

INFORMATION BY THE BOARD FOOT

Formosan Termite Fallacy

An incorrect email / rumor has been going around about Formosan termites. The email states the termites are possibly being shipped around the country from southern Louisiana hurricane areas in mulch created from the wood debris. Reality is very different.

Formosan termites are an aggressive exotic specie that will attack live trees as well as processed wood. They can be transported in untreated wood from infested to uninfested areas. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has quarantined all infested parishes in southern Louisiana. All woody material leaving the area, or re-used in the area must be properly treated for termites and inspected by qualified personnel.

Additionally, entomologist do not believe Formosan termites can reproduce north of 35 degrees north latitude which is to the south nearly half way through Arkansas. For more information visit the Snopes.com web site www.snopes.com/inboxer/household/termites.asp

EPA Hosts Stormwater Phase II Workshops

EPA is hosting workshops aimed to provide state and local stormwater program managers with innovative tools and real-world examples that can be used to address the six minimum control measures called for by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program Phase II requirements. For more information visit the web site:

Trees will REDUCE stormwater runoff

http://cfpub2.epa.gov/npdes/courses.cfm?program_id=0&outreach_id=200&o_type=1



Chainsaws are powerful tools. They also are dangerous, especially when a manufacturing defect occurs. Three companies have issued recalls in recent months for various reasons.

Stihl has been the most straight forward by announcing their recall on their web site. The "MS 192 T" model with serial numbers between 264371702 - 266087005 is affected. Visit www.stihlusa.com/recalls/recall_MS192T.html for detailed information.

Makita has recalled model "DCS6401" with serial numbers 41915 through 45612 and 81722 through 82057 and model "DCS7901" with serials numbers 31182 through 31491. Visit www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05265.html for detailed information.

Dolmar, a sub-unit of Makita, has recalled model "PS6400" with serial numbers 71998 through 79250 and model "PS7900" with serial numbers 40156 through 43009. Visit www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml05/05264.html for detailed information.

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 malidies, 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.

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

ISA's 82nd Annual Conference and Trade Show



The 2006 International Society of Arboriculture's Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held in Minneapolis on July 29 - August 2. This Conference is a great opportunity to learn, earn CEU's (at least 25 are available), get solutions to problems, see the International Tree Climbing Championship, visit with equipment vendors, and network with others.

The conference is themed around preparing for and responding to natural disasters and invasive species. Two separate tracks of Utility and Municipal are available. Both tracks covers various topics about the theme issues.

The Early Bird Registration deadline date is June 9. To find out more about the conference and to register visit www.isa-arbor.com/conference/.

Tree Identification Workshop - June 6, 2006

What kind of tree is that? I am certain you get this question a lot. Tree care is often specie dependent. You need to know what that tree is for proper diagnoses of problems; how much and the style of pruning; if it is appropriate for the site it is on or planned for; and others.

To assist you and co-workers, whether commercial arborist, nurserymen, city employee, or interested citizen, I will hold a Tree Identification Workshop on June 6, 2006 at 6PM in Ewert Park in Joplin. Ewert Park is at the intersection of 7th St and Illinois Ave / Murphy Blvd.

The Workshop is free, open to everyone, and has 2 ISA CEU's available for it. No registration is needed, just show up.

Web Site Review

OSHA and the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) have worked together to provide individuals and companies involved in the care of trees an one stop web site for referencing OSHA regulations and ANSI Standards appropriate for tree care. The site also has information on how to recognize hazards and what to include in a safety and health program. Visit this site at: www.osha.gov/SLTC/treecare/



I never saw a discontented tree. They grip the ground as though they liked it, and though fast rooted they travel about as far as we do. They go wandering forth in all directions with every wind, going and coming like ourselves, traveling with us around the sun two million miles a day, and through space heaven knows how fast and far!

- John Muir

We all travel the milky way together, trees and men... trees are travellers, in the ordinary sense. They make journeys, not very extensive ones, it is true: but our own little comes and goes are only little more than tree-wavings - many of them not so much.

- John Muir, Scribner's Monthly, November 1878

June 3

Forestkeepers Annual Conference, Burr Oak Woods Conservation Nature Center, Blue Springs, MO Contact Forestkeepers (information@forestkeepers.org), 888-473-5323

June 6

Tree Identification Walk, Ewert Park, 7th St. and Murphy Blvd, Joplin, MO 6:00 PM 2 ISA CEU's Contact Jon Skinner (Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.gov) 417-629-3423

June 8

MCFC State Meeting, H. J. Waters and C. B. Moss Memorial Wildlife Area, Columbia, MO 9 AM Contact Justine Gartner (Justine.Gartner@mdc.mo.gov), 573-751-4115 extn. 3116

June 19 - 21

Community Forestry at It's Best National Conference, Lied Lodge & Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE Contact National Arbor Day Foundation (conferences@arborday.org), 888-448-7337, Early Registration Deadline June 5, Information and Registration at www.arborday.org/communityforestry

June 21

ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Oklahoma State University Botanical Garden, 3425 West Virginia, Stillwater, OK Contact Janet Cole (janet.cole@okstate.edu), 405-744-5770, Registration Deadline June 5, 2006, Register at www.isa-arbor.com/certification/exams.aspx

June 26

ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Springfield Nature Center, 4600 S. Chrisman, Springfield, MO Contact Cindy Garner (Cindy.Garner@mdc.mo.gov), 417-895-6880 extn. 237, Registration Deadline June 8, 2006, Register at www.isa-arbor.com/certification/exams.aspx

July 12

ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Fort Smith, AR, Registration Deadline June 23, 2006, Register at www.isa-arbor.com/certification/exams.aspx

August 10

MCFC State Meeting, MDC State Office, Jefferson City, MO 9 AM Contact Justine Gartner (Justine.Gartner@mdc.mo.gov), 573-751-4115 extn. 3116

August 14 - 15

Getting in Step with Phase II: A Workshop for Stormwater Program Managers, Pheonix, AZ Contact Bob Faxon (bob.faxon@cityofprescott.net), 928-777-1126, Information at http://cfpub2.epa.gov/npdes/courses.cfm?program_id=0&outreach_id=200&o_type=1

September 21 - 22

Getting in Step with Phase II: A Workshop for Stormwater Program Managers, Lexington, KY Contact Barry Tonning (barry.tonning@tetratech-ffx.com), 703-385-6000, Information at http://cfpub2.epa.gov/npdes/courses.cfm?program_id=0&outreach_id=200&o_type=1

Look deep, deep, deep into nature, and then you will understand everything.

-- Albert Einstein

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