

Tree E-News

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Urban and Community Forestry

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-scape.

Urban Forestry Course: Paul Ries, Community Forestry Program Manager for the Oregon Department of Forestry, will be teaching an introductory Urban Forestry online course through Oregon State University (OSU). The course will be taught in the fall and winter semesters. There are no prerequisite courses; however, foundational forestry or horticulture courses will be helpful. This course will allow students to dialog with the instructor and fellow students. There will be exams, assignments, and outside of the class opportunities to enhance learning. Topics that will be covered include:

1. Economic, ecological, and social benefits of the urban forest.
2. The administrative, technical, and administrative components of an urban forestry program.
3. How to implement tree management techniques for people in the urban environment.

According to the OSU ecampus website, the fees for this course will be the same for Oregon residents and out-of-state students. There are thirty spaces available for this 3 credit course. To learn about the Urban Forestry course (For/Hort 350) visit www.ecampus.oregonstate.edu or you can e-mail the instructor Paul Ries (paul.ries@oregonstate.edu).

Arbor Day Foundation Awards: The Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) annually acknowledges individuals, groups, corporations and institutions for their efforts on behalf of trees. The list of people recognized by the ADF since 1973 is a Who’s Who of politicians, movie stars, tree advocates, and leaders in the field of forestry. Colorado folks have received numerous awards over the years. Tom Borden, CSFS State Forester, won the J. Sterling Morton Award in 1986, which is the highest honor awarded by the ADF. Phil Hoefler, retired CSFS Community Forester, received the Frederick Law Olmsted Award in 2002. This particular award acknowledges a person who has had a positive impact on the environment due to their lifelong commitment to tree planting and conservation at a state and regional level.

You can nominate yourself or the efforts of someone else for an award, but you must use the electronic nomination form on the ADF website, www.arborday.org. On the home page select **Programs** and then **Arbor Day Awards** on the lower right hand side of the page. Once you are on the **Arbor Day Awards** page, choose the box on the bottom of the page that is entitled **Nominate**. There are fourteen award categories to choose from. The deadline for submitting nominations is December 31, 2011.



Phil and Marcia Hoefler
at the 2002 ADF
Award Ceremony