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From the Community Forestry Division of the Colorado State Forest Service

September-October 2010

Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference Set For September 17-In 1990, the Tamarron Resort just north of Durango hosted the first Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference (WCCFC). The theme for that conference was, “Why trees?... a Look to the 90’s”. The conference introduced communities to some new tree programs. One of those new programs was an opportunity to apply for tree grants, which had been recently funded by Congress. This congressional funding represented a significant boost to the fledgling national urban and community forestry program to the tune of \$30,000,000 for five years. The funding was authorized by the Forestry Title contained in the 1990 Farm Bill. At the same time, President George H.W. Bush had decided to start a tree planting initiative. President Bush’s initiative was joined to the funding provided by the 1990 Farm Bill and called the “America the Beautiful” tree planting initiative. In the last twenty years over 65,000 trees have been planted in Colorado with the help of tree grants. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the WCCFC. The conference is scheduled for September 17th and will be hosted by the Town of New Castle, the Colorado Tree Coalition, and the Grand Junction District of the Colorado State Forest Service. This year’s theme is “Remember the Past...Look to the Future”. The planning committee has put together a group of knowledgeable and experienced presenters. Two of them, Phil Hoefer and Tim Buchanan, spoke at the very first WCCFC in 1990. Phil Hoefer will revisit the PEGSMOR concept introduced in the 90’s to describe community forest management. Tim will share what he has learned about tree selection while serving as the Fort Collins City Forester these last 30 years. Ralph Campbell followed Phil as Colorado’s urban & community forestry coordinator. He will elaborate on the history of the forestry program since its inception. And finally Dr. Sky Stephens will discuss how we all need to prepare for the arrival of some destructive insect pests threatening all community forests. To register contact Vince Urbina at 970-248-7326.

Arbor Day Foundation Awards-Do you know of individuals, groups or organizations that have done outstanding work in tree planting, care, conservation or education? Have you seen excellent coverage of tree and conservation issues in magazines, newspapers, newsletters or on TV, radio or video? How about an exemplary Arbor Day celebration by a community, school or other organization? In the thirty-eight years that these awards have been given out, Colorado has been represented in twenty-two of those years. You can fill out an on-line award nomination at <http://www.arborday.org/programs/awards/nominate.cfm>. The nomination entry deadline is usually around September 1st each year, so be sure and send it in soon!

Partners in Community Forestry National Conference Headed to Philadelphia-Register now to attend the 2010 Partners in Community Forestry National Conference, co-hosted by the Arbor Day Foundation and The Home Depot Foundation, November 9-11 at the Philadelphia. Learn more about the conference, book your hotel, and register online at www.arborday.org/pcf.

ArborMaster Training-ArborMaster trainings on climbing, chainsaw handling, felling and rigging will be offered again this Fall in Longmont. These training programs are delivered both through private in-house programs and on an open enrollment basis at select regional locations. For more information and to register click here www.ArborMaster.com.

From the ISA-Rocky Mountain Chapter:

2010 ISA-RMC Annual Conference-This year's conference is themed "Arboriculture Exposed: The Naked Truth About Trees!" and will be held at The Crowne Plaza Denver International Airport in Denver, Colorado on September 30-October 1, 2010. Don't miss out on great speakers like Dr. Kim Coder, Dr. Whitney Cranshaw and many of your fellow arborists. Topics will include Elements of Tree Care – Beyond NPK, Pest Updates, Soil Assessment, and much more! For more information and to register click here: <https://www.isarmc.org/pro/registration.php>.

Save The Date-The Rocky Mountain Chapter 2010 Pesticide Applicators Workshop will be held on November 18-19 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO. For more information contact the ISA-RMC at 303-756-1815.

Gold Leaf Awards-Consider submitting an Outstanding Arbor Day Activity or Outstanding Community Landscape Beautification project for this year's Gold Leaf Awards. Deadline to submit your projects is September 1st. Remember to include a summary of your project, pictures, articles and any promotional materials that were used. You can download an application here <http://www.isarmc.org/pro/documents/Gold%20Leaf%20Application%202010.pdf>. If there are any questions, please call 303-756-1815.

Insect and Disease Updates:

Thousand Cankers Disease Confirmed in Tennessee-From Whitney Cranshaw email on 8-2-2010 to the Pest Group Email List Serve-"I have the distinct displeasure to have to announce that Thousand Cankers Disease (TCD) of walnut has been confirmed from Tennessee. This was first identified about 10 days ago with a sample we received from Knoxville, but formal announcement has been pending the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's wish to delay announcement for further confirmations. The known infestation is in and around Knoxville. As this is a fairly recent find, the extent of the infestation has not been delimited. But, the extent of the infestation suggests that this disease (i.e., the walnut twig beetle and its associated fungus, *Geosmithia morbida*) has been there for a decade or more. This is a disaster of tremendous proportion. It had been my deepest hope – clearly a naïve hope - that this problem would stay bottled up in the western states, where black walnut, *Juglans nigra* is planted, but not native. I had long ago given up that black walnut would survive in the West and that is a sad situation, but not tragic. Now that it is irrevocably established in the center of the native distribution of *Juglans nigra* there are no geographic/ecological barriers to prevent its ultimate spread throughout the US. Furthermore, the fact that the disease appears to be progressing as a lethal tree killer in Tennessee as it has been doing for 10-20 years in the Rocky Mountain States answers the question as to whether this is a regional problem. It also suggests that there may well be many other infestations in the Midwest that have gone undetected. This is a very difficult disease to detect in early stages. Apparently in Tennessee, as in our area, what attracted attention was plantings that showed symptoms of apparent drought stress. But it is not drought stress nor related to drought – it is Thousand Cankers Disease. For some help with this situation we have a web site: <http://www.thousandcankersdisease.info>. If you would like more information on TCD you can tune in to a webinar Friday, September 3, 10am MST at the following link: <http://forestrywebinar.net/>.

Insect and Disease Quarterly-Sky Stephens, Colorado State Forest Service Entomologist, recently published the August 2010 issue of *Insect and Disease Quarterly*. Remember you are welcome (and encouraged) to make suggestions for things you would like to see in future editions – an insect that you want to know more about, a product you've seen advertised, etc. Please submit suggestions to Sky at skys@lamar.colostate.edu and follow the link to read the August 2010 report <http://csfs.colostate.edu/pdfs/2010AugustI&DNewsletter.pdf>.

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

CTC Changes Mailing Address-Please make note, effective December 2009 the Colorado Tree Coalition has changed its Post Office Box mailing address. Please update your records to reflect this change:

Colorado Tree Coalition
P.O. Box 808
Broomfield, CO 80038-0808

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The Front Range Chapter of CTC will be meeting on September 16th at the Colorado State Forest Service Nursery in Fort Collins. Contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu for more information.

CTC Scholarship Program-The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) has a limited amount of funds to assist people with registering to attend conferences and workshops throughout the year. Because of the limited dollars available it is required of all who request assistance to follow these guidelines:

1. Scholarship requests will be limited to a maximum of \$300, and can only be applied to cover registration costs of the event.
2. To request a scholarship please send an electronic request to Keith Wood, at keith.wood@colostate.edu. At a minimum the request should contain the name and location of the conference and what is hoped to be learned at the event, and how it will be applied in your current position. Keith will then submit the request to the CTC Board or Executive Board for their consideration.
3. Requests will also be limited to one person per community/group/organization per workshop or conference. Many workshops and conferences now offer concurrent sessions and there is a value to sending more than one person. However, the CTC will not be able to fund more than one person.
4. Those receiving scholarships will be required to supply an article or notes to be used in *Tree Talk* and/or placed on the CTC web site (www.coloradotrees.org) and/or in another electronic newsletter format so others can benefit from the workshop as well.

The board of CTC is committed to education and is seeking additional funds so the scholarship program can be expanded and more people throughout Colorado can benefit from the various educational opportunities available.

Elections Reminder!-Election ballots to elect representatives from the Front Range Urban Forestry Council (FRUFC) to the CTC Board of Directors and to elect FRUFC officers are due back to Keith Wood by September 8. Please email the ballot to Keith at keith.wood@colostate.edu.

Board of Directors Meeting-The Colorado Tree Coalition's Board of Director's will be meeting on October 15 or 22. This meeting will include election of officers. Please plan on attending the CTC's "Annual" Meeting. Contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu and stay tuned for more information.

Champion Tree Nominations Due-Get those champion tree candidates verified and measured soon! If you want to nominate a tree to see if it can become the next new Colorado champion you will need to fill out a nomination form and send it in to the CTC by November 1st. Nomination forms can be found on-line at www.coloradotrees.org and submitted to Neal Bamesberger at nbamesberg@hotmail.com.

Notable Trees of Colorado Calendar Update-The 2011 Notable Trees of Colorado Calendar is almost ready for ordering and distribution! Get your orders in now by visiting the Colorado Tree Coalition website at www.coloradotrees.org.

Happy Fall to All!!