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MCFC Annual Conference - March 8 - 9, 2006

The Missouri Community Forestry Council annually holds an education and recognition conference. In the past, this conference has been held with the MPRA Conference. This year they have struck out on their own to provide better service to the participants. This year's conference in St. Louis has many great learning sessions. The conference is appropriate for City Managers, Mayors, City Staff, Park and Tree Board Members, Arborists, Nurserymen, and Landscapers. Up to nine International Society of Arboriculture CEU's and up to 11 Society of American Forester CFE's are available.



The early, discounted registration postmark deadline is February 10, 2006. Full registration is \$95 and \$110 after the deadline. If you need a copy of the registration form, you may contact Jon Skinner (Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.gov, 417-629-3423) or get it from the MCFC website at: www.mocommunitytrees.com/pages/3/index.htm.

Midwestern Chapter of ISA Annual Conference - Feb. 21 - 23, 2006



The Midwestern Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture is holding its' annual conference in Bismarck, ND. This far off, exotic location will allow participants to be updated on shifting trends, growth patterns and invasive species adding to the stress on the urban forest. Over 10 ISA CEU's are available. Various commercial vendors and education exhibits will also be present.

This conference is appropriate for arborists, city staff, and people interested in city trees. Obtain registration information from Jim Rocca (jr4stree@charter.net, 636-386-8733).

Garden Center Basic Training - Feb. 16, Mar. 7, 2006

University of Missouri Outreach and Education is offering training on fertilizers and pesticides. Mis-use and over use of these products can cause water quality problems that degrade streams, ponds, lakes, and aquifers.



Trained staff can help identify the customer's pest, and with understanding of the various available products and their ingredients provide better advice as to which product will work best and provide directions for its proper use. This workshop is designed to assist in working towards this goal.

This workshop in Bolivar is appropriate for nursery and garden center staff. To register (\$30) contact the Polk County University of Missouri Extension Center at 417-326-4916.

Insect and Disease Workshop - February 22, 2006

Insects and Diseases are constantly looking for a tree to attack. Some are even new and exotic to our area. As tree professionals working as arborists, nurserymen, landscapers, and public servants we must constantly educate ourselves about these challengers to tree health. This workshop is being held to help you review and learn new information about harmful insects and diseases that may affect trees you work with.

Topics to be presented include current, on-going blights, wilts, declines, and insect pests and new exotic pests to our area. This free workshop is appropriate for city staff working with trees, park and tree board members, arborists, nurserymen, and landscapers.

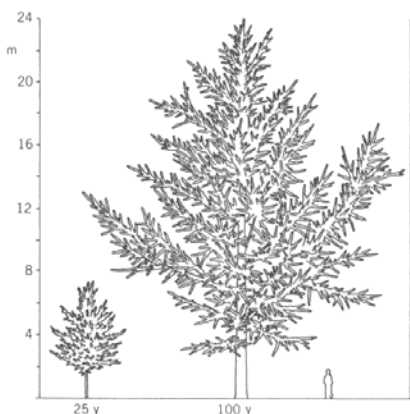
Held at the Walter Woods Conservation Area south of Joplin from 8 AM to Noon, this workshop has 3 ISA CEU's and 3 SAF CFE's approved for it. Register by contacting Jon Skinner (Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.gov, 417-629-3423). Space is limited to forty people.

Trees & Utilities National Conference - April 10 - 12, 2006

The Trees & Utilities Conference in Chicago, IL is the place to be to get up-to-date information on the new NERC Reliability Standards, ISA Utility Vegetation Management BMP's, Tree Planting and Public Education, Tree Care and Vegetation Management, Utility / Community Partnerships, and Issues and Innovations in Utility Arboriculture.

This workshop is appropriate for Utility Managers, Utility Arborists, Utility Communication Specialists, City Staff, and City and Utility Decision Makers. Early Registration for \$329 is accepted until March 26, then goes to \$375.

Get information and to register contact the National Arbor Day Foundation (888-448-7337, www.arboday.org/programs/conferences/treesandutilities/, conferences@arboday.org).



ginkgo

Ginkgo biloba

Ginkgo is a unique tree. Although it drops its' leaves, usually all within a few days, ginkgo is more related to a pine tree than a sugar maple. This ancient specie, not changing for at least 150 million years, is a great choice for various landscape sites. Ginkgo is a large, tree with a mature height of 50 to 80 feet with a spread of 30 to 60 feet. Dwarf cultivars exist. This tree is appropriate for medium to large yards, parks, and boulevards with wider planting strips. The specie does best on sandy, deep, moderately-moist soils. There are no serious pests of this tree. The tree itself can become a pest if a female plant is chosen. The fruit is quite pungent and messy. Unfortunately, the specie does not produce fruit until at least 20 years of age. For this reason, only documented, male cultivars are recommended. Several to consider are 'Autumn Gold', 'Chase Manhattan', 'Princeton Sentry', 'Saratoga', and 'Windover Gold.' Native to eastern China, no one knows how long the tree may live.

Plant illustration by Jenny M. Lyverse, from *Landscape Plants for Eastern North America*, 2nd Edition, Harrison L. Flint Author

Free Trees - Project CommuniTree

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri is accepting applications for Project CommuniTree. The free trees are for planting on public or non-profit properties. Anyone may request trees which are in three-gallon containers. Trees must be picked up at Forest ReLeaf's nursery in St. Louis beginning in late March. Trees are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 888-473-5323 to obtain an application and updated species list.

February 1 - 3

Missouri Natural Resources Conference, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO Contact Andy Austin (andy.austin@mdc.mo.gov), 573-468-3335 Extn 239, Registration information at www.mnrc.org.

February 15

Aerial Lift Training, Walter Woods Conservation Area, Joplin, MO 7:30 AM - 5 PM Contact Jon Skinner (Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.gov), 417-629-3423, Registration required. Class limited to 15.

February 16

Garden Center Basic Training, Bolivar, MO Contact the Polk County University of Missouri Extension Center at 417-326-4916 to register.

February 20 - 23

Midwestern Chapter of the International Society Arboriculture Annual Conference, Bismarck, ND Contact Jeff Heintz (jheintz@state.nd.us), 701-222-6561

February 21 - 24

Missouri Park & Recreation Association's 2006 Annual Conference, Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel, Maryland Heights, MO Contact MPRA (info@mopark.org), 573-636-3828, Registration information at www.mopark.org.

February 22

Insect and Disease Workshop, Walter Woods Conservation Area, Joplin, MO 8:00 AM - Noon Contact Jon Skinner (Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.gov), 417-629-3423, Registration required. Class limited to 40.

March 6

Tree Selection and Planting Workshop, County Health Department Building, Stockton, MO 6:30 PM Contact Jon Skinner (Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.gov) 417-629-3423

March 7

Garden Center Basic Training, Bolivar, MO Contact the Polk County University of Missouri Extension Center at 417-326-4916 to register.

March 8 - 9

Missouri Community Forestry Council 13th Annual Conference, Holiday Inn Viking Center, St. Louis, MO Registration information at www.mocommunitytrees.com/pages/3/index.htm. Early Registration Postmark Deadline: February 10.

March 14

Tree Selection and Planting Workshop, Thiebaud Auditorium, Rm A, Lamar, MO 6:30 PM Contact Jon Skinner (Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.gov) 417-629-3423

March 27

Tree Selection and Planting Workshop, Walter Woods Conservation Area, Joplin, MO 6:30 PM Contact Jon Skinner (Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.gov) 417-629-3423

April 3

Tree Selection and Planting Workshop, Community Building, Monett, MO 6:30 PM Contact Jon Skinner (Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.gov) 417-629-3423

April 8

ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO Contact Bob Haines (bnhaines@opkansas.org), 913-327-6639, Registration Deadline March 23, 2006, Register at www.isa-arbor.com/certification/exams.aspx

April 10 - 12

Trees & Utilities National Conference, Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, Chicago, IL Contact NADF (conferences@arborday.org), 888-448-7337, Registration information at www.arborday.org/TUconference.

April 17

Tree Selection and Planting Workshop, Newton Hall Conf. Rm, Crowder College, Neosho, MO 6:30 PM Contact Jon Skinner (Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.gov) 417-629-3423

April 24

Tree Selection and Planting Workshop, Central County Annex, Carthage, MO 6:30 PM Contact Jon Skinner (Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.gov) 417-629-3423

It is time to plan for Arbor Day Activities!

Missouri: April 7, 2006
National: April 28, 2006

Need Ideas? Visit:
www.arborday.org/arborday/index.cfm

God has cared for these trees,
saved them from drought,
disease, avalanches, and a
thousand tempests and floods.
But he cannot save them from
fools.

--John Muir

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