5th Grade Poster Contest has some sad news and some exciting news! The Arbor Day Foundation (ADF), after nearly 20 years, has discontinued the National 5th Grade Poster Contest (the first contest was held in 1992). At its height, the contest involved 75,000 fifth grade classrooms and 1.5 million students. The ADF poster contest in Colorado reached over 9,000 students in the past ten years! Now for the exciting news...a new CTC poster contest committee has formed and is developing the theme of “Celebrate Trees in Your Community” to keep a contest going for 5th graders in Colorado for 2011! The entry deadline for school winning posters will be April 5, 2011. Complete rules and details are being developed and will be available soon. So involve your local schools in this new Colorado contest and we look forward to growing this program for years to come!

ProGreen Expo-Don't forget to make it to the ProGreen Expo at the Denver Convention Center from February 8-11. 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!

CTC Board of Directors to Meet in February-Come join the Board of Directors during their meeting on Friday, February 4th. CTC has lots of new things planned for 2011, come find out more about what is on tap. Please contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu for more information.

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The next two FRUFC meetings will be held on January 20, 2011 at the Golden Community Center and March 10th in Brighton. These both will be expanded meetings that will have both morning and afternoon sessions. The January 20 meeting will be set up as a community tree inventory workshop and the March 10 event will be a hazard tree workshop. Contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu for more information.

Notable Tree Calendars-Remember that neat Notable Tree calendar you got from CTC to hang on your wall in 2011? Now's the time to put it up and enjoy for the coming year, and if you haven't gotten one yet, the last ones will be distributed at the CTC booth at the ProGreen Expo.

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 2011 there will be two issues of *Tree Talk* produced, one being the 2010 Annual Report available in January 2011, the other being a mid-year edition during the Summer of 2011. Thanks for helping CTC save its printing funds for tree planting projects around Colorado!

CTC on Facebook-Visit CTC's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Colorado-Tree-Coalition/141759715862175>. Let us know what you think!

Happy New Year!!