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From the Community Forestry Division of the Colorado State Forest Service

September-October 2009

Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference Set For September 18-The 19th Annual Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference will be hosted by the towns of Basalt and Carbondale. The theme for this year's conference is "Growing Green Solutions for Communities." For more information and to register contact Vince Urbina at vurbina@lamar.colostate.edu.

National 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 is usually around September 1st each year, so be sure and send it in soon!

SMA Arborist Exchange Program-Each year the Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA) offers an exchange program for municipal arborists located around the world. SMA and contributing sponsors will fund airfare and basic expenses for professional exchanges within the next year, which will take place in spring or summer of 2010. Each participant will spend at least one week visiting and working with another city's forestry department. An "exchange" may be "two-way," meaning that paired participants take turns hosting the other, or "one-way," where a selected participant only visits a willing host city identified and approved by SMA. If you are interested or have more questions you can contact Douglas Still at the SMA office at dstill@providenceri.com to obtain the application form. It details who can apply, how selections will be made and what is required. Deadline to submit your application is September 23, 2009.

Tree City USA 2008 Annual Report Now Available Online-A record 3,402 communities were recognized with Tree City USA status in 2008 for their community forestry efforts, including 134 first year applicants. Their commitment to community trees is evident in the 2008 Tree City USA Annual Report. Read about how cities and towns across the United States continue to recognize the economic and social benefits of effectively managing their community trees at <http://www.arborday.org/programs/treeCityUSA/graphics/treeCityUSA-report2008.pdf>. From the smallest Tree City USA community, Kaena Point Satellite Tracking Station, Hawaii (population-58), to the largest, New York City, (population-8 million), more than 135 million people call a Tree City USA community home.

ArborMaster Training-ArborMaster trainings on climbing, chainsaw handling, felling and rigging will be offered this Fall in Longmont. These training programs are delivered both through private in-house programs and on an open enrollment basis at select regional locations. For more information and to register click here www.ArborMaster.com.

Partners in Community Forestry National Conference Headed to Portland-Register now to attend the 2009 Partners in Community Forestry National Conference, co-hosted by the Arbor Day Foundation and The Home Depot Foundation, November 9-11 at the Doubletree Hotel in Portland, Oregon. Featuring over 40 presentations in three urban forestry tracks, a networking dinner at the World Forestry Center, and three half-day community forestry bus tours, this year's conference promises to harness the power of partnerships and collaboration to better manage and advance the urban forest. Learn more about the conference, book your hotel, and register online at www.arborday.org/pcf.

Arbor Day Farm to Host 2010 Municipal Forestry Institute-Register now for the Society of Municipal Arborists' fifth annual Municipal Forestry Institute, to be held February 21-26, 2010, at the [Lied Lodge and Conference Center](#) at Arbor Day Farm in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Join urban forest professionals from across the country in this unique week-long educational program designed to develop leadership, marketing, management, strategic planning, and outreach skills. Registration closes November 15, 2009, so learn more about the 2010 Municipal Forestry Institute and sign up at www.urban-forestry.com.

From the ISA-Rocky Mountain Chapter:

Save The Date-The Rocky Mountain Chapter 2009 Pesticide Applicators Workshop will be held on November 12-13 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO. For more information contact the ISA-RMC at 303-756-1815.

2009 ISA-RMC Annual Conference “Competing in a Tough Climate”-Mark your calendars and get registered for this event on October 1-2, 2009 at The Ranch, Larimer County Events Center in Loveland, Colorado. Also plan to attend the Tree Climbing Competition on October 3, 2009 in Greeley. Register online by July 10, 2009 for a special low-rate!!! Click here for more information: <https://www.isarmc.org/pro/registration.php>.

Gold Leaf Awards-Consider submitting an Outstanding Arbor Day Activity or Outstanding Community Landscape Beautification project for this year's Gold Leaf Awards. Deadline to submit your projects is September 4, 2009. Remember to include a summary of your project, pictures, articles and any promotional materials that were used. You can download an application here <http://www.isarmc.org/pro/documents/GoldLeafApplication09.pdf>. If there are any questions, please call 303-756-1815.

ISA-RMC Day of Service-Please join us for the ISA-RMC Day of Service at Riverside Cemetery on Wednesday, October 21st, 2009 from 7:00am – 3:00pm. Perhaps the most unfortunate effect of the loss of water at Riverside since 2002 is the death of the majority of the mature trees in the Cemetery. There at least 100 dead trees at Riverside, and unfortunately some of these trees are now threatening many of the monuments in the cemetery. It would be very expensive to remove all the dead trees at Riverside, and the owners, Fairmount Cemetery Company, do not currently have the budget to support the cost of this program. The primary focus of the day of service will be blocks: 15, 16, 19, 35, 36, 37, 38 and the area around the main office building. There are 41 trees that are a high priority and 15 trees that are low priority for removal (Average height 40 – 60 ft., Diameter trunks 18-30 in.) So we have our work cut out for us. Please join your fellow arborists at Riverside and let's help make a difference! The Cemetery will be closed while crews are working and lunch will be provided. For more details or if you would like to volunteer please contact the ISA-RMC office at 303.756.1815 or Patricia Carmody with Fairmount Heritage Foundation at 303.322.3895.

Insect and Disease Updates:

Pest Groups Up and Running-While the Northern Colorado pest group has been meeting monthly during the growing season for a number of years now, the Denver Metro area formed their group and met for the first time on July 29, 2009. Meeting notes and the latest going on with insect, disease and environmental problems are being distributed from these groups. Be sure to find out when these meetings are being held and try to attend one for the latest! For more information on the Northern Colorado group contact Ralph Zentz at rzentz@fcgov.com and for more info on the Denver Metro group contact Sara Davis at sara.davis@denvergov.org or Steve Traylor at Steven.Traylor@denvergov.org.

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The Front Range Chapter of CTC will be meeting on September 3rd in Ken-Caryl Ranch. The meeting was moved from its traditional “third Thursday” in September to take advantage of the visiting Greg McPherson from the Center for Urban Forest Research. Come here the latest from Greg on September 3 from 8:30am-Noon. Contact Keith Wood 303-438-9338 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 CTC Executive Administrator, Ralph Campbell, at rcampbl@lamar.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. Ralph will then submit the request to the CTC 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.

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.

Board of Directors Meeting-The Colorado Tree Coalition's Board of Director's will be meeting on October 23 at the new REI store in Westminster at 144th and I-25. This meeting will include election of officers. Please plan on attending the CTC's "Annual" Meeting. For more information call Ralph Campbell at 303-438-6546.

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 1st. Nomination forms can be found on-line at www.coloradotrees.org and submitted to Neal Bamesberger at nbamesberg@hotmail.com.

Notable Trees of Colorado Calendar Update-The 2010 Notable Trees of Colorado Calendar is almost ready for ordering and distribution! Get your orders in now by visiting the Colorado Tree Coalition website at the link below.

Happy Fall to All!!