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2015 MAC-ISA TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP



MAC-ISA held an outstanding Tree Climbing Championship this year. Thanks to over 45 volunteers, 14 sponsors, 4 exhibitors, and 33 competitors representing 17 different companies along with a fabulous site and fantastic hosts, the event went smoothly. Ridgeview Park in Waynesboro was perfect and provided plenty of activities for the whole family. The gardens were filled with early spring blooms and wonderful smells. Thanks to the City of Waynesboro and their Parks and Rec Division for their hospitality and their support.

The sunny warm weather was delightful and very welcome after a cold winter. The competition was tough this year, but our winners rose to the top of a challenging group of climbers. MAC-ISA will be represented well in early spring of 2016 at the ITCC in Texas. Congratulations to our champions, Andrew Dunavant, TrueTimber Tree Service and Jocelyn Lohse, Riverside Outfitters. Andrew and Jocelyn exemplify our chapter's high level of competition. James

This year's overall Champions, Jocelyn Lohse and Andrew Dunavant

Earhart will also be representing the chapter as the 2015 International winner. See page 2 for a list of other event winners.

Thanks go out to all of the many volunteers who made this experience a huge success. Putting together an event of this caliber requires an enormous amount of time and effort. There are far too many people involved to thank everyone individually here, see page 8 for a list of all of our volunteers. Special thanks to our co-chairs, Rob Allen and Rob Springer, Bartlett Tree Experts and our Head judge Jim Martin, Growing Earth Tree Care and Dwayne Jones from Waynesboro Parks and Rec who have spent many hours during the past year planning the event.

All competitors received a swag bag with donations from the City of Waynesboro, Treestuff.com, Petzl, and Arborware. There were also great door

prizes for all the competitors from the same organizations.

The recreational tree climbing event hosted by Riverside Outfitters was once again a big draw for all ages and received some donations that went into the TCC budget. This event is a big highlight for our guests.

On March 31st a group of arborists from various companies prepared the trees for this event donating over 16,000 dollars of professional tree work to the City of Waynesboro. See page 8 for a list of names.

We are already looking forward to next year's event which may be different since this year's winners will represent the chapter in the 2016 ITCC. Stay tuned.



*Congratulations to our MAC-ISA member James Earhart, on becoming the International Tree Climbing Champion! For full results visit <http://www.itcc-isa.com/events/itcc/results.aspx>
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Congratulations to everyone who competed at the 2015 Tree Climbing Championship

Overall Champions

Women's: Jocelyn Lohse, Riverside Outfitters
Men's: Andrew Dunavant, TrueTimber Tree Service
They will be representing the chapter at the 2016 ITCC in Texas.

Aerial Rescue

1st Place – Jason Anthony, Broadleaf Tree Service
2nd Place – James Earhart, Arbor Care
3rd Place – Casey Culler, TrueTimber Tree Service

Belayed Speed Climb

1st Place – Michael Blashford, Bartlett Tree Experts
2nd Place – Chase Giebner, Bartlett Tree Experts
3rd Place – Robert Gallant, Gallant Tree

Foot lock Speed Climb

1st Place – James Earhart, Arbor Care
2nd Place – Chris Coates, Advanced Arboriculture
3rd Place – Andrew Dunavant, TrueTimber Tree Service

Throwline

1st Place – Ben Wolff, Wolff Tree and Landscape
2nd Place – Chris Coates, Advanced Arboriculture
3rd Place – Andrew Dunavant, TrueTimber Tree Service

Work Climb

1st Place – James Earhart, Arbor Care
2nd Place – Chase Giebner, Bartlett Tree Experts
3rd Place – Andrew Dunavant, TrueTimber Tree Service

Women's Competition

1st Place – Jocelyn Lohse, Riverside Outfitters
2nd Place – Karissa Mechler, treelife

Randy Fackler Spirit of the Competition Award

Winner – Andrew Dunavant, TrueTimber Tree Service

Masters' Challenge Results (where they placed in preliminary event is in ())

1st Place – Andrew Dunavant, TrueTimber Tree Service (3rd)
2nd Place - Chris Coates, Advanced Arboriculture (4th)
3rd Place - Chase Giebner (2nd)
4th Place - Michael Blashford (5th)

*James Earhart was 1st place after the preliminary events but gave up his place in the Masters' since he secured a space already as the 2015 International champion



All competitors

Event Winners



*Aerial Rescue Winners
l to r: Casey Culler, James Earhart, Jason Anthony*



*Spirit of the Competition
Andrew Dunavant*



*Belayed Speed Climb
l to r: Robert Gallant, Chase Giebner, Michael Blashford*



*Work Climb
l to r: Andrew Dunavant, Chase Giebner, James Earhart*

*The four Men's Masters' Challenge Competitors
l to r: Chase, Andrew, Chris and Michael*



Throwline: From l to r: Andrew Dunavant, Chris Coates, Ben Wolff



*Foot lock Speed Climb
l to r: Andrew Dunavant, Chris Coates, James Earhart*



Special thanks to Patrick Teague for providing TCC photo coverage

<http://patrickteague.smugmug.com>

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Wanted:

General Annual Meeting Volunteers
Award Committee Members
Scholarship Committee Members

Volunteer now by calling the office at 703-753-0499 or by email exdirector@macisa.org

Thanks, we really need your help!

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We welcome submissions from our readers. Deadlines for receipt are January 10, April 10, July 10 and October 10. Please send your submissions via e-mail to exdirector@macisa.org or via regular mail to our main office. All contributions are subject to editing for clarity and length.

We especially encourage you to send:

- Letters to the editor • Notices of professional achievements of our members
- Educational events for our calendar • Synopsis of research or current practices •
- Articles on arboriculture, management and other topics of interest to our readers •
- Suggestions for regular features

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"To promote a culture of safety while fostering education and research that supports the care and benefits of trees."

Attention Climbers!

(and Climber Trainees, Spray Techs and Groundspersons)

Are you ready to take your career to the next level?

Then you may want to ask yourself the following questions:

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3. Would you like to join professional arborists at a company that is Tree Care Industry Association Accredited?
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The flowers are blooming, the butterflies are back, and the trees are getting their new leaves. Spring has arrived! Although this past winter was not as bad as last year, we did have several consecutive weeks of very cold temperatures and snow that stayed on the ground for quite a while. The weather made working outdoors quite unpleasant, if not entirely impossible. Now that spring is here, summer will be close behind and the prime seasons for arboricultural work are upon us. I hope that all of our members are as busy with spring projects as I am.

The 2015 MAC-ISA Tree Climbing Championship will be history when this column is printed, but we hope that many of you were able to attend. We had a great site for this year's TCC at Ridgeview Park in Waynesboro, Virginia. Thank you to all of our sponsors, exhibitors, judges, climbers, volunteers, and attendees. We could not have put on the display of our members' skills without the help of the TCC committee and all of the

volunteers who prepared the site, helped throughout the competition, and cleaned up afterward. Results from the 2015 MAC-ISA TCC will be found elsewhere in this edition of Canopy Coverage.

Our 2014 MAC-ISA TCC champion, James Earhart, was a great representative for our chapter and won the 2015 International Tree Climbing Championship in Tampa, Florida a few weeks ago. Congratulations to James on winning this prestigious event! Our 2014 female champion, Jocelyn Lohse, was very successful at the ITCC as well, placing seventh. Congratulations Jocelyn, and thank you both for representing MAC-ISA and putting on a great performance, placing third overall in the chapter team award.

Your Board of Directors and Alan Jones, our overall chair for the conference, are busy developing plans for the 2017 ISA Annual International Conference and Trade Show to be held at the National Harbor in Maryland, just south of Washington, D.C. We need lots of volunteers to put together

the program and affiliated activities for this event, so please consider helping MAC-ISA put on a showcase of our region for arborists from around the world. We are currently having a contest to develop the theme for the 2017 conference, so help us to come up with a catchy phrase to publicize the event over the next two years.

MAC-ISA will be holding our annual Day of Safety on June 13th at the Virginia State University campus in Petersburg, Virginia. The committee has put together a great program for the event and we hope to see many of our members in attendance. Our profession is a dangerous business and we can never emphasize safety enough. Enjoy the spring weather while it lasts and stay safe!

*Respectfully,
Keith R. Forry
MAC-ISA
President*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 20, Owings Mill, MD - **MAA Annual Spring Pest Walk**, <http://www.mdarborist.com/>

June 13, Petersburg, VA - **Day of Safety**, www.mac-isa.org

July 14-16, Reston Association, Reston, VA - **TRAQ**, www.mac-isa.org, FULL

July 16, Washington DC, **Green Industry Field Day**, www.greenindustryseminar.org

July 21-23, Gainesville, VA - **TRAQ**, www.mac-isa.org

July 29, Sterling, VA - **MAC-ISA Board Meeting**

August 8-12, Orlando, FL - **ISA Annual Meeting**, <http://www.isa-arbor.com/events/conference/index.aspx>

August 17-19, Sterling, VA - **MAC-ISA Arborist Certification Course**, 24 CEUs, www.mac-isa.org

August 20, Sterling, VA - **ISA Exam**, (Arborist, Municipal, Utility and written portion Tree Worker) www.isa-arbor.com

August 20, Manassas, VA - **VNLA Field Day**, www.vnla.org

August 19-21, Reston, VA - **TRAQ**, www.mac-isa.org

September 18, Waynesboro, VA - **Waynesboro Tree Health Care Workshop**, www.treesvirginia.org

October 5-6, Annapolis, MD - **MAC-ISA Annual Meeting**, www.mac-isa.org

November 4-6, Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore, MD, - **TRAQ**, www.mac-isa.org

November 4, Silver Springs, MD, - **Trees Matter**, <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

December 7-9, Charlottesville, VA - **MAC-ISA Arborist Certification Course**, 24 CEUs

December 10, Charlottesville, VA - **ISA Exam**, (Arborist, Municipal, Utility and written portion Tree Worker) www.isa-arbor.com

Visit the **Green Industry Calendar** at www.mac-isa.org for additional listings

MAC-ISA Arborist Certification Course

Help Prepare Yourself for the Arborist Certification Test or get valuable CEUs.

August 17-19, NVCC, Sterling, VA

Dec 7-9, VDOF Offices, Charlottesville, VA, 8:00 – 5:30

24 CEUs, Instructor: Joe Murray

\$375 for members, \$475 Non-Members and \$400 for ISA members.

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Scholarships are available for Virginia Members thanks to a grant from the Virginia Department of Forestry Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program. Contact exdirector@macisa.org

Upcoming Arborist Certification Test Dates

August 20, Sterling, VA

Dec 10, Charlottesville, VA.

Visit <http://www.isa-arbor.com/certification/becomeCertified/examDatesAndLocations.aspx> to register online or to download an application.

Upcoming TRAQ classes

All of our classes filled so we added another course July 21-23 in Gainesville, VA hosted by Wetlands Studies and Solutions. It is already half full so don't delay call today to register.

The course consists of 2-days (8-5 each day) of education, followed by a ½ day assessment (8-11:30) that includes both a written and field component. It is required that you attend the course and successfully complete the assessment in order to receive this qualification. Every five years individuals will need to retake the course and exam to re-qualify.

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The Monday Field Day topics will include many walks and talks highlighting Pest Management, Consulting, Safety, Best Management Practices, Tree Regulations and much more. Some of the confirmed field day speakers include: Mike Raupp, Jim Urban, Joe Bones, Paula Shrewsbury, and Peter Deahl. Indoor Sessions on Tuesday will include talks on Trees and the Law, Utility Regulations, Wood Waste Utilization, Stormwater Management and lots more. One of our key note speakers will be Doug Tallamy from the University of Delaware and well known author. Other nationally known speakers along with many local ones will be sharing their time and talents.

Additional volunteers are needed. Please contact exdirector@macisa.org to volunteer.

Registration forms will be available soon on our web-site, www.mac-isa.org. 703-753-0499.

For more information on the hotel:
<http://www.doubletreeannapolis.com>

School in the Spotlight

This month we feature Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) in our academic highlights section. In order to learn a little more about NVCC and its programs I asked David Scheid, Program Head, Horticulture Technology Program and Toni Woods, Trainer and Instructor to answer a few questions about their program.

1. *Describe programs that you offer in the areas of Landscape Management, Arboriculture or Forestry realm that would be of particular interest to MAC-ISA members or their families.*

The Horticulture Technology Program offers a variety of courses leading to an Associate in Applied Science Degree. The courses are open to anyone. You can take a single course, a variety of classes for credit or CEU's and also pursue a degree in Horticulture. We offer courses in Arboriculture, Urban Forestry, Woody Plant ID, Propagation, Pest Management, Horticultural Botany, and Soils to name a few. A degree specialization is also offered in Landscape Design.

2. *What are the post-graduate opportunities that your students take advantage? (job areas, transfers to 4-year programs, etc.)*

Students find employment in a wide variety of public, private and government sectors. In addition many have gone on to further their education at a variety of institutions across the country. We offer courses to assist in certification and re-certification.

3. *Other than degree programs, do you offer any particular programs or courses that members of MAC-ISA might want to be a part of? (e.g. CEU programs, public offerings or workshops, volunteer opportunities, etc.)*

We offer/host workshops on I-Tree, ISA Arborist Certification and any other certifications or courses of particular interest to companies or professional organizations. This can be accomplished by credit courses or through Workforce Development. In addition we work with the industry to set-up internships/cooperative education for our students.

4. *Who are the key contacts that we should use if we would like more information about your programs?*

David T. Scheid, Program Head
Horticulture, NVCC- Loudoun, 21200
Campus Drive, Sterling, VA 20164,
dscheid@nvcc.edu

News from West Virginia University

The WVU student arboriculture community has been busy this spring. Members traveled to Raleigh NC to compete during the PLANET competition, attending the Appalachian Vegetation Management Association (AVMA) conference and provided tree care services at a local grade school. Additionally 4 students were awarded scholarships for next fall during the annual AVMA conference.

News from Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech has completed its accreditation site visit with a team from the Society of American Foresters to renew accreditation for their urban forestry program. We wish you success!

Graduate Student Rodney Walters is immersed in writing a stewardship plan for Stadium Woods. Many of you who attended the 2014 meeting at Virginia Tech had the opportunity to visit this unique and interesting patch of forest!

Dr. Paul Johnson, state urban and community forestry coordinator for Texas was the keynote speaker for the Virginia Tech graduate student symposium that also included several urban forestry students who gave presentations about their research.

News from Virginia State University

Virginia State University has earned the designation of Tree Campus USA and has planted an American sycamore on Arbor Day. This tree is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Selma March. The sycamore was chosen because prior to the march Dr. King and some of his volunteers gathered under a sycamore at Brown's chapel and now the area is a peace garden.

The University will also be hosting the MAC-ISA Day of Safety on June 13, 2015.

News from the University of Maryland

The University of Maryland is pleased to announce that an MOU has been executed establishing an articulation agreement between Longwood Gardens and the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture that will allow a seamless transfer for Longwood Garden students wishing to enter the University of Maryland and receive a Bachelor's degree in Plant Sciences.

The University of Maryland hosted a Tree-Planting Ceremony for Arbor Day and to commemorate their continued designation as Tree Campus USA.

News from the University of Delaware

The University of Delaware welcomed Dr. Tara Trammell in January as the new John Bartram Assistant Professor in Urban Forestry. Dr. Trammell states, "I am very happy to be teaching and conducting research in the field of urban forest ecology in the Mid-Atlantic region and look forward to meeting many professionals interested in urban forestry across the region. Please feel free to contact me at ttram@udel.edu." Welcome Tara!

Student Scholarships for MAC-ISA Annual Meeting

MAC-ISA has full and partial student scholarships available for our upcoming Annual Meeting, Oct. 5 - 6 at the Double Tree Hotel and Conference Center in Annapolis, MD. Applicants must be a member of MAC-ISA and currently enrolled in an arboriculture, urban forestry, horticulture or related program. Preference will be given to full time students. Recipients will be required to volunteer during the meeting. Hotel rooms will be shared with other scholarship recipients. Last year's scholarship auction raised over \$1,800 that will be used to fund the scholarships. Applications are available on our website www.mac-isa.org or by calling 703-753-0499. They must be turned in by Friday, August 28th.

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TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP THANKS

Special Thanks to the 2015 TCC Committee, Judging Staff, Clean-up Day and Event Volunteers

Arbor Artist – Trenton Thomas, Dean Massey
Arbor Care – Jonathan Ernst
Arborcare Professional Tree Service – Joel Koci
Arborlife Professional Tree Care – Ryan Flynn
Arborscapes - Billy Davis
Bartlett Tree Experts – Rob Allen, Scott Bates, Sasha Krywonos, Brian Lumpa, Billy Painter, Rob Springer
Big "O" Tree Service – Josh Clements, Josh Hamilton, Shane Hoffman, Jamey Sensabaugh, Bryan Utz, Travis Woodson
Carroll Tree Service – Morgan Lisle
City of Richmond – Luke McCall
City of Takoma Park – Todd Bolton
City of Waynesboro - Dwayne Jones
Fairfax County Urban Forest Mngmt. Div. – Hugh Whitehead
Growing Earth Tree Care – Jim Martin, Justin Courtney
Loudoun County – Chris Kenney
Mead Tree & Turf Care – Steve Castrogiovanni, Eric Satterfield, Tina Graver
M-NCPPC – Donie Osborn
Reston Association – Keith Kanzler, Jason Perry, Ali Khatibi
Riverside Outfitters – Scott Ross
RSF Tree Care – Randy Fackler
Scooter's Construction – Timothy Ittner, Dean Camp, Tony Martin, Scott Yancy
Streamline Tree Care – Glenn Butler
Thrive – Chris Smith
TrueTimber Tree Service – Peter Girardi, Randy Reynolds, Scott Turner
White's Landscape Service – Wesley White
Williams Brothers Tree & Lawn Service – Joseph Funk, Hunter Hicks, Chris Huffman, Brandon Thuslow, Joseph Williams
Other volunteers: Katyln and Haleigh Castogiovanni, Teresa Figuero, David Means.
Special thanks to all the companies who helped to prepare the trees during our Clean Up Day on March 31: Arbor Care, Arborcare Professional Tree Service, Arborlife Professional Tree Care, Bartlett Tree Experts, Big "O" Tree & Lawn Service, Growing Earth Tree Care, Scooter's Construction, and Williams Brothers Tree & Lawn Service.
Special thanks to Riverside Outfitters for sponsoring our recreational tree climbing event.
Special thanks to Davey Tree/The Care of Trees for sponsoring the competitors' and judges' lunches.
Special thanks to our host: City of Waynesboro.
Special Thanks to our Exhibitors:
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Stihl Tour des Trees

Register today for the 2015 STIHL Tour des Trees. Registration closes May 31. Join us for a week of fun in the Florida sun October 25-31, 2015. Proceeds from the Tour support tree research and education programs benefitting the world's urban forests and the workforce that cares for them. Learn more about the Orlando to Ft. Lauderdale Tour at www.stihltourdestrees.org. Please support our team or individual tour riders. Kristina Bezanson is currently our only rider. <http://www.treefund.org/tour-des-trees>.

Raise Your Hand for Research Live Auction

Save the date! Join us at the Gaylord Palms Resort the evening of August 10 for the TREE Fund's annual Raise Your Hand for Research Live Auction. Auctioneer Graham Crow returns to the podium along with "Pick Your Paradise" excursions to Bali, Italy and Africa, and much, much more! Your auction purchase supports the TREE Fund, helping to keep the world's urban trees healthy and the tree care workforce safe.

Elevate your brand by sponsoring this premier event attended by key industry professionals. Contact Mary DiCarlo, marydicarlo@treefund.org to seize this opportunity and showcase your support for tree research and education.

Use your talent to help support healthy trees! Are you a woodworker or other type of artisan? The TREE Fund is seeking handcrafted items for the 2015

Raise Your Hand for Research Auctions, August 9-10, 2015, at the ISA Conference in Orlando. Handcrafted jewelry, wood items and original art are perennial favorites at this event. As a donor, you will be recognized in the auction catalog or at the trade show, and you'll feel good knowing your contribution is supporting tree research and education. To donate, please contact Karen Lindell at klingell@treefund.org before May 31. Thank you!

Kristina Bezanson, TREE Fund Liaison

Introducing the 2015 MAC-ISA 'Big \$\$\$ Baffle' benefiting the Bonnie Appleton Memorial Fund

The MAC-ISA TREE Fund Committee is proposing a new fundraiser for the Bonnie Appleton Memorial Fund that they call a BIG \$\$\$ BAFFLE!

For the investment of just \$10 per ticket, the BIG \$\$\$ BAFFLE will be giving away Four Great Prizes, including:

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- Soil Sampling Probe from Forestry Suppliers (AMS, Inc.) with 36" tube, 10" T-bar handle, wrench and one replaceable tip, valued at \$115, or
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Only 500 tickets will be sold; meaning the odds of winning are pretty-darned good! Ticket sales are scheduled to begin at the Day of Safety Event in Petersburg, VA on June 13, 2015! The drawing will be held at the MAC-ISA Annual Meeting, in Annapolis, MD in October, 2015! Winners need not be present to win.

All ticket profits will benefit the Bonnie Appleton Memorial Fund of the TREE Fund, which is a long-time, non-profit, research-funding partner of the ISA. Stay tuned for further information!

Doug Petersen, Tree Fund Committee member

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For news about this and other opportunities to get involved, see page 19

Environmental Impact Statement for ALB

APHIS is seeking public comments on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) Eradication Program. The draft EIS analyzes the potential effects of eradicating ALB should the beetle be discovered elsewhere in the continental United States. You can view the EIS at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-13/pdf/2015-05862.pdf>. The comment period is open until April 27, 2015. Documents and comments received may be viewed online at: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!home>.

EAB Map

See the map of the most recent EAB detections from across the country at: http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/MultiState_EABpos.pdf.

Whitespotted Pine Sawyer vs. with ALB

The whitespotted pine sawyer is sometimes confused with the invasive Asian longhorned beetle (ALB). The whitespotted pine sawyer can be clearly identified by the white spot at the top center of its wing covers. That location on the ALB is black. View a comparison between the ALB and the whitespotted pine sawyer. <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/92346.html>.

New Bark Beetle Discovered

A newly-discovered species of tree-killing bark beetle, *Dendroctonus mesoamericanus* Armendáriz-Toledano and Sullivan, has been described in a paper published online in the Annals of the Entomological Society of America. Bark beetles of the genus *Dendroctonus* rank high among the most destructive conifer pests and include the southern pine beetle, which attacks pines from New Jersey to Texas and south to Nicaragua, as well as the mountain

pine beetle recently causing extensive tree mortality in the Western U.S. and Canada. To access the full text of the journal article see: <http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/47987>.

Thousand Cankers Disease Found in MD

Last October, the Maryland Department of Agriculture announced the confirmation of TCD on black walnut in Cecil County, Maryland. Two bait logs from one positive trap site were confirmed positive by the U.S. Forest Service. Follow-up DNA sequencing confirmed identity of isolates obtained from beetles in the galleries of two logs. The new MD finding brings the total number of states with confirmed TCD to 16: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina, New Mexico, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Washington.

Black Vine Weevil

Black vine weevils, *Otiorynchus sulcatus*, are primarily pests of species in the genera *Taxus* and *Rhododendron*. The weevils also target azaleas, mountain laurel and euonymus. Adult black vine weevils feed on the leaf and needle margins, leaving distinct half-circular notches. Larvae appear similar to grubs you would find in your lawn. They feed in the spring on fine roots and in the fall will change to larger ones; this may result in a girdling of the stem right about the soil line. The adult black vine weevils are black with white flecks and grow to about 3/8 inches long. Damage caused by feeding will cause chlorosis, premature death and drop of leaves. To learn more see: <http://blog.savatree.com/author/coreyk/> (By Korey Koken, SavaTree, March 2015, with permission)

Forest Pest Update submitted by Donna Marie Foster, U.S. Forest Service

EAB Event a Success

On March 26, top national EAB expert Prof. Deborah

G. McCullough of Michigan State University gave two well-received talks at the Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum in Baltimore. McCullough, a forest entomologist who helped discover the Emerald Ash Borer outside Detroit, Michigan, in 2002, talked about "EAB: Take Action or Kiss Your Ash Goodbye," at the technical workshop aimed at arborists and landscape professionals, while the topic of her general public lecture in the evening was "KICKING ASH: The Epic Saga of the Emerald Ash Borer in North America." The sponsors for these free talks (with CEU credits for each) were the Baltimore Tree Trust, TreeBaltimore, and the Baltimore Forestry Board. Both talks had good turn-outs and were enthusiastically received.

The evening lecture also featured Kimberly Rice of the Md. Dept. of Agriculture, discussing EAB's spread in the state since August 2003, while City Arborist Gary Letteron spoke about Baltimore City's plans. Baltimore, where EAB was detected last summer, has about 214,000 ash trees (making up a tenth of the urban forest), with about 4,000 ash on streets or in parks. The City has already begun treating some specimen trees in parks, and expects in time to treat as many as 2,000.

A dynamic speaker, Prof. McCullough focused her talks on new knowledge, strategies for slowing the pest's spread, and future possibilities. EAB has now killed billions of trees in twenty-five states. EAB is as large an eco-disaster as Dutch Elm Disease, and all sixteen species of American ash are in peril.

A major difference in the DED epidemic and EAB is the availability of a highly effective pesticide -- Emamectin benzoate (Tree-age) -- that Prof. McCullough described as a "game changer." This chemical offers cities and homeowners the option of saving their decades-old ash trees, and Prof. McCullough argues that the economics of this make sense -- and she speculates that it is possible that a decade further along, if the EAB has moved on and died out, those trees may survive without further treatment.

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Natural Resources Careers Camp Accepting Applicants

Students entering grades 9 through 12, high school students interested in forestry, fisheries, wildlife, or park management are invited to join teens from across the Mid Atlantic at the week-long Natural Resources Careers Camp held July 19 to 25th at the Hickory Environmental Education Center in Garrett County. Students will explore related college studies and professions through hands-on activities with experts from a variety of conservation fields.

"This program is perfect for young adults who are planning a career in conservation, and those who may be interested in forestry or natural resources and want to see if this line of work is a right fit," said Donna Davis, project forester for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Students work

in groups of six or eight led by wildlife biologists, foresters and other natural resources professionals throughout the week.

Another exciting part of the program is College Night, where representatives from West Virginia University, Penn State, University of Maryland, Frostburg University, Allegany College of Maryland and Garrett College speak about their programs. Professors and department heads will share information and material with interested students.

The Natural Resources Careers Camp is sponsored by Maryland's Forest Conservancy District Boards, Allegany College of Maryland, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources- Forest Service and the Maryland Forestry Foundation. The camp has been held annually for over 40 years. Students who will be entering grades 9 through 12 next year and are interested in natural resources careers are eligible to apply. Applications are available at

www.marylandforestryboards.org. Local Forest Conservancy District Boards interview, recommend and offer scholarships for students to attend the camp. Space is limited so interested participants are encouraged to apply online today!

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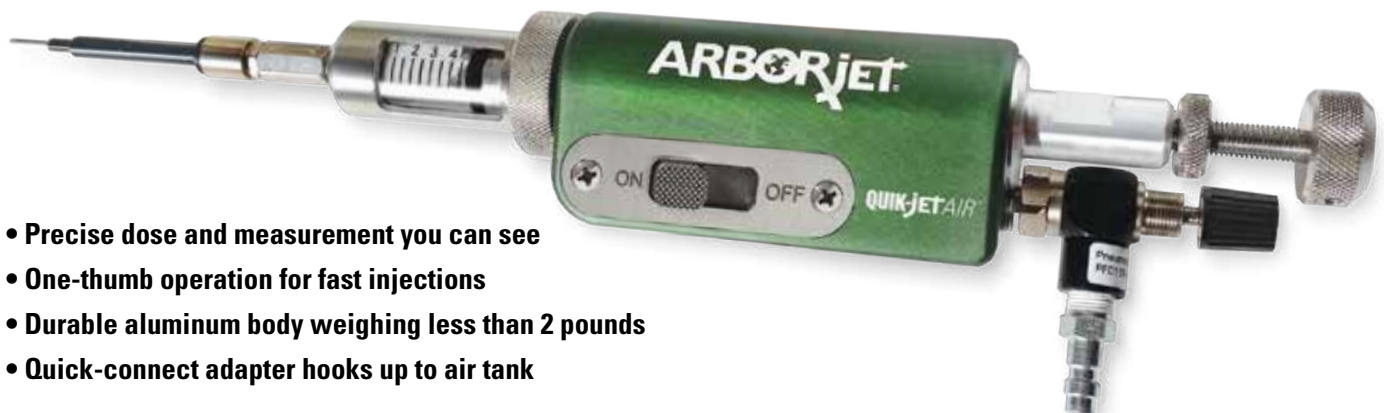
Legislative News: All bills related to Arboriculture that were presented in the MD legislation died or had no action.

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Frank Santamour Fall Scholarship Available

MAC-ISA will be offering two scholarships in the amount of \$1250.00 each in Frank's name. These scholarships will be available to MAC-ISA members who are students studying arboriculture/urban forestry that have a genuine interest in a career in arboriculture. The scholarships will be available to under graduate students enrolled in two and four year, colleges and universities in the Mid-Atlantic area that have programs in horticulture, arboriculture and/or urban forestry.

Application for the scholarships will involve submitting a short narrative, no longer than one page, outlining his/her accomplishments, academic record and career aspirations. The Frank Santamour scholarship committee will review the student's narrative and make the selections.

MAC-ISA is proud to sponsor future generations of arborists by honoring Dr. Santamour for all of his contributions to our chapter and industry. One of MAC-ISA's primary missions is to support education to advance our profession. Providing financial assistance to promising students of arboriculture further supports this mission. Deadline for submission is September 4th. For more information, www.mac-isa.org or call 703-753-0499

Tree Campus USA

Congratulations to Old Dominion University for earning 2014 Tree Campus USA® recognition. Tree Campus USA, a national program launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota, honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation.

To obtain this distinction, Old Dominion University has met the five core standards for sustainable campus forestry required by Tree Campus USA, including establishment of a tree advisory committee, evidence of a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and the sponsor-

ship of student service-learning projects.

Also congratulations to all the other schools in our chapter area that received the award:



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Virginia State University
Virginia Tech, VA
West Virginia University, WV

People in the News: Dr. Gregory Dahle

Dr. Gregory Dahle, Assistant Professor Arboriculture & Urban Forestry at West Virginia University has been awarded the TREE Fund's \$10,000 John Z. Duling Grant. Congratulations from all of us at MAC-ISA!



He describes his research as follows: "Characterizing strain and load transfer in the root flare." This project will look at the pattern of strain distribution in the root flare to ascertain how load transfers from the trunk to the root-soil plate. This knowledge will help tree risk assessors and arborists better evaluate the likelihood of tree failure.

Dr. Joe Sullivan, U of MD edits "Under the Canopy," Canopy Coverage's Academic News column. Please contact him with news about students, activities, programs, research, or any other items of interest at jsull@umd.edu

Arborjet's 2015 "Taking Root" College Scholarship

Arborjet is seeking applicants for its 2015 "Taking Root" Scholarship Program. Again this year, ten graduating high school seniors will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship to pursue full-time studies in Forestry, Plant Sciences, Horticulture, Entomology, Environmental Science or a related major at an accredited two-year or four-year college.

As a leader in the care of America's urban and natural forests, Arborjet is committed to giving promising high school seniors the financial support they need to pursue careers in the growing arboriculture industry. The opportunities for this next generation are numerous given that plant and tree care industry professionals are employed by private companies, the federal government, utilities, municipalities, universities and more.

"Through Arborjet's "Taking Root" Scholarship Program we recognize dedicated students who have already demonstrated achievement in their communities and schools, and who plan to bring their skills and talents to our industry," said Russ Davis, President and COO of Arborjet. "Parents, educators and the plant health care community were instrumental in helping us award "Taking Root" Scholarships to our inaugural group of recipients last year, and we invite them to again join us in encouraging young students to transform their ingenuity and passion into a meaningful career in this exciting industry."

Applicants for Arborjet's 2015 "Taking Root" Scholarship Program must be graduating U.S. high school seniors who plan to major in a forestry course of study or related major for the entire 2015-16 academic year at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university. Interested students and educators can find out more about the Scholarship by visiting <http://www.arborjet.com/takingroot> and applying directly at <http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/arborjet>. The application deadline is June 30, 2015.

MAC-ISA Awards – Call for Nominations

Recognize a coworker, associate, friend by taking some time to nominate them for MAC-ISA's prestigious chapter awards. MAC-ISA is seeking nominations for the following award categories:

- **Award of Merit:** Recognizes outstanding or meritorious service in advancing the principles, ideals and practices of arboriculture. This award is granted only to members of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the ISA.
- **Volunteer of the Year Award:** Recognizes a Mid-Atlantic Chapter member who has made significant contributions to the success of the Chapter through volunteer service.
- **Honorary Chapter Membership:** Recognizes an individual, group, company or agency that is not a member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter that has made material contributions to the advancement of the field of arboriculture through research, practice, promotion, invention or literature.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Recognizes a MAC-ISA member that has made significant contributions to the chapter and industry.
- **Field Arborist Award:** Recognizes a person who spends at least 50% of their job time working directly in the field.

If you would like to submit a nomination, please visit the Chapter Web site (www.mac-isa.org) to obtain an application form or contact MAC-ISA at 703-753-0499 or admin@macisa.org. Deadline for submission is **August 28th**. Awards will be presented at our Annual Meeting on **Oct. 5th**.

Gold Leaf Award Nominations due August 7th

Our chapter tries to present this award annually to recipients from each state and Washington, D.C. in our chapter area. The awards are not competitive, but rather recognition of worthy activity (to be judged by the chapter).

This means that MAC-ISA may, and often does, confer multiple awards in each state. Gold Leaf Awards are presented in two categories:

- **Outstanding Arbor Day Activities**
- **Outstanding Landscape, Beautification, and/or Environmental Activities**

These awards may go to a project, organization, or individual. Nominations should be long enough to adequately describe the event or project, usually one or two pages suffice. Nominations should include one or more electronic images of the person, project, or event as well as the exact name as it is to appear on the award.

Since the MAC-ISA Annual Meeting is in Maryland this year, we would like to recognize Maryland recipients of the award in person. Other recipients will be recognized at local events by a MAC-ISA representative.

Please send nominations for the 2015 Gold Leaf Awards to MAC-ISA (exdirector@macisa.org) no later than Friday, **August 7th**.

New Partnerships for FEVA with Blackstone

Forestry Equipment of VA announced its partnership with two industry businesses: Custom Truck & Equipment and Utility Fleet Sales. These three family-operated businesses will be part of a new utility and heavy equipment platform - Utility One Source - aligned, owned, and managed by Blackstone, one of the world's leading investment firms.

Utility One Source, led by Chairman Christian Ragot and through Blackstone's growth capital and innovation, aims to serve as a single source supplier for its customer base with a focus on sales, rental equipment,

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James Earhart and Jocelyn Lohse won the third place team award at the ITCC. Way to go! Picture courtesy of Stephanie Earhart

Call for Nominations for the MAC-ISA Board of Directors

- Four board member positions are open
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Please send your nominations to Robert Corletta, Robert.corletta@dc.gov, no later than June 1st or call, 703-753-0499

The election will be held online this year, watch for an email in late August. You will be mailed a ballot if we do not have an email on file.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye ISA 2017 Meeting Theme

You have heard of Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus "The Greatest Show On Earth." We, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture, have the opportunity to host and present "The Greatest Arboriculture Show on Earth"

In August of 2017, The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) will have its Annual Meeting, International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC) and Arbor Fair in Washington, DC. Actually the venue will be at the Gaylord Hotel Complex, at National Harbor in Prince George's County, Maryland, which is situated along the beautiful banks of the Potomac River. The ITCC and Arbor Fair will be held at the U.S. National Arboretum.



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What an opportunity we have and what a challenge. The ISA expects this meeting to be the largest in attendance in its history and we do too. MAC-ISA did it before in 2000 when we hosted the meeting in Baltimore. Alan Jones is our ringleader to lead, guide and direct all of MAC-ISA's efforts, as the Local Committee Chairman and will coordinate with the ISA. He already has some of his team, but dozens more are needed.

Step right up to volunteer.

It is up to MAC-ISA to develop the theme for the meeting. We NEED YOUR input. Please send your theme ideas to exdirector@macisa.org by June 1st. Some key words to try to incorporate into the theme are trees, capital, canopy, International, and world.

Steve Genua, MAC-ISA International Component Representative

Saluting Branches: Join!

What is Saluting Branches?
Saluting Branches: Arborists United for Veteran Remembrance is a day of service for tree care professionals throughout the country to unite and do what we do best – provide exceptional tree care – to keep our veterans cemeteries safe, beautiful places for all those who visit.

Why Participate in Saluting Branches?

NEED: According to the Dept of Veterans Affairs, many National Cemeteries do not regularly have professional arborists inspecting and caring for their trees

COMMUNITY: Saluting Branches is an fun and exciting opportunity to work along side arborists who are your competitors every other day of the year
AWARENESS: Saluting Branches will allow coverage of arboriculture in the local and national media, raising

the awareness of professional arborists

SERVICE: Saluting Branches allows us to give back and serve veterans and their families who have given us all so much

When and where is Saluting Branches?

September 23, 2015 at 22 National Cemeteries across the country, at Baltimore National Cemetery in the MAC-ISA area.

Sign up to volunteer at www.SalutingBranches.org



Member Profile: Joe Dodd



One of the passionate and dedicated arborists competing at this year's MAC-ISA Tree Climbing Championships was Joe Dodd. During the competition Joe showed us

his impressive skills and talent as a tree climber with his cool, calm, and collective poise. Even with the pressure of many spectators and competitors watching, and the clock ticking, Joe completed the five events un-phased by the big stage in a confident manner as many seasoned professional tree climbers do.

Originally from Nelson County VA, Joe got his start in the outdoors early at age 14 by pulling skidder cables during logging operations and cutting firewood. Joe's first tree climbing championship was in 2009 at the California Arborist Association where he finished 14th overall. This first tree climbing competition motivated and inspired Joe to strive for an elite level of professional tree climber. Joe watched YouTube videos to help improve his speed, skill, and technique.

Joe's current position as a climbing arborist, manager, and sales arborist keeps his days interesting with new challenges and opportunities. One cool aspect Joe really likes about his job is exploring and discussing different climbing systems and styles. It's the little details about climbing systems that Joe wants to know, such as advantages and disadvantages of a system, or what aspects of a new climbing system could be unsafe.

Happily married with two sons Norhen and Kaden Joe enjoys spending his free time tree climbing. He also enjoys skiing and snowboarding, fishing, snorkeling, surfing, and skate boarding.

Two individuals in the arboriculture industry that Joe respects for their professionalism and true grit are Jeff Knies of Practical Arboriculture and Rob Springer of Bartlett Tree Experts.



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