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WESTERN Nursery & Landscape ASSOCIATION

Western Nursery & Landscape Association Dissolved

On August 31, 2020 the Board of Directors of the Western Nursery and Landscape Association, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)6, announced that they had unanimously decided to not have a trade show event in January 2021 due to the Coronavirus.

The annual Western in Kansas City is the main source of income for the Association and without the income of the 2021 Western, the Board has determined that the 130 year old non-profit Association could not be sustained.

A vote of the members of WNLA has been taken and the membership approved of the dissolution of the Western Nursery & Landscape Association.

To celebrate the legacy of the Western Nursery and Landscape Association, the Board of Directors of WNLA is grateful to AmericanHort for stepping up to help celebrate this long legacy. AmericanHort will offer community, membership, and recognition of the WNLA legacy in the following ways:

- Establish the Western-1890 member group inside AmericanHort to help retain the identity and community of WNLA within the industry.
- Facilitate quarterly communications for Western-1890 members (ex. zoom calls, newsletter, company spotlight)
- \$189 introductory membership to AmericanHort (for new members, reverts to normal rate after one year)
- Work with Western-1890 members to plan industry events in the region as appropriate and available
- Build a permanent legacy for The Western and WNLA by expanding the existing HRI research fund
- Invite representatives from WNLA to attend the HRI reception at Cultivate'21 and dedicate agenda time to celebrate the 130-year history of the organization
- Solicit additional donations to the fund from companies across the industry through asking for pledges that honor the legacy of the WNLA, such as \$189 or \$1890.

The very minimal remaining assets of WNLA will be transferred to the Kansas Nursery & Landscape Association, a non-profit corporation and long time supporter of the WNLA, and the Horticultural Research Institute to build a permanent legacy for The Western and WNLA by expanding the existing HRI research fund established in 1991.

2021 TCIA Winter Management Conference Cancelled



After considering CDC safety protocols, travel restrictions to/ from and in Barbados, and finally the quality of the education opportunities and experience would not be up to TCIA standards due to COVID restrictions, TCIA has come to the difficult decision not to hold Winter Management Conference in 2021. TCIA looks forward to seeing you in person at the next WMC in the Grand Hyatt Kauai on Jan. 30 – Feb 3, 2022.

Above & Beyond

TCIA has created a new education event to fit today's needs and into future. It's a 3-day event on January 13 - 15, 2021 showcasing 25 sessions from the top speakers in the tree industry! In addition, enter into the virtual Exhibit Hall and chat one on one with exhibitors representing all the cool equipment in the tree industry as well as those offering business solutions. There will also be fun ways to engage with other arborists from around the country/world in tree care chat groups and meetups! Score high on the trivia leaderboard, and collect badges to win prizes! With all these great events, plus 25 educational sessions to attend, it's an experience not to be missed! ISA and CTSP CEU's are available. Register now at: <https://summit.tcia.org>.



Adapting to Provide Education Opportunities

COVID-19 restrictions have made in-person education opportunities impractical. Providing education opportunities has taken a new twist for us. Nationally and locally some events have postponed or cancelled, some were converted to or created new as a virtual format. I have also needed to change how I do things. The normal winter in-person training events will have to be virtual. The first is the Dec. 8 Tree Health Update already announced. I am working on at least two more programs. Watch for the email announcements to take advantage of these opportunities probably in early 2021.



<https://azharreflections.blogspot.com>



Japanese tree lilac
Syringa reticulata

Japanese tree lilac is a small tree with a mature height of 20 to 30 feet with a spread of 15 to 25 feet. This tree is appropriate for small to large yards, parks, and street side plantings. The specie does best on acidic, well-drained soil. It prefers a relatively sunny site. Susceptible to all of the common lilac maladies, it is resistant to powdery mildew, scale, and lilac borer. The flowers are grouped in large, terminal panicles. The flower color is white, but I have been told there are now other colors available. The fruit is a non-showy long capsule. The leaves are dark green, opposite, simple, entire, broad-ovate to ovate and 2 to 5.5 inches long. Fall color is poor. Cultivars to consider are 'Ivory Silk' for heavy flowering at an early age, and 'Summer Snow' for profuse large panicles of flowers and cherry-like bark. Native to northern Japan, this specie is suitable to plant in all of Missouri.

Image: John Fech, Nebraska Extension Educator, UNL

Book Review - Urban Nature For Human Health And Well-Being

The livability of a community is often defined by the availability of parks, forests, gardens, and other natural settings that support an active lifestyle. There is a growing conviction that this “green infrastructure” is as important to prosperous and sustainable communities as roads, trash removal, and other essential services. Urban Nature For Human Health And Well-Being is a research summary for communicating the physical, mental, and social health benefits of trees and green space. Get it at: www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fs_media/fs_document/urbannatureforhumanhealthandwellbeing_508_01_30_18.pdf

Oak leaf blister

Oak leaf blister (*Taphrina caerulescens*) is a fungal leaf disease. During mid-spring, microscopic spores are produced in leaf spots. These spores are carried by wind and splashing raindrops onto bud scales and twigs where they remain in a dormant stage until the next early spring. At this time, rain washes the spores onto young leaves where infection takes place. Small circular spots begin to develop in 2 to 4 weeks. Cool wet weather is required for germination on young leaves, and if these conditions continue, severe infection can occur. If weather conditions are not favorable for spore germination shortly after bud break, only minor infection will occur. As the leaves mature, they become more resistant to infection. Leaves with numerous spots may fall prematurely to the ground. If well-established trees defoliate before midsummer, they will sometimes leaf out later in the season. When defoliation occurs in late summer, leaf loss will have little impact on the overall health of the tree.



Larry Osborne, Bugwood.org

With the COVID-19 situation, all listed events may occur, be postponed, or cancelled depending on the host groups' decisions. Verify before going.

Dec. 2

Urban Tree Summit 2020 - virtual, Info and register at: www.montgomeryparks.org/events/urban-tree-summit/.

Dec. 4

Tree Risk Management: An Alternative Perspective webinar, Info and register at: www.asca-consultants.org/page/Tree_Risk_Management_Webinar.

Dec. 7 - 11

2020 ISA ISA International Virtual Conference, Info and register at: <https://www.isa-arbor.com/Events/Annual-Conference/2020-Annual-Conference>.

Dec. 8

Tree Health Update, webinar, 9:30 CT, Register by emailing jon.skinner@mdc.mo.gov.

Dec. 17

Oak Decline Diseases: Identify and Treatment Approaches webinar, Info and register at: www.betternature.solutions/.

Dec. 21

Sycamore Anthracnose - What it is and how to treat it! webinar, Info and register at: www.betternature.solutions/.

Dec. 22

Beneficial Bugs - What they are, what they do, and how to keep them safe. webinar, Info and register at: www.betternature.solutions/.

Jan. 13 - 15

Above and Beyond TCIA Virtual Summit, Info and register at: <https://summit.tcia.org>.

Jan. 27 - 30

2021 MWISA 75th Annual Conference & Trade Show, Omaha, NE, Info at: <https://mwisa.org>.

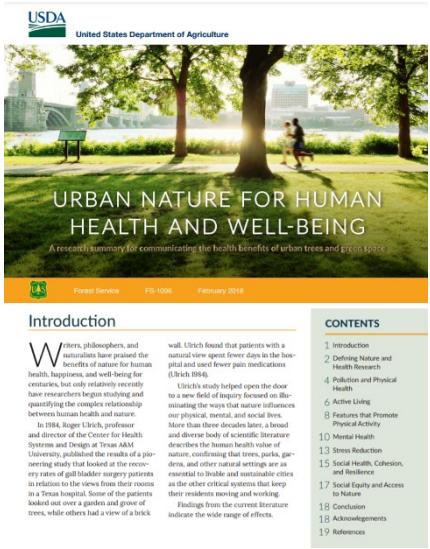
April 7 - 9

TCIA Executive Arborist Workshop, Milwaukee, WI, Info at: <https://eaw.tcia.org>.

May 20 - 25

2021 ASCA All Access Spring Conference, Tucson, AZ, Info at: www.asca-consultants.org/page/AnnualConference.

SWMCFC and Joplin MCFC meetings will be sporadic due the COVID-19 situation. Watch for individual emails announcing meetings as they occur.



I think that I shall never see
A billboard lovely as a tree.

Perhaps, unless the billboards
fall,
I'll never see a tree at all.

~Ogden Nash, "Song of the Open Road," 1933

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