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Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

i-Tree version 4 Now Available-The i-Tree Team is excited to announce that i-Tree v4.0 is now available. In addition to significant upgrades to existing applications, i-Tree v4.0 offers users new easily accessible online analysis tools such as i-Tree Design and i-Tree Canopy. Furthermore, i-Tree Hydro provides users with an innovative new watershed scale hydrology modeling application. Click here for a snapshot of some of the new tools and features now available in i-Tree v4.0 http://www.itreetools.org/news/whats_new.php.

What is a Tree Worth?-Historian and author Jill Jonnes (Eiffel's Tower, Conquering Gotham and Empires of Light) provides a critical look into the past and recent history of urban tree initiatives. Jonnes takes the reader from the beginnings of Arbor Day in 1874 to the early '90s in Chicago as former Chicago Mayor Richard Daley sought to measure the value of urban forestry through the Chicago Urban Forest Climate Project. More recent efforts in Los Angeles ([Million Trees LA](#)) and New York City ([Million Trees NYC](#)) are taking advantage of what was learned through Chicago's experience. Indeed, Jonnes' points out that trees offer a "low-tech solution" to many of the environmental ills man has wrought in urban America. Read Jonnes' comprehensive look at the value of urban forestry in [The Wilson Quarterly](#).

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The Front Range Chapter of CTC will be meeting on May 12. We will meet at the North Water Reclamation Facility in Parker and tour their operation. For more information contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu.

CTC Poster Contest-This year's poster theme was "Celebrate Trees in Our Community". Colorado fifth graders from around the state participated, with 44 schools submitting winning posters for the statewide judging event held on April 8th. The Colorado Tree Coalition selected Jeneva Moreno's poster as the winner of the 2011 Colorado Arbor Day Poster Contest! Jeneva is from Doull Elementary in Denver. The posters of all forty-four school winners were displayed on the first floor of the Colorado State Capitol from April 15th through April 21st and Jeneva was recognized at an event at the Capitol on April 18th.

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 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.

Tour De Poudre-On June 26th the International Society of Arboriculture-Rocky Mountain Chapter (ISA/RMC) and the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) will be teaming up to co-host the 12th annual Champion Tree Classic Tour de Poudre, a bike ride to raise money for tree planting and tree research. This year's ride will once again take place in northern Colorado with a short and long route being mapped out between Fort Collins to Greeley along the Poudre River Trail. The New Belgium Brewing Company in Fort Collins will help sponsor the ride again this year with the circuit routes starting and ending at that location. For more information and to register go to www.coloradotrees.org.

Colorado Public TV/Channel 12 Partners with CTC-The month of April brought a new partnership with Colorado Public TV Channel 12 (CPT12). In honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day, CPT12 took another green step forward by partnering with CTC to help raise awareness of the ReForest Colorado program. For every \$40 donation in April, \$5 in funds went to the ReForest Colorado program to help plant trees in communities devastated by natural disasters.

Think Wet Spring!!