ANSI A300 standards are the generally accepted industry standards for tree care practices. They are developed by TCIA and written by a committee called the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) A300, whose mission is to develop consensus performance standards based on current research and sound practice for writing specifications to manage trees, shrubs, and other woody plants.

ANSI A 300 Part 1 (Pruning) and Part 9 (Tree Risk Assessment) are in the public review portion of upcoming revisions. Now is your time to compare the current and draft versions, then send in your comments. The draft versions are posted for download at: http://tcia.org/TCIA/BUSINESS/ANSI_A300_Standards/Current_Projects/TCIA/BUSINESS/A300_Standards/Current_Projects.aspx?hkey=d9bd2c46-0a2d-4350-b1df-42209b44d100. Send written comments by October 3, 2016 to: Bob Rouse, A300 Secretary, c/o TCIA, 136 Harvey Rd, STE 101, Londonderry, NH 03053, rouse@tcia.org

Save the Date—March 7 - 9, 2017

Come join the party in Springfield! The Missouri Community Forestry Council will hold its annual conference themed Living on the Edge of the Community Forest at the Ramada Plaza Springfield Hotel & Oasis Convention Center in Springfield, MO on March 7 - 9, 2017. The planning committee is busy finalizing details. The education sessions are nearly in place and include three tracks - Arborist Branch, Leadership Edge, and Science Edge. A mix of local and nationally recognized speakers will be presenting. Ten to twelve ISA CEU’s and SAF CFE’s are anticipated. Watch the MCFC website for details and when to register at: www.mocommunitytrees.com/mcfc/conference2017.html.

Not a Tree City USA—Why Not?

Trees serve a purpose in our communities. Many people enjoy their shade, their beauty and the wildlife that live within them. Research suggests that human beings have an innate preference for natural settings. Numerous studies link access to living trees to: increased employee productivity and reduction of symptoms of ADHD in children; faster hospital recoveries; less crime; an overall reduction in stress and anxiety; increase property values: 1 large tree can add 10% to the market value of residential real estate; More frequent and longer shopping trips occur in tree-lined shopping districts, and shoppers are willing to spend more on goods while there; provide energy savings and contribute toward community health by filtering water and air, as well as through a net cooling effect; 100 trees (large, 40 years old, public) can remove 26 tons of CO2 and 300 lbs of pollutants from the air and provide the net cooling effect of 1,000 air conditioners…all at the same time; and intercept over 200,000 gallons of rainwater per year! All those benefits add up to a positive that is much greater than the costs of maintenance.

Tree City USA recognizes communities that understand the benefits of trees and invest in the establishment and maintenance of them. Eighty-eight Missouri communities earned Tree City USA recognition for 2015. Locally, Carthage, Exeter, and Joplin were recognized. The requirements for recognition are easy to achieve and maintain. I challenge all communities to contact me (jon.skinner@mdc.mo.gov, 417-629-3423) or go to the Tree City USA website (www.arborday.org/programs/treecityusa) and learn how to become one of the few that show they understand the importance trees play in our lives.

Governor’s Mansion Christmas Tree Search

Each year, The Missouri Department of Conservation searches statewide for an ideal evergreen to serve as the centerpiece of holiday festivities at the governor’s mansion in Jefferson City. If you have an eastern white pine, Norway spruce, or eastern red cedar at least 40 feet tall and are planning to remove it for any reason, please contact the Missouri Department of Conservation. Details of how to submit a tree as a possible selection for the governor’s mansion Christmas tree is at: http://mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/governors-mansion-christmas-tree-search. The deadline for submissions is September 30, 2016.

The stump Information by the board foot

Japanese Flowering Cherry

Prunus serrulata

This non-native tree can grow to 75 feet in Japan, but most cultivars range from 20 feet to 35 feet tall with a vase shape and rounded outline. Leaves are single with shades of green to purple possible depending on cultivar. Flowers vary from white through multiple shades of pink through purple. Some flowers are single and others are double. Only one cultivar mentioned showy fruit, but does not mean it is not possible on the others. Fall color is often a bronze hinted with red. The cultivars are all grafted, often on Prunus avium.

The most popular cultivar is ‘Kwanzan’. Others cultivars like ‘Amanogawa’ for upright habit, ‘Shirofugen’ for better form, and ‘Shirotae’ for white flowers. Other cultivars exist, but not as available.

Plant image from http://wallpaper222.com/
Web Review - Urban Forest Fast Breaks

Forestinfo.org has posted some good videos about urban forestry on their website. The three videos cover the topics of Urban Forests, Urban Forest Benefits, and Urban Forest Wood Use. The videos provide short, less than 2 minute, effective explanations and examples of what trees do for us in our communities. These make great introductions to broader discussions of community trees. Use them at your city council meetings, or in a classroom. See the videos at: www.forestinfo.org/Urban_Forest_Fast_Breaks.

Relaxation Well Earned

Often, I use this portion of the newsletter to highlight some pest of trees. How appropriate to expound on a long dedicated friend of trees. Robert Lawrence, Forest Entomologist, with the Missouri Department of Conservation has retired. His last day was August 31, 2016. Right up to the end, showing off his passion for trees, he kept sending out information to MDC Forestry field staff on the current status of emerald ash borer in Missouri and answering questions for insect identification and treatment. Robert has been a perennial presenter at SW Missouri Insect and Disease Updates and conducted numerous research projects for MDC. Robert and his wife plan to enjoy their retirement traveling, spending time with family, and actually getting to do their hobbies. Robert, Thank you for your dedication to the trees of Missouri and your friendship. Enjoy your well earned retirement.

September 8

Tree Identification Walk, 6:30 - ?, Leonard Park, Joplin, MO, Register by contacting Jon Skinner (417-629-3423, jon.skinner@mdc.mo.gov)

September 20

SWMCFC meeting, 8:30 - 10:30 AM, MDC SW Regional Office, 2630 N. Mayfair Ave., Springfield, MO

September 20

Tree Identification Walk, 6:30 - ?, South Park, Monett, MO, Register by contacting Jon Skinner (417-629-3423, jon.skinner@mdc.mo.gov)

September 22

JMCFC meeting, 7 - 9 AM, Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center, Joplin, MO

September 22


October 4

ISA Certified Arborist, Utility Specialist, and Municipal Specialist Exam, Catoosa, OK, Registration deadline September 16, 2016, Register at www.isa-arbor.com/certification/becomeCertified/

October 18

SWMCFC meeting, 8:30 - 10:30 AM, MDC SW Regional Office, 2630 N. Mayfair Ave., Springfield, MO

October 19


October 27

JMCFC meeting, 7 - 9 AM, Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center, Joplin, MO

November 5

JMCFC Pruning Workshop / Service Day, 9 AM - Noon, Parr Hill Park, Joplin, MO - 2.5 ISA CEU’s, 2.5 SAF CFE’s

December 15


In an orchard there should be enough to eat, enough to lay up, enough to be stolen, and enough to rot on the ground.

- James Boswell

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