

# 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 2009. It's never too late to start preparing for the 2010 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 2010!

**Eastern Colorado Community Forestry Conference**-The Eastern Colorado Community Forestry Conference is being planned for February 25, 2010 in Springfield. A great program of topics and speakers has been put together and the agenda and registration can be found here [http://www.coloradotrees.org/Meetings/ECCFC\\_25Feb10.pdf](http://www.coloradotrees.org/Meetings/ECCFC_25Feb10.pdf).

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Greeley Tree Care Workshop!**-Make plans to attend the premier tree care workshop in Northern Colorado! On February 19, 2010 Greeley will once again host the Greeley Tree Care Workshop. Watch for the agenda and registration to be out soon!

### **Insect and Disease Update:**

**EAB University**-This series of free Webinars to bring you the latest information on EAB at your own computer continues into 2010. For more information on topics and to register for a Webinar click here [http://www.emeraldashborer.info/eab\\_university.cfm](http://www.emeraldashborer.info/eab_university.cfm).

**TCD Committee To Meet in January 2010**-The newly formed Thousand Canker Disease of Walnut (TCD) Committee has been formed with interested members from State and Local government entities, Colorado State University and wood industry representatives. The committee will hold its first meeting in January 2010 and begin discussions on how best to manage this pest and the wood resource. Stay tuned for more details in 2010.

### *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 \$29,000. Notifications to applicants will be sent in early February and projects will begin in earnest from that point on! 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 CTC Executive Administrator, Ralph Campbell, at [rcampbl@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto: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](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.

**2010 National Arbor Day Foundation Poster Contest Details**-5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and students are invited to participate in the 2010 Arbor Day National Poster Contest sponsored by the Colorado Tree Coalition, the National Arbor Day Foundation, and Toyota Motor Corporation. School winners will be eligible to compete in the State Contest. The Colorado State Winner receives special recognition locally and also competes nationally. All school winning posters are displayed at the Colorado State Capitol and all school winners and teachers receive great prizes! CTC contest coordinator, Donna Davis, will accept the winning poster from your school anytime up until the Colorado deadline of March 5, 2010. Don't miss out on this engaging and impactful opportunity to teach fifth grade students about the important role trees play in our environment. Download your free 2010 Arbor Day National Poster Contest materials here <http://www.arborday.org/kids/postercontest/index.cfm> and help foster the next generation of tree stewards or contact Donna Davis directly at [dodavis@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:dodavis@lamar.colostate.edu) or at:

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**ProGreen Expo**-Don't forget to make it to the ProGreen Expo at the Denver Convention Center from February 8-12. 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 on January 22**-Come join the Board of Directors during their meeting on Friday, January 22 at the Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

office, 604 S. Marion St., in Denver, 10am-3pm. CTC has lots of new things planned for 2010, come find out more about what is on tap. Please contact Ralph Campbell at 303-438-6546 for more information.

**Front Range Urban Forestry Council**-The next FRUFC meeting will be held on January 21, 2010 at the Denver Zoo. Topics covered at this meeting will include Westminster's Tree Growth Rate Study and Boulder County Parks & Open Space Tree Donation Program. Contact Keith Wood at [keith.wood@colostate.edu](mailto: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 2010? 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](http://www.coloradotrees.org) and sign up to receive *Tree Talk* electronically. In 2010 there will be two issues of *Tree Talk* produced, one being the 2009 Annual Report available in January 2010, the other being a mid-year edition during the Summer of 2010. Thanks for helping CTC save its printing funds for tree planting projects around Colorado!

**Happy New Year!!**