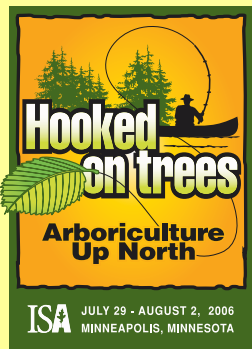


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A DAY NEVER FORGOTTEN

November 11th marks the day when the fallen are not forgotten.

MSA was well represented at our third annual Day of Service held at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Veterans Day. Jim Ostvig was again the primary organizer for the day's activities and he coordinated the efforts of more than 50 tree care professionals representing 13 organizations. Mature red oak, pin oak, green ash and honeylocust trees were pruned and when the cleanup had been completed a total of 77 trees were healthier and much nicer

looking. This event is a fine way to honor Veterans who have sacrificed much for our freedoms.

While company crews worked primarily with their own people, it also was common to see individuals from three, four and even five organizations working side by side to speed the pruning process along. Camaraderie was the order of the day and the plans are already in the works for our 2006 Day of Service. The value of the pruning to Fort Snelling National Cemetery could easily be

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President's Message, Paul Buck

I have to admit that this first President's

message is a rather daunting task. I scanned all the past presidents and was in awe of all the talent that has preceded me. The bar was set high early on and that tradition continues today. A big thank you to the past two presidents, Mark Stennes and Jim Nayes, who led this organization through some difficult and growing times and have pledged their continued passionate involvement in MSA. I also look forward to working with our new Vice President, Don Mueller to carry the MSA torch even further.

There really isn't any need to mention our goal for 2006, but just in case some of you missed it... "kick Milwaukee's hinny" is the pledge for hosting the ISA 2006 National Conference here in Minneapolis July 29 – August 2. I admit this creative suggestion was not my own, but I'm behind it 100%. I hope every MSA member has a chance to experience this conference, even if only for one day. It won't be any closer to home any time soon. ISA Committee Chairs Ralph Sievert and Don Mueller head a group of volunteers that are busy planning to host the best conference yet! But there is

always room for more people and ideas. Check the MSA web page or contact Ralph or Don to get involved.

As for my personal goals for MSA, I vow to make communication and participation my number one priority. With record membership comes the responsibility to keep everyone informed of all the wonderful opportunities, be they educational and/or social. I hope to make the web page and this publication the voices of our organization. If you should ever have any questions, ideas or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly @ 763.509.5944

To those who have pledge their support of MSA and me for the next two years, thank you and I promise to do the best I can to uphold the legacy of MSA. To those of you who haven't pledged their support of MSA yet, I encourage you to participate and grow with this organization. After listening to and learning from Dr. John Ball & Gary Sternberg at the MN Green Expo, how could you not be encouraged and rejuvenated to participate in this fine vocation? These are exciting times and I'd hate for any member to get left behind!

Remember, Trees are good & Fun is good!

It's a First at the Green Expo

This year at the Green Expo, a tree climbing and rigging demonstration was put on by a few members of the MSA. Ten scheduled demonstrations for the three day event, held on January 4-6, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Companies involved with the event were: Hennepin Technical College, Northern Arborists, S & S Tree and Horticulturalist Specialists, St. Croix Tree Service, and Top Notch TreeCare. Also a special thanks to the folks at Fresco Arborist Supplies for donating the use of some very "spendy" equipment.



2006
Tour des Trees

Thunder Bay, ON
Land of the Sleeping Giant
DAY 1 - 75 miles

Grand Marais, MN
Average July High Temp. 77°F
DAY 2 - 105 miles

Duluth, MN
DAY 3 - 85 miles

Bayfield, WI
Gateway to the Apostle Islands
DAY 4 - 70 miles

Hinckley, MN
DAY 6 - 75 miles

Hayward, WI
DAY 5 - 87 miles

7 days
500 miles

Minneapolis, MN
DAY 7 - 25 miles

July 23 - July 30, 2006

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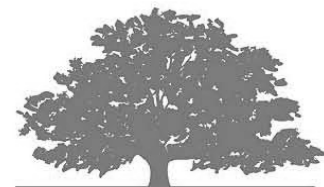
... to benefit the Tree RESEARCH and EDUCATION Endowment Fund!

The 15th annual Tour des Trees will hit the road Monday, July 24 in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. Rolling along the shores of Lake Superior, cyclists will visit parts of the Ontario, Wisconsin and Minnesota Chapters of the ISA. The Tour will end 500 miles later in Minneapolis on Sunday, July 30, just as the annual ISA Conference begins.

Tour des Trees is the primary fund-raising and public education event for the *Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund)*. But the Tour has also become known for its fun-loving, supportive group of men and women of all ages, who enjoy road biking, great scenery and making a difference in the future health and beauty of community trees. We'd love to share a SUPERIOR Tour des Trees experience with you—as a rider or a sponsor!

For more information and a registration form, please visit www.tourdestrees.org or contact the new TREE Fund office in Wheaton, Illinois at 630-221-8127 . You may also e-mail the TREE Fund's Special Events Manager Lynn Day at lday@treefund.org.

TREE Fund
Mission Statement
To identify and fund projects and programs that advance knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry to benefit people, trees and the environment.

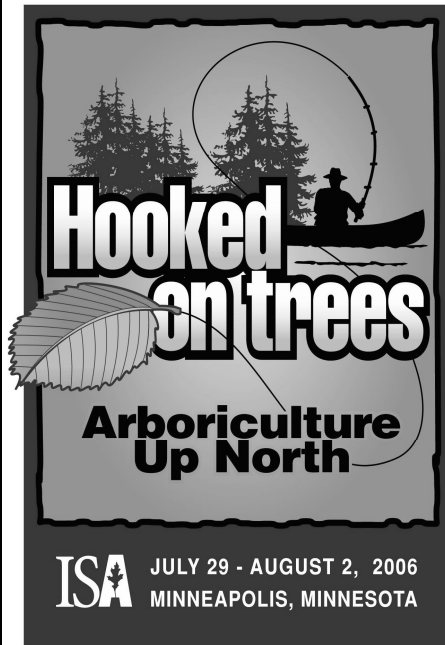


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Tree Research & Education Endowment Fund

2006 ISA Conference Update

Submitted by Ralph Sievert and Don Mueller, Co-chairs



Preparing for the ITCC at Loring Park

If you did not already know, the 30th International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC) will be held in Minneapolis this summer. The big event will be at Loring Park and is a key feature of the 2006 ISA Annual Conference & Trade Show. To prepare for the competition MPRB Forestry crews began pruning all of the trees in the park. Private tree companies, under the watchful eye of Gary Albig, were also on hand to



ONE?] This work will take place for four days.

Over 50 men and women Arborists from nearly 20 different countries will compete in a series of events at the ITCC. The competition will be held on Saturday, July 29th and Sunday, July 30th in historic Loring Park. There should be quite an audience since nearly 3000 Arborists are expected to attend the conference. Eventually, just five men and women finalists will remain to compete in the Masters Challenge on Sunday. The winner will become the 2006 International Tree Climbing Champion.

Loring Park is an excellent venue for the ITCC because of its mature trees and close proximity to the host hotels and Minneapolis Convention Center. A thorough mulching of all trees will take place this spring. If you've never seen an ITCC you won't want to miss this opportunity



provide much appreciated help. Among those in attendance were: Albig Tree Care, Northeast Tree Service, Eager Beaver Tree Service, Top Notch Tree Care, Northern Arborists and St Croix Tree Care. **[DID I MISS ANY-**

Photos taken by
Ralph Sievert

ONLINE SEMINARS FOR ARBORISTS

Len Phillips, Administrator
Online Seminars for Municipal Arborists
www.on-line-seminars.com

A website called Online Seminars for Arborists will provides the latest information on topics of interest to municipal arborists and urban foresters. Topics are presented as articles in each seminar and the topics change every two months. At the end of the article is a forum that allows everyone to exchange thoughts about the topics. Those participating in the forums are given CEU credits from the ISA for each forum they participate in. Everyone is invited to read the articles and participate in the forums at no cost. Forum participants can also exchange emails with others.

Vendors who have products or services of general importance to municipal arborists are linked from this home page to their website.

If you don't like conferences or can't attend them, this is your answer to getting suitable training.

The ISA is very happy with the seminars. They have issued 185 CEU's in the four Seminars so far, and expanded the eligibility for credits

to: Certified Arborist, Tree Worker Specialist, Municipal Specialist, Utility Specialist, BCMA Science, BCMA practice, and BCMA management certifications.

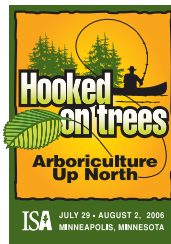
With the high cost of attending conferences at cities around the US, this concept makes a lot of sense for those of us with limited municipal budgets. No conference registration fees, no travel expenses, no lodging or meal costs, and best of all, no hassles with airline travel.

You can visit the site at work, at home, daytime or evenings; the site is open 24/7.

Wanted: Arborist - Climber

Seeking motivated individual interested in joining an established small business specializing in tree care. Responsibilities include: trim trees; prune shrubs; operate and perform routine maintenance on vehicles and equipment; assist with nursery operations; install small landscape projects.

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Upcoming Exam Dates

Certified Arborist

April 7
St. Louis Park
Registration deadline
March 22
50 Seats available

June 23
Andover, MN
Registration deadline
June 6
40 seats available

Certified Tree Worker

April 7
St. Louis Park
Written Only
Registration deadline
March 22
15 Seats available

June 23
Andover, MN
Written Only
Registration deadline
June 6
20 seats available

Cinnamon Ginger Minnesota Made Honey Mead

- 12 lbs (1 gal) honey
- 4 gal water
- 12 oz bruised ginger root
- 8 lg cinnamon sticks, crushed
- 4 c raisins
- Juice and rind of 1 orange (organic) and 2 lemons (organic)
- 1 pkg Wyeast dry mead yeast
- yeast nutrient

Simmer 1 gal water at 160 d. F. Add honey and simmer, stirring to dissolve honey for 15 minutes.

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in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 range.

If you were not there you missed a valuable and personally satisfying event. Plan to join us next year.



Our special thanks to these organizations: Ostvig Tree, Inc., Top Notch Treecare, S&S Tree and Horticultural Specialists, Rainbow Treecare, Living Sculpture Tree Care, Inc., Central Minnesota Tree Service, Northeast Tree, Inc., The Other Guy Tree Care, St. Croix Tree Service, Northern Arborists, MN DOT Environmental Service, Vineland Group, and Hennepin Tech.

Coverage by the media and the Mpls. Star Tribune made it an extra special day. Article appeared Saturday, November 12, 2005

2006 ArborMaster® Climbing Prize Package

Announcing the 2006 ArborMaster® Climbing Prize Package for the (Minnesota Society of Arboriculture) Tree Climbing Champion (TCC), held in conjunction with the chapter's 2006 Tree Climbing Championship (TCC) event. This climbing kit is being offered to each chapter champion (both man and woman, if applicable)! The package is intended to help equip the chapter representative(s) for the International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC) Competition.

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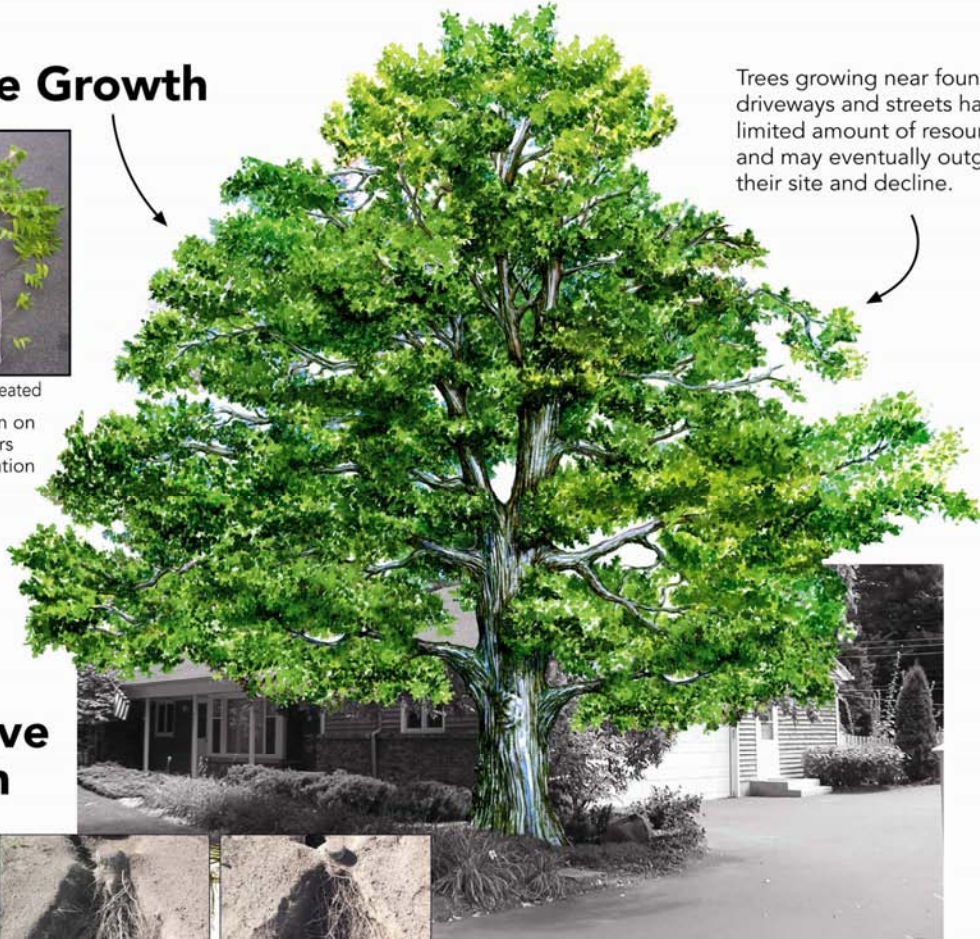
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March

- 10 Tree Worker Evaluation Training Noon-2
- 11 **Deadline for *Arborescence* Copy and Advtg**
- 16 **Executive Committee Meeting 7-9 am
2117 W. River Road Mpls—All members welcome**
- 16 MNLA Day on the Hill
- 21-22 MnStac ShadeTree Short Course Bethel
- 21 **MSA Business Meeting and Winter Picnic
4-8pm Como Park Golf Course**
- 22 **ISA Certification Application Deadlines**
- 28 **EHAP Training-Xcel Energy Elk River**

April

- 7 Tree Workers Exam-written only St. Louis Park

April continued

- 7 Certified Arborist Exam St. Louis Park
- 20 **Executive Committee Meeting 7-9 am
2117 W. River Road Mpls—All members welcome!**
- 28 Arbor Day at the State Fair

May

- 18 **Executive Committee Meeting 7-9 am
2117 W. River Road Mpls—All members welcome!**
- 20 **Festival of Trees and MN Tree Climbing Championship**

June

- 1 **Deadline-Arborescence Copy & Advtg Due**
- 6 **ISA Certification Application Deadlines**
- 23 Tree Workers Exam-written only Andover, MN
- 23 Certified Arborist Exam Andover, MN