

News You Can Use!

From the Community Forestry Division of the Colorado State Forest Service

September-October 2012

Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

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 should be submitted by the end of the year.

Partners in Community Forestry Conference November 14-15-The 2012 Partners in Community Forestry National Conference will be held Nov. 14-15 in Sacramento, CA. Now in its sixth 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. For more information and to register visit <http://www.arborday.org/shopping/pcf/2012/>.

From the ISA-Rocky Mountain Chapter

2012 ISA-RMC Annual Conference-The Annual Conference "Standing Tall from the Roots Up" will be held at Fort Collins Marriott in Fort Collins, CO on October 4-5, 2012. Don't miss out on great speakers like Jim Urban, Dr. Whitney Cranshaw and many of your fellow arborists. Topics will include Soil Basics; Technology Updates; Urban Soils and Urban Assessments and much more! Register online at: <http://www.isarmc.org/2012/04/isa-rmc-annual-conference>.

Insect and Disease Update

Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Kansas-The U.S. Department of Agriculture has confirmed that emerald ash borer is now in Kansas. The first-ever presence of emerald ash borer in Kansas was confirmed in Wyandotte County on August 29. The discovery was made by Kansas Department of Agriculture and USDA staff during a survey being conducted as a result of the July 2012 confirmation of emerald ash borer in Platte County, Missouri. The staff identified a tree during the visual survey that showed symptoms of the emerald ash borer. They removed a portion of the tree and sent it to a USDA lab in Michigan for further analysis. Regulatory officials at USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Plant Protection and Quarantine (USDA-APHIS-PPQ) division removed a live insect from the sample and confirmed the presence of emerald ash borer on August 29.

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The Front Range Chapter of CTC will be meeting on September 20th at the Rock Ledge Ranch in Colorado Springs. A program on the City of Colorado Springs' response to the Waldo Canyon fire and a tour of the area are planned. 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.

And a Note From Our Latest Scholarship Recipient Daniel Cottier-"The 2012 ISA International Conference was a great learning and networking opportunity that allowed me to interact with other tree care professionals from many different countries and areas of expertise. I attended Tree Academy Workshops where I was able to get hands on experience with the latest resistance drilling and sonic tomography equipment as well as educational sessions that focused on technology, tree risk assessing, biomechanics, and managing mature trees. As a Consulting Arborist, I have immediately put this knowledge and experience into practice designing tree risk management solutions for municipalities and will be attending the Tree Risk Symposium at the Morton Arboretum next month in Chicago. Thanks again to the Colorado Tree Coalition for helping make this experience possible."

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 12. 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 <http://www.coloradotrees.org/programs.php#champion> and submitted to Neal Bamesberger at nbamesberg871@hotmail.com.

CTC Receives Xcel Foundation Grant-The Colorado Tree Coalition recently received \$25,000 from the Xcel Foundation to help fund four tree planting projects in 2013! The City of Commerce City has developed a dead and or dying tree replacement program to remove and replace trees throughout the city owned and maintained park and trail system as well as the city building grounds. The City has currently identified approximately 500 trees that are in need of replacement. Funds from the Xcel Energy Foundation will help remove and replace trees in 2013. The City of Greeley is constructing a natural area park named Homestead Park. The City has just finished an in-house design for the park and intends to plant 34 of the 52 trees for the site with Xcel Energy Foundation funding, coinciding with 2013 arbor day/week activities. The Highlands Ranch Metro District (HRMD) tree care program is responsible for 16,000 trees in 23 irrigated parks and along parkways. In 2011, HRMD staff replaced 105 trees in parks and 107 trees throughout our parkways system for a cost of \$18,000 in trees alone. HRMD would use Xcel Foundation tree planting funds to offset the cost of anticipated tree replacements in 2013 in parks and parkways. And finally, the City of Littleton would like to partner with South Suburban Park & Recreation (SSPR) to install 50-60 shade trees in Harlow and James Taylor Parks in Littleton. The city owns the parks and they are managed by SSPR. The grant funds would pay for tree purchases only and the City of Littleton would plant the trees with volunteers supervised by City horticultural personnel as part of an Arbor Day celebration in April 2013.

Happy Fall to All!!