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From the Community Forestry Division of the Colorado State Forest Service

September-October 2011

Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference-The 21st Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference (WCCFC) is scheduled for October 7th in Buena Vista. The theme for this conference is; “*Community Forests: Solutions for Tree Lovers and City Planners.*” The Buena Vista Tree Board wanted to offer a program that appealed to professionals as well community tree advocates. Working with the Salida District of the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) the Buena Vista Tree Board has put together an attractive agenda. Here is this year’s lineup of speakers and topics:

- Chris Forman, Aspen City Forester, will share his experiences managing an urban forest above 7,800 feet.
- Gary Ludwig, owner of Pleasant Avenue Nursery in Buena Vista, will lead a walking tour along the Arkansas River and teach attendees about trees that work in high and dry environments.
- Dave Leatherman, entomologist, and an excellent presenter who is well known around Colorado, will entertain and educate us all on dealing with significant tree pests.
- Jason Jones, arborist with Aspen Tree Service, will share his experience as a commercial arborist working for and with mountain communities.
- Vince Urbina, CSFS Community Forester, will teach attendees how to make tree roots happy in a hard-escape.

Wine and Trees-An autumn garden party to benefit The Mile High Million Tree Planting Initiative. September 22, 5:30-8:30pm at the Denver Botanic Gardens. For more information <http://www.milehighmillion.org/pages/section/get-involved/wine-and-trees>.

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? In the thirty-eight years that these awards have been given out, Colorado has been represented in twenty-two of those years. 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!

Partners in Community Forestry Conference November 15-17-The 2011 Partners in Community Forestry National Conference will be held Nov. 15-17 at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Now in its fifth year, the Partners Conference brings together many diverse groups who are charged with taking care of our city forests, including utility foresters and vegetation program managers, state and local forestry professionals and tree advocates throughout North America. This year’s program will feature themed educational tracks designed to encourage exchanges between organizations and provide attendees the opportunity to learn firsthand alongside new and non-traditional urban forestry partners. Registration and program details can be found at <http://www.arborday.org/shopping/conferences/brochures/pcf/2011/?breadcrumb=homepagebottom>. The Arbor Day Foundation is offering one registration scholarship to a

community representative from each state, please let Keith Wood know if you are interested in attending by emailing keith.wood@colostate.edu.

Cheyenne Tough Trees Workshop-Presentations from this workshop have been posted to the Colorado Tree Coalition website. The workshop, held in Cheyenne on July 12 and 13, focused on providing information to those involved with selection of woody plants for the high plains region. Members of the Front Range Urban Forestry Council were on hand on the 13th to tour the Cheyenne Station Arboretum as well. To view the presentations go to www.coloradotrees.org, click on “Meetings and Events” in the left column and scroll down to see the links to the presentations.

A Little Love for the Cottonwood-Arvada resident and author Kathleen Cain was able to spend a little time in a bucket in one of her favorite cottonwood trees that Arvada City Forester Craig Hillegass maintains. Check out the video production here http://www.youtube.com/cityofarvada#p/u/0/3kOgbm_efX8.

Federal Agencies Partner to Revitalize Urban Waterways in Communities Across the U.S.-A new federal partnership aims to stimulate regional and local economies, create local jobs, improve quality of life, and protect Americans' health by revitalizing urban waterways in under-served communities across the country. The Urban Waters Federal Partnership (UWFP) is an innovative federal union comprised of 11 agencies including USDA, Forest Service. The South Platte River in Denver is one of seven locations selected for help from the nation's new Urban Waters Federal Partnership. This partnership will reconnect urban communities, particularly those that are overburdened or economically distressed, with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies and collaborating with community-led revitalization efforts to improve our Nation's water systems and promote their economic, environmental and social benefits. Read [more](#).

ANSI A-300 Standards Up for Public Review-There are currently four tree care-related ANSI standards posted and available for comment. They include Part 5 – Management of Trees and Shrubs during Site Planning, Site Development and Construction: 8/5 – 9/19. Part 6 – Transplanting: 8/5 – 9/19. Part 7 – Integrated Vegetation Management: 7/22 - 9/5. And Part 8 – (NEW STANDARD) Root and Root Zone Management: 8/19 – 10/3. Current draft versions may be viewed or downloaded on the TCI website <http://www.tcia.org/standards/CurrentProjects.htm>.

From the ISA-Rocky Mountain Chapter:

2011 ISA-RMC Annual Conference “Tapping the Roots of Knowledge”-Mark your calendars and get registered for this event on September 29-30 at the Marriott Denver South. Also plan to attend the Tree Climbing Competition on October 1 in Littleton. Register online for a special low-rate! Click here for more information: <http://www.isarmc.org/pro/downloads/ISA%202011%20Invitation.pdf>.

Insect and Disease Updates:

EAB Brochure Available-Sky Stephens, CSFS entomologist, and the Emerging Pests in Colorado (EPIC) committee recently produced an emerald ash borer brochure for Colorado. Click here to view it: http://csfs.colostate.edu/pdfs/120867_EmeraldAshBorer-broch_www.pdf.

New Herbicide Imprelis Suspected in Tree Problems-A recently approved herbicide called [Imprelis](#), widely used by landscapers because it was thought to be environmentally friendly, has emerged as the leading suspect in the deaths of thousands of Norway spruces, eastern white pines and other trees on lawns and golf courses across the country. Read more about it in this New York Times article:

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/15/science/earth/15herbicide.html?_r=1&emc=eta1.

Plant Protection and Quarantine Stakeholder Registry-APHIS' Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) program launched a new stakeholder registry to provide timely and tailored plant-health information to interested stakeholders. Subscribing is easy and takes less than 5 minutes. The new registry will allow PPQ to establish regular channels of communication and enhance relationships with its many stakeholders. As part of the subscription process, you'll have the opportunity to select whether you want to receive messages via email or text and identify topics, such as "plant pest program information" and "user fees", that are of interest to you. Once you've successfully registered, you'll receive an email confirmation identifying all of the topics you selected. When PPQ sends out stakeholder announcements, you'll only receive information related to the topics you've chosen. The new stakeholder registry is hosted by GovDelivery, a digital communications platform that is already in use by a number of Federal Departments. GovDelivery Email Subscription Management is the world's leading email subscription management system designed specifically for the public sector. It empowers organizations to provide citizens with better service and access to relevant information by proactively delivering new information through email and wireless alerts. To join the registry, click on the following link: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAPHIS/subscriber/new/>.

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Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The Front Range Chapter of CTC will be meeting on September 22nd at the Central Park Recreation Center at Stapleton in Denver. Information will be presented on Thousand Cankers Disease log storage, hauling, kiln and wood utilization operations currently underway. Contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu 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 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.

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 21. This meeting will include election of officers. Please plan on attending the CTC's "Annual" Meeting. Contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu and stay tuned for more information.

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 nbamesberg871@hotmail.com.

Notable Trees of Colorado Calendar Update-The 2012 Notable Trees of Colorado Calendar is almost ready for ordering and distribution! This is the 10th anniversary edition of the calendar and features Colorado native trees! Get your orders in now by visiting the Colorado Tree Coalition website at www.coloradotrees.org.

CTC Strategically Plans-At the August 12th Board of Director's meeting the Colorado Tree Coalition Board provided input to the newly revised Strategic Plan through 2015. It is expected the plan will be finalized and approved at the October Board of Director's meeting. Stay tuned for more details.

Happy Fall to All!!