



Texas Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

Texas TreEmail - February Update

Get Your Tree News Here

The latest ISAT In the Shade is out!

All the latest news including the upcoming events, bilingual workshops, an update on the ISAT Board Retreat, all the latest on credentials, an OSHA safety update and the latest 'What's the Big IDEa?'

[Read the latest edition of ISAT In the Shade here](#)



Bilingual Tree Worker Workshop - Taller Bilingue del Cuidado y Seguridad de Arboles

English and Spanish

Feb. 27, 2020, Schertz

This Week - Register Today!



It is time for the 11th Bilingual Tree Care & Safety Workshop in San Antonio. Learn from tree care leaders Skip Kincaid, Guy LeBlanc, and Eduardo Medina to take your knowledge and career to new heights.

Keynote speaker Skip Kincaid will conduct 'What Does it Mean to be a Professional Arborist' and 'What Legal Obligations Do We Have' indoors. In the field, demonstrations will visually show improving climbing efficiency, climbing safety, and an update on OSHA and Job Site Safety Analysis. Emily Landon from St. Mary's University will discuss 'Conflict Resolution'.

[More information and registration here](#)

From Field to Lab - A Hands-On Tree Diagnosis Workshop

March 9-10, 2020, College Station

Missed the email about registration opening for this popular workshop and now its full? That means you are not a member! **We send out workshop registration notices to our Texas Chapter ISA members first - this, and many of our events fill up in just a few days .**

If you want early notice of all ISAT events along with all the other member benefits, join the Texas Chapter today. Hey, it's only \$55 and

you will make it all back on the member discount for your first workshop registration.

Don't miss out on another workshop - click here now to join the Texas Chapter!!!



Dr. David Appel

Women's Tree Climbing Workshop

Climb to the top

April 17-19, 2020, Wimberley

Join the Texas Chapter ISA for a tree climbing workshop for women, taught by women.

This will be the ISA Texas' third women's tree climbing workshop and it is designed for women who have never climbed trees before with ropes and harnesses but also those who have prior experience and want to improve their ability.

[Click here for more information](#)
[Click here to learn more about sponsorship](#)



Texas Tree Climbing Championship

Judges and Technicians - Register Now!

May 15-16, San Antonio

Mark your calendars now for this years Texas Tree Climbing Championship in Brackenridge Park in San Antonio. The winners will represent the Texas Chapter at the 2020 ITCC in Albuquerque, New Mexico this summer. This is the best event of the year for a working climber to attend if you want to improve your skills.



[Judges, Technicians and folks who just want to volunteer register here](#)

(Quartermaster Needed: Are you a gear-head who can keep track of stuff? We will train.)

[Exhibitor and Sponsor information and registration is here](#)

Climber registration will open soon

[Texas Tree Climbing Competition homepage](#)

Contact Markus Smith at 512.467.8733 or markus@justtrees.com for more information

Texas Tree Conference

40th Anniversary - Save the Date!

Sept. 23-25, 2020

Mark you calendars now for the biggest tree event in Texas. We are looking forward to seeing you in Waco next September. This year's theme is **'40 Years of TX Tree Culture'**. See you there!

**Exhibitors can register for booth space here
(the Trade Show has sold out past two years - register today!)**

Contact A.J. Thibodeaux, the 2020 Conference Chair at 214.528.2266 or ajt@preservationtree.com to volunteer.



Join Team Texas and Ride to Help Trees! (Or just donate to Mino's Tour de Trees ride)

Support tree research and scholarships - Make your pledge to support Mino Griego of San Antonio, our Team Texas Chapter ISA Tour des Trees Captain!



The Tour des Trees is an annual long-distance cycling adventure which serves as the primary public outreach and community engagement event for Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund).

During 2019, TREE Fund-supported research appeared in 16 peer-reviewed publications and was orally presented 25 times. This brings the publication total for the past 16 years to 191.

[Mino is pedaling 300 miles in the Rocky Mountains for trees - pitch in a couple of bucks here to support his ride](#)

10 Things You Need to Know to Get Paid Quicker Show me the money!

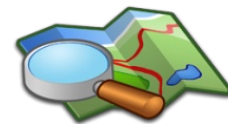
The unfortunate truth is that late payments are all too common. How can you reduce this issue at your small business?

[Try these 10 tips from Kabbage](#)



New Data Provides Arlington Insight Into Health, Diversity of its Urban Forest

New data is helping the City of Arlington, which has nearly 100 parks, better understand the diversity of its urban forest and the potential risk from insect and disease threats to our native shade trees.



Last summer, the City conducted tree sampling in 44 of the 99 parks to determine and analyze tree density and the composition. The research found that 95 percent of the estimated 110,740 trees in the sampled parks were native trees, and that the three most common trees are sugarberry, post oak and cedar elm. This and other data gathered in the study will help guide the City in future tree planting decisions and has led to the creation of an interactive map that allows the public to view tree data by individual park.

[Click here to read more about Arlington park trees or to view the interactive Tree Finder Map](#)

Answer: 1 Trillion Trees (That's Yuuuge!)

Question: How to help combat climate change (and air pollution and rising energy costs, and improve public health, and ...)

President Trump on Tuesday announced the United States will join the One Trillion Trees Initiative launched at the World Economic Forum as world leaders seek to combat climate change.



Trump made the announcement during an address to global business leaders gathered for the annual event in Davos, Switzerland.

"We're committed to conserving the majesty of God's creation and the natural beauty of our world," Trump said, adding that the U.S. "will continue to show strong leadership in restoring, growing and better managing our trees and our forests."

[Here is more on the plan to plant 3.3 billion trees in the US annually](#)

[See how Syracuse, NY plans to turn down the city heat with 70,000 trees](#)

Settlement Reached in the 2011 Bastrop Fire Two lives, 34,000 acres and 1,700 homes

Four governing entities in Bastrop County have reached a \$5 million settlement with a tree-trimming company accused to have caused the 2011 Complex Fire - the most destructive wildfire in Texas history. The suit accused Asplundh Tree Expert Company of diverting crews away from a tree-trimming job along Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative power lines it was contracted to clear. Under extreme drought conditions, dry vegetation accumulated around Bluebonnet's easements, and when trees fell on power lines on Sept. 4, 2011, fires ignited.



[See the full story from the Austin American Statesman here](#)

The Texas Wildfire Risk Reduction Qualification Course and Assessment on March 26-27, 2020 is sold out. To learn how you can become a Texas Wildfire Risk Reduction Qualified Arborist [click here](#).

Is Your City Biophilic? Is there nature where you nurture?

If you've never heard of a biophilic city before, you probably will soon - there's a growing movement emerging globally.

So what is a biophilic city?

These are cities that aspire to be more rich in nature within their unique and diverse environments and where the planning and design abundantly incorporate the natural world into the daily lives of residents. It's based on the idea that humans have an innate love for and desire and necessity to connect with nature.



[And yes, Austin already is \(NeighborWoods\) - Learn more about biophilic cities here](#)

[Here's another story about why we need green spaces in cities - from England](#)

Texas Chapter ISA is an Award Winner The Bronze Leaf Award

The Bronze Leaf was awarded to the bilingual Structural Pruning

Workshop, presented by ISA Texas Chapter and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Held in Fort Worth last November, the workshop aimed at equipping green industry specialists with proper structural pruning skills.

A quote from Laura Miller underlines the importance of accessible training for the field workers on the ground: "As professionals, we recognize poor pruning practices in many places we go, but without the proper knowledge being presented, how can we hold them accountable without workshops like this?"



Thanks Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council!!!

News From International



Present at the 2020 Albuquerque ISA Conference

There is still time to submit your abstract to be a presenter at the world's premiere gathering of arboricultural professionals. ISA is still seeking conference presentations for the 2020 ISA Annual

International Conference and Trade Show 9-12 August in Albuquerque, N.M., U.S. [Click here to submit an abstract](#)

New Product: Best Management Practices - Utility Tree Risk Assessment

ISA is pleased to announce our newest publication of 2020, The Utility Tree Risk Assessment Best Management Practices by John W. Goodfellow. ISA's Best Management Practices (BMPs) interpret tree care standards and provide guidelines of practice for arborists, tree workers and the people who employ their services. [See it here](#)

2020 ISA Product Catalog is Available

The new 2020 January-June ISA Product Catalog is now available online! Browse the catalog for resources that will help you study for certifications, hone climbing and rigging skills, perfect pruning skills, earn valuable CEUs and much more. [Click here for the catalog](#)

2021 ISA Conference - Malmo 21

Mark your calendars now to attend the ISA annual conference in Malmo, Sweden on September 12-15, 2021.

2020 Calendar of Events

February:

- [Feb. 24-26: TRAQ Risk Assessment Qualification Course, College Station](#) (Sold out)
- [Feb. 26: Tree Service Safety Seminar - Broken Arrow, OK](#)
- [Feb. 27: Bilingual Tree Worker Training Workshop, Schertz](#)
- [Feb. 28: TRAQ Renewal with Skip Kincaid, Waco, \(Closed\)](#)

March:

- [March 8: Certified Arborist, Municipal Specialist and Utility Specialist Test, San Antonio](#)
- [March 9-10: Tree Diagnosis Workshop, College Station](#) (Sold Out)
- [March 11-13: TRAQ Course and Assessment, Dallas](#) (Sold Out)
- [March 19: ISA Certified Tree Workers Specialist Written and Skills Exam, Dallas](#)
- [March 20: Certified Arborist, Municipal Specialist and Utility Specialist Test, Dallas](#)
- [March 26: Why Do Tree Branches Fail? TREE Fund Webinar](#)
- [March 26-27: Wildfire Risk Assessment Qualification Course and Assessment, Austin](#)(Sold Out)

April:

- [April 7: ISAT Fertilization Summit, San Antonio](#) (TBA)
- [April 17-19: Women's Tree Climbing Workshop, Wimberly](#)

May:

- May 11-13: TRAQ Course and Assessment, Round Rock (Sold Out)
- May 14: Pre-Climbing Competition Workshop, San Antonio
- May 15-16: Texas Tree Climbing Competition, San Antonio
- May 21-22: Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment (TBA)

June:

- June 11-12: Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment, Fredericksburg
- June 16: Fighting Microbes with Microbes to Protect Our Native Trees, TREE Fund Webinar
- June 18: ISA Certified Tree Workers Specialist Written and Skills Exam, Dallas
- June 19: Certified Arborist, Municipal Specialist and Utility Specialist Test, Dallas

July:

- July 14: Enhancing Tree Health in Water Sensitive Urban Design: Role of Mycorrhizae, TREE Fund Webinar

August:

- Aug. 9-12: ISA International Conference, Albuquerque, NM

September:

- Sept. 18: ISA Certified Tree Workers Specialist Written and Skills Exam, Dallas
- Sept. 23-25: Texas Tree Conference, Academy, Trade Show and Tree Schools, Waco
- Sept. 25: Certified Arborist, Municipal Specialist and Utility Specialist Test, Waco
- Sept 23: TRAQ Renewal, Waco

October:

- Oct. 15: Certified Arborist, Municipal Specialist and Utility Specialist Test, San Antonio

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