

In the Shade



NEWSLETTER OF THE ISA TEXAS CHAPTER
AUGUST 2020





President's Letter

Hello ISA Texas members!

I hope everyone is staying cool in this heat!

Historically, this is the newsletter that we would discuss some of the amazing in-person things that the Chapter has been able to accomplish to this point. I'll have to deviate from that slightly and brag about the flexibility the Chapter has shown. For my MFI folks – Semper Gumby!

Although we've had to cancel the majority of our in-person trainings, events, or classes, we hope that we've been able to satisfy some of your needs with our webinars and online workshops. We've also been able to implement more regular online topics and host "coffee talks" with our commercial, utility, and municipal members. These talks are great in connecting those with similar roles in arboriculture and discussing how this pandemic is affecting us across our great state, and how we are persevering through it all.

As with most organizations we are hosting a majority, if not all, of our discussions via online meeting platforms. This past month we held our very first virtual board meeting with great success...and I still have yet to use the gavel. One of the items that I wanted to highlight with you is the adoption of our three (3) year strategic membership plan. This plan gave us recommendations from setting goals and

member on-boarding, to marketing and communication tools and guides. We are really excited to have this document in place to help guide us in member retention, recruitment, and communication.

Also, due to the COVID situation and the daily/weekly changes that are taking place we had one more board meeting in July. We discussed increasing our board meetings during this pandemic to make sure the board is on the same page. For those that may wonder why I bring this is up, well it's not the norm for us. Then again, what is the norm for 2020?

In regards to our conference, I hope that our hybrid approach will satisfy those who are still interested in attending the event in Waco, as well as satisfying those who may not be able to travel or may be uncomfortable traveling to a conference. A.J. speaks to the conference in greater detail further in this newsletter. The Texas Tree Conference Committee has done an outstanding job coming up with a solution that will fit the bill and give attendance options for our members.

Stay safe, cool, and healthy my friends!

Respectfully,

Jason Alfaro



In the Shade

is published six times a year by the Texas Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture.

Editor: Rebecca Johnson

Rebecca@Arborholic.com • 512-730-1274

Interim Associate Editor: Joan Ivy
joanivy@sbcglobal.net

Advertising Representative: John Giedraitis
JPG@ISATexas.com • 979-324-1929 • Fax 979-680-9420

August 2020

Vol. 44, No. 2

ON THE COVER

The Houser Cup was commissioned in 2001 to be awarded to the Texas Tree Climbing Champion every year. Named for long-time volunteer Steve Houser, the cup replaced a brass cup that had a base that was too small to record the winners. In 2021, the Chapter will introduce a second cup to honor the women's champion. The cups were made by ISA Texas member and volunteer Kevin Bassett.

TREES

Special Tree Situations Require Serious Certifications

Our Registered Consulting Arborists provide tree inventories, tree protection plans for construction projects, legal testimony, and tree appraisals for all property types.



 **Preservation Tree**
The Consulting Group

866-649-8733 (TREE)
preservationtree.com





Editor's Note

The cancellation of the Texas Tree Climbing Championship left a big hole in our newsletter schedule this year. Each issue has had small holes as we haven't had events to report on, but this is a big one.

So we decided to dive into the past and put together a picture retrospective of our past competitions, check it out starting on page 11.

For me, going through the photos showed just how recently women have entered into this domain, we went from mostly just doing the scoring, to volunteering as set up crew and support, to judges, to climbing in the comp. As a woman, when I go to these events, what stands out to me is that the male climbers don't treat the women as less than or as anything other than a fellow competitor. They cheer for them, they coach them, they share tips and lend equipment. They go to the side and show off their newest "toys" and show how to use them to their best advantage. In so many ways, these comps are what move our industry forward. I can also say (having been part

of the scoring team for the International Championship) that women are finishing in the top of the pack every year, even when we aren't adjusting the scores to compare women with women and men with men. Given that for years, women had to beg for training and had to find climbers willing to work with them on weekends and after hours to get any sort of training, this shows just how quickly people can learn. It's one reason the Womens' Tree Climbing Workshop is so important to me, it's one of the few places women can learn to climb safely, effectively and without being subjected to the male gaze and remarks about how "good their butt looks in that harness."

I still hear company owners say that women are better at sales and they need them there rather than as climbers and that they don't have time to train for both. And recently on a large Facebook group a man asked "has anyone ever met a really good woman climber, who actually makes a living at it?"

Sincerely,

Rebecca Johnson

Texas Chapter ISA Event Update

"Flatten the curve" was a success when it comes to ISA Texas events. The various ISA Texas committees have worked hard to provide quality educational opportunities for the membership. "No public gatherings", "No gatherings greater than 10", and the other mandates from government officials has flattened ISA Texas events.

Currently the education committee of the board is in the planning stage for future webinars. You can find more information and the recordings of past webinars on the Texas Chapter ISA website at <https://isatexas.com/events/online-learning-series/> (CEUs available). Topics will include tree risk assessment, pruning and many others. Look for the announcements in your email and on social media as they become available.

The **Oak Wilt Qualification Workshops** scheduled in May and June have currently been rescheduled for July 30-31 in Glen Rose and August 13-14 in Fredericksburg. There was a registration

sent to all ISA Texas members to be placed on a "waitlist" for the workshops. All of the available slots were filled within three days.

The **Wildfire Risk Reduction Qualification** committee has decided to postpone the workshop. The committee will reschedule when possible, pending space availability and other logistics. There will be more information provided as it becomes available.

TAMU Forest Service and ISA Texas have developed this qualification to introduce you to how wildfire moves through a landscape and mitigation options you can provide for your clients. The course includes classroom training as well as field exercises.

The **Texas Women's Tree Climbing Workshop** has been postponed and the committee is looking at dates in the fall. Tentatively, the committee is looking at November, pending space availability and other logistics. There will be more information provided as it becomes available.

The annual Texas Tree Conference is scheduled for September 23rd-25th. ISA Texas is planning to have the conference on site and virtually. The TTC committee has put together another great lineup of speakers. Wednesday will kick the event off with the "What's up Doc" academy and a TRAQ renewal. Thursday's keynote speakers are Skip Kincaid, Dr. Rich Hauer, and Dr John Ball. See conference chair A.J. Thibodeaux's update. Mark your calendars now for another treemendous conference!

Please consult www.isatexas.com for the latest COVID 19 updates from the Texas Chapter. Check the ISA Texas COVID 19 update webpage for events and credentialing updates and to find the latest online learning opportunities.

NEW MEMBERS

Carrie CaylorRollingwood
Jason Pfaltzgraff..... Kempner
Jeff Hempel..... Round Rock
Joshua Smith..... Dallas
Manuel Ruiz..... San Antonio
Mark Cook..... San Antonio
Mike Krell Deer Park
Octavio Perez..... Austin
Osuel Castillo Paz..... Rio Hondo
Tito Garcia..... Garland
Travis Wilson.....Johnson City
William Mann Adkins

UPCOMING CERTIFICATION EXAMS

9/25/2020

A, M, U, TWC, TWL: Waco

10/15/2020

A, M, U, TWC, TWL: Selma

11/13/2020

A, M, U, TWC, TWL: Fort Worth

12/18/2020

A, M, U, TWC, TWL: Dallas

*Not that I want to be
a god or a hero. Just to
change into a tree, grow
for ages, not hurt anyone.*

—Czeslaw Milosz, poet and
novelist (June 30, 1911-2004)

See the videos

100 YEARS

1919 Nelson 2019

Vegetation Management Specialists

800-522-4311 | www.nelsontree.com

2020 ALBUQUERQUE ISA

NEW DATE!
15-17 DECEMBER

EMERALD ASH BORER HAS ARRIVED IN TEXAS!

TREE-äge Has Been Protecting Trees Since 2009



TREE-äge® R10

Choose the Most Trusted Brand in EAB Control

- 2 year control of EAB and other pests
- Most efficient injection product
- Backed by research

To learn more visit arborjet.com/r10

ARBORJET®
Revolutionary Plant Health Solutions



©2019 Arborjet, Inc. Important: Always read and follow label instructions. Some crop protection products may not be registered for sale or use in all states or counties. Please check with your state or local extension service to ensure registration status. TREE-äge® Insecticide is a Restricted Use Pesticide and must only be sold to and used by a state certified applicator or by persons under their direct supervision. TREE-äge® is a registered trademark of Arborjet, Inc.

2020 Texas Tree Conference

By A.J. Thibodeaux,
ISA Texas President Elect and
Conference Chair

Fellow ISA Texas members,

I am sure most of you are as tired as I am of every conversation starting with “Because of the COVID-19 pandemic” and including the terms “I don’t know”, “maybe” or “as of today”, this may be somewhat painful to read, but please bear with me.

The unprecedented situation brought on by the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic has created some very challenging opportunities for your 2020 Texas Tree Conference Committee members. “Can we have a conference,” “Should we have a virtual conference,” “Should we have a live conference,” What is a virtual conference,” and the list of questions to be answered goes on and on and on.

Your conference committee members have worked diligently to answer as many of these questions as possible. Numerous meetings have been held with ISA staff members, other ISA Component Executives, and conference committee members to find these answers. A survey sent to over 800 ISA Texas Chapter members who have attended at least one conference in the past five years was conducted. Every known resource has been referenced. The time and energy invested in planning this year’s conference is as unprecedented as the pandemic itself.

At the time of this writing, the 2020 Texas Tree Conference is scheduled for September 23rd-25th in Waco. Working to meet the needs and requests of our members, your conference committee has put together a hybrid conference that will include both a live and a virtual component. The Waco convention center plans to begin opening on August 1st and expects to be fully operational by September.

Based on comments received from the membership survey and meeting the current social distancing recommendations in place, this year’s conference will be downsized from what you have experienced the last few years. Wednesday, September 23 the events kick off with a single “What’s up Doc” academy and a TRAQ renewal. Dr. David Appel, Professor & Associate Department Head, Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology, Texas A&M University, and Shella McBride, Extension Program Specialist, Department of Plant Pathology & Microbiology, Texas A&M University will lead a full day of discussions to comprehensively address the topic of tree and landscape diagnosis. Skip Kincaid, Executive Director, Southern Chapter ISA will lead the TRAQ renewal. Thursday, September 24th will



2020 TEXAS TREE CONFERENCE

begin with three keynote presentations offered by Skip Kincaid, Executive Director, Southern Chapter ISA, Dr. Richard Hauer, Professor, University of Wisconsin, and Dr. John Ball, Professor, South Dakota State University. Thursday afternoon and Friday morning will consist of a single educational track. This track will be structured to offer educational opportunities for Commercial, Municipal and Utility Arborists. Featured speakers include: Dr. John Ball, Professor, South Dakota State University, Dr. Richard Hauer, Professor, University of Wisconsin, Emily Landon, Professor, St. Mary’s University, Rich Wilson, Plant Health Care Program, City of Denver, David Dechant, Lead Arborist and Soil Scientist, Davey Tree Experts, Emmitt Muennink, Arborjet, and Eric Linberg, Rainbow Tree Care.

New, will be an offering of the entire educational track “virtually.” Our plan is to break down the conference into multiple two- or three-hour sessions that will be scheduled for a later date. You will have the opportunity to watch the exact educational presentations as they were offered to the live audience. Each virtual presentation will be interactive with periodic polls taken and conclude with a live question and answer session with the session speaker. The same CEUs offered for the live session will be available for the virtual audience.

I cannot express to you how much effort has gone into putting this conference together. New challenges, as they have developed, have sent the committee back to the drawing board many times. Rest assured your 2020 Texas Tree Conference committee members are working as hard as they can to make this year’s conference a success and to continue to offer ISA Texas members the educational and networking opportunities they expect and deserve.

Mark your calendars now for another Tremendous conference!

Naturalized Exotic Fern Species Found at W. Goodrich Jones State Forest

By John Warner, Certified Arborist and Certified Forester, Texas A&M Forest Service

Texas A&M Forest Service summer interns Andrew Clapp (TAMU) and Luke Alfaro (SFASU) together with Conroe District Forester Connor Murnane participated in assisting Mercer Arboretum and Botanical Gardens collect a non-native plant that was identified within the iNaturalist collection database located on W. Goodrich Jones State Forest. This is the first known sighting of this specimen in Texas.

The specimens of the green cliffbrake fern collected are important to document the spread of a recently naturalized exotic species that has not previously been reported in the scientific literature as occurring in Texas. Thus, this collection will be one of the first to document this addition to our knowledge of the state's flora.

According to Dr. George Yatskievych from University of Texas, it will also provide a permanent example for the herbaria of this fern's entry into the state, should it spread and become an aggressive weed in the future. Green cliffbrake fern (*Cheilanthes viridis*) has long been grown as a specimen plant and ornamental, both indoors and in southern gardens. By documenting its spread into nature, Mercer Arboretum and Botanical Gardens and Billie L. Turner Plant Resources Center,

University of Texas at Austin hope to gain a potential understanding of the environmental changes that may have occurred to facilitate its spread from gardens just within the past few years.

The specimens complement photographic records posted by citizen scientists reported on the iNaturalist website (<https://www.inaturalist.org>) and allow confirmation of the identity of the species, as well as permitting the study of details of its appearance not possible from images alone.

Anita Tiller, MS, Botanist, Mercer Arboretum and Botanical Gardens and George Yatskievych, Ph.D., Botanist, Curator: Billie L. Turner Plant Resources Center, University of Texas at Austin are appreciative of Texas A&M Forest Service staff and their interns for locating and gathering field samples for the state's herbaria collections.

TFS Summer Interns Clapp and Alfaro collect specimens of the green cliffbrake fern to place into a plant press. A plant press is a set of equipment used by botanists to flatten and dry field samples so that they can be easily stored. A professional plant press is made to the standard maximum size for biological specimens to be filed in a particular herbarium.



The specimens of the green cliffbrake fern are important to document the spread of a recently naturalized exotic species that has not previously been reported in the scientific literature as occurring in Texas.



Photos by Connor Murnane

What to Do with Your COVID Time

Being in quarantine can have its challenges but also some rewards. See some of the creative uses of "COVID Time" from our arborist community ...

"I've spent mornings working from the house in my PJs. Love the abbreviated commute time! The only traffic delay I've experienced during this shutdown was when I bumped into my wife in the hallway one morning. Threw me off by a good 20 seconds."

—Gary O'Neil, Forester,
Vegetation Management, Community Relations, CenterPoint Energy & ISA Texas Board Member



FINANCING FOR ALL YOUR ARBOR MACHINES & MUCH MORE!

\$ 200,000 SAME DAY FINANCING AVAILABLE!

With a focus on providing fast, flexible and competitive equipment financing solutions. We are prepared to be a partner in your company's success!

SEE WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT AP!

"Without Todd and AP Financing I would not have been able to purchase the equipment I needed to expand and triple my gross earnings annually. In business it's about nurturing relationships (during the ups and downs) and I thank you Todd, and I thank AP Financing for believing in me and my company. It has been a great ride. To the future and beyond we shall continue to thrive, grow and expand! We couldn't have done it without you all! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!"

— Beth, Arborist, CA

"The entire process was easy and surprisingly fast. The entire team was great to work with!"

— Timmy, Arborist, VA

"This company is a one "stop" shop for all your financing needs. I have a tree service that has utilized them for all of our equipment needs. They are very professional and easy to work with. I look forward to using them again for a new wood chipper. Thanks so much!"

— Carl, Arborist, AR



Visit www.tcia.org to stay up to date on news in the tree care industry!

ARBOR TRUCKS



AERIAL TRACKED LIFTS



STUMP GRINDERS



CHIPPERS



LOADERS

TREECARE@APFINANCING.COM
WWW.APFINANCING.COM • (888)257-1727

Wedgle® Direct-Inject™ TREE INJECTION SYSTEM

Our advanced technology
for tree treatment
allows you to

INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TREES YOU TREAT IN A DAY!



- ◆ No drilling damage
- ◆ No mixing at job sites
- ◆ No guarding or return trips
- ◆ No waiting for uptake
- ◆ Treats most trees in five minutes or less!
- ◆ Successful and most profitable add-on service

Multiple injection tips designed for all types of trees, conifers and palms

Insecticides • Fungicides • PGRs • Antibiotics • MicroNutrients

Learn more! Call 800.698.4641 or visit
ArborSystems.com for information and videos

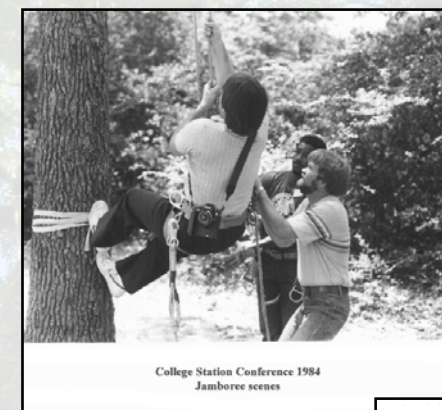


Texas Tree Climbing Championship:

A Retrospective

The Texas Tree Climbing Championship (TTCC) started as "The Arborist's Jamboree" in 1983. Originally, the award was a brass cup with a plaque for the winners' names. In 2001, this award was replaced by the Houser Cup (see the pic on the cover) and in 2021 we'll introduce another cup for our women contestants. The 2020 TTCC was unfortunately canceled due to COVID-19, so we did a deep dive into past archives, gathering pictures from as many people who would respond.

Enjoy a picture retrospective of our past competitions...



College Station Conference 1984
Jamboree scenes



The second Arborists Jamboree was held in College Station in 1984. Safety rules were somewhat more relaxed then.



Joshua Erickson and team at
the 2018 contest in Waxahachie.



Tree sport champ is lord of the limbs

Continued from Page 17A.

speed in reaching and rescuing the "injured worker."

The work climb combines coordination and ability. Three or four "work stations" are positioned in a 100-foot-tall tree, and a bell is placed on a branch at each station. A rope is hung from each of the branches. At the end of each rope, a ball is attached so it hangs only 10 inches off the ground.

The contestant must maneuver along each branch and ring the bell without making the ball below touch the ground.

At the Texas jamboree, Mr. Carlos placed first in the work climb and second in the speed climb and aerial rescue. His total points earned him the 1990 state title.

Since he came to Dallas from his native Mexico five years ago, Mr. Carlos has worked for Arborlogical Services Inc., a tree care company based in Wylie. The service prunes, cares for and fells trees in the Dallas area.

Smiling as he effortlessly moves from branch to branch, Mr. Carlos seems as comfortable in a 70-foot red oak as he does on the ground.

Feeling safe in a tree "is the first thing a climber has to learn," said Steve Houser, general manager of Arborlogical Services. "These guys are as used to being up in a tree as they are on the ground," he said.

The tree company does not use a "cherry picker" or ladders when trimming trees, and its climbers do not use spiked climbing boots, which damage trees.

When climbing a tree to cut branches, Mr. Carlos throws a rope over a high branch and attaches it to a harness, or "saddle." He then ei-

ther walks up the tree trunk, pulling as he goes, or hangs from the branch, lying flat out and then throwing his hips skyward as he pulls on the rope. The motion looks kind of like a flopping fish out of water.

He goes up and down a tree so quickly he looks as if he were riding in an elevator.

Arborlogical Services employees Mr. Houser, Kevin Bassett and Oneimo Carlos, Rosalindo's uncle, helped train Rosalindo.

"Kevin and I were astounded at how well he picked everything up," Mr. Houser said. "He is one of the better climbers I've ever seen in my 12 years in the business."

Mr. Bassett, who in 1985 placed second at the state jamboree and 15th in the international jamboree, will attend this year's international competition with Mr. Carlos because he knows the "ins and outs" of the event, Mr. Houser said. Until then, his uncle, Oneimo, will tutor him, and Mr. Carlos will practice as he works.

Oneimo Carlos, 35, placed fourth in the 1986 state jamboree and said he is proud of his nephew.

"I have experience and when someone needs teaching, I help," he said. "He is a better climber than me. He is ... younger. I'm too old now."

Mr. Carlos is a shy young man with an engaging smile. He is taking English classes and working to attain his citizenship.

"He is a quiet guy and doesn't brag about his success," Mr. Houser said. "All the guys have been encouraging him, and we're excited for him even if he doesn't show it. We're all real proud of him."

Nicolas Martinez celebrates
his fourth and final win in
2005. Or is it?



Head Technician Jim Dossett leads climber orientation in Waxahachie, 2018.



Kirbie Houser-Pastenes recruits a young score-keeping volunteer in 2018.

Like father, like daughter! You can't have the TxTCC without Housers.



Kids of all ages find something to enjoy at the TxTCC. Here, Bill Koenig introduces young attendees to an eastern-eyed click beetle. Did we mention it's on a leash?



Candace Matthews prepares for the 2017 Belayed Speed Climb in Austin, as Head Judge Chris Brewer looks on.

Scoring is a thankless and sometimes very frustrating job, but our volunteers do it with a smile.



Marking the targets for the Throwline event takes a lot of tape.

Steve Houser helps Dallas Mayor Laura Miller prepare for the "Mayor's Challenge" event, which kicked off the 2003 contest at Reverchon Park.



Competitors and volunteers from 2013.

2018 Aerial Rescue judges and techs, led by Nevic Donnelly.



In 1997, Kevin Bassett hung up his bullhorn and joined the contestants. Here, he consults with fellow competitor Keith Babberney before an event.



Star Quintero is awarded first place in the 2016 Work Climb event.



Tom Dunlap helps a future arborist get off the ground at the 2003 Kid's Climb.



Texas Tree Awards

Paul Johnson, Awards Chair

It's time for the Texas Tree Awards nominations. We're planning on presenting the awards at the Texas Tree Conference in Waco, but it will be a little different this year due to the current situation. I know it's been a tough year, but there are many deserving people, projects, and programs that we would like to recognize. Please take the time to submit a nomination for a friend, colleague, project, or program.

The Texas Tree Awards are cosponsored by The ISA Texas Chapter and Texas A&M Forest Service. Each Award winner will receive a framed, remarked limited-edition print of a Famous Tree of Texas.

You can access the online nomination forms through the ISA Texas website <https://isatexas.com/members/awards/> or through the links below. In addition to the online nomination form you may submit one file of supplemental information by email to pjohnson@tfs.tamu.edu. The deadline to submit is August 14th.

Arborist of the Year: Nominations for individual awards are evaluated for leadership, commitment, innovation, impact and sustainability. <https://forms.gle/jLiBQLch9gWKNCTP9>

Texas Gold Leaf Award for Landscape Improvement: An award to recognize individuals, organizations, or

municipalities that have made significant contributions through tree planting and landscaping which enhances environmental protection, conservation, beautification, energy conservation, or wildlife protection. Projects should show significant impact over several years. <https://forms.gle/MaaATrDvtXapStmX6>

Arboricultural Project of the Year: Recognition of a specific tree care, protection, or planting project that exemplifies modern arboricultural practices and customer service. Nominees may include arborists, tree care companies, landscape contractors, etc. <https://forms.gle/ch9Y9iMkqZzw2fE39>

Outstanding Arbor Day Activities: An award to recognize individuals, organizations, or municipalities that have promoted Arbor Day through special projects, ceremonies, news articles or observations with an Arbor Day theme. <https://forms.gle/8wZmA2L6fNzhduqKA>

We're also accepting nominations for the ISA Texas Chapter Volunteer of the Year. This award is to recognize a member that has gone above and beyond to serve the Chapter and our industry.

Texas ISA Volunteer of the Year Award
<https://forms.gle/hZuToSg8gHYTFdXw8>

Don't delay - the nomination submission deadline is August 14th.

Website Has Latest COVID-19 Information

Go to the ISA Texas Chapter website to get the latest update on how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting tree care in Texas.

- Workshop info,
- Certification updates,
- Online learning links,
- Business tips and more!

<https://isatexas.com/covid-19-updates/>




Business strong.

“Accreditation is the mark of being a professional company in the tree industry! Accreditation raises your company standards in business and safety and helps take your business to the next level.”



Chris Ahlum, President
Ahlum & Arbor Tree Preservation
Columbus, OH
Accredited since 2016

Set your company apart. Get Accredited!

- ▲ Compete among the most professional companies in the field
- ▲ Attract career-driven, loyal employees who take pride in their work
- ▲ Increase profits and reduce insurance rates and other costs

On average accredited companies earn approximately 30% more gross revenue per production employee than a non-accredited TCIA member company.

– Accreditation program statistics

Contact us - Accreditation@tcia.org
for a free assessment and to see what TCIA Accreditation can do for your business.

TREE CARE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
800.733.2622 ■ tcia.org ■ Advancing tree care businesses since 1938

Brabandt Equipment LLC

(Greater Austin Area)

Office: 512-269-0888

Outside sales: 512-784-8911

Bandit

Stanley Parts & Equipment CO, INC.

(Greater Houston Area)

Office: 281-452-2477

Outside Sales: 713-818-2999 / 832-335-9233



Member Spotlight: Sarah Sours

by Misti Perez,

Member Services Specialist,
Texas Chapter International Society
of Arboriculture

Why did you decide to join the Texas Chapter ISA?

I moved to Texas from Mississippi in 1999 as a newly graduated Forestry major from Mississippi State University. I was eager to find a job in my field, and I was lucky enough to be taken under the wings of Mike Bradshaw and Courtney Blevins. They introduced me to ISA Texas and said it would be a great resource for me. So, I joined in 1999/2000. It was one of the best things I did for my

career, friendships, and introduction to Texas. Because of ISA Texas I became a Certified Arborist® in 2001, and was introduced to Russell Peters, Kevin Bassett, Steve Barrett, and Steve Houser of Arborological Services, my then soon to be work family. I have been blessed to be a Certified Arborist for them for the past 18 years. Through ISA Texas, ISA, and my fellow ISA Texas members I continue to learn and care for trees daily.

What is something you love most about our industry and/or feel is very valuable?

There are two traits of the industry that come to mind. First, I am always amazed at how much there is to learn about trees, and how many people are fascinated with them. No matter where I go, once people know I am an arborist, the questions and stories about the trees in their lives flood the conversations. Secondly, I am also amazed at how supportive and nurturing our industry is. No matter if you are a climber, arborist, professor,

technician, municipal worker, or volunteer we help each other along and do not let competition get in the way. We all want to see the industry improve, and we carry each other forward with the knowledge we have gained along the way. Properly caring for people and their trees is our ultimate goal.

Share a favorite hobby or a fun fact many people may not know about you.

I love some home improvement projects! There is something about the instant gratification of improving your surroundings and being able to see and use your handiwork. Throughout my life my parents have always included me in every project. It gave me some basic skills and confidence but thank goodness they are only a phone call away. The only other thing that comes to mind are my research skills. My friends jokingly make fun of my ability to find information, and my husband Rob refers to my tunnel vision until I find the answer as my deep dive. But they all appreciate the skill.



OAK WILT TREATMENTS MAKING YOU BLUE?

KNOW YOUR OPTIONS. PREVENT & TREAT OAK WILT WITH PROPIZOL®

Apply Propizol via microinjection or macroinjection to control a wide variety of diseases in trees, shrubs, and turf.



Contact Emmett Muennink Regional Technical Manager:
emuennink@arborjet.com or 214-799-6115

ARBORJET®
Revolutionary Plant Health Solutions



TREE CLINIC PHARMACY

P.O. Box 3674
Bandera, TX 78003
512-385-5639



Mauget
The Right Way to Treat a Tree

We're Not Just Capsules Anymore



Anthracnose
Arborfos®
Fungisol®
Tebuject 16®

Crabapple Scab
Arborfos®
Tebuject 16®

Oak Wilt Disease
Tebuject 16®
Fungisol®

Winter and Brown Tail Moths
Abacide 2®

Fertilizer
Stemix® Plus
Vigor 53®

Micronutrient Deficiencies
Inject-a-Min® Fe Zn
Inject-a-Min® Mn

Scolytid Beetles
Abacide 2®



Visit us at mauget.com

Like us on @ Mauget The Right Way to Treat a Tree

Texas Forest Action Plan

by Paul Johnson, Urban & Community
Forestry Program Leader,
Texas A&M Forest Service

We, Texas A&M Forest Service, need your help. Every 10 years we assess the forest conditions and trends within our boundaries, delineate priority forest landscapes, and identify the issues, threats, and opportunities facing these landscapes. Five primary issues have been identified based on input from interested stakeholders from across the state:

1. Urban Forest Sustainability
2. Central Texas Woodlands Conservation
3. Sustainability of Forest Resources in East Texas
4. Water Resources
5. Wildfire and Public Safety

From the introduction to the plan. “The year 2015 marked the 100th anniversary of Texas A&M Forest Service. As we embark on the next century of service to Texas, our state looks much different than it did when we started. There are 27 million Texans, and approximately 1,000 more move here every day; Texas is one of the fastest urbanizing states in the nation, and is also in the top three for most natural disasters. This is why every person, every program of this agency is aimed at building the capacity of others. To do this effectively, the agency must lead in a thoughtful, strategic direction. The Forest Action Plan for Texas incorporates significant employee and stakeholder input, closely aligns resource allocation with strategic priorities, and supports the vision of the agency’s preferred future.” Tom Boggus, State Forester and Director

From this state assessment, a forest resource strategy is developed to address these issues. Together, the assessment and strategy make up the Texas Forest Action Plan. Our first plan was created in 2010, updated in 2015, and we are now in the middle of creating our second Texas Forest Action plan. This plan will help guide our actions for the next 10 years.

Want to help?

Check out our draft Texas Forest Action Plan <https://texasforestinfo.tamu.edu/ForestActionPlan/docs/ForestActionPlan--draft-01Jul2020.pdf> and then complete the public comment survey here. <https://forms.gle/hmRmdVs2y1dX94jS9>

DRAFT

7/01/2020



Texas Chapter **ONLY** membership option available!

Chapter member benefits include:

Publications: In The Shade quarterly newsletter

Email Update: TreEmail sent monthly

Networking and Promotional Opportunities: Texas Tree Conference held annually

Discounts: Discounts on Texas Chapter seminars, workshops, and conferences

Join **BOTH** Texas Chapter and ISA

Membership in BOTH includes the above items PLUS:

Publications: Arborist News, Arboriculture & Urban Forestry, Online access to ISA Today and other ISA newsletters

Networking and Promotional Opportunities: Use of the ISA membership logo, ISA job bank, ISA member directory listing, Find-a-Tree-Care-Service tool

Discounts: Discounts on merchandise purchased from International Headquarters; discount on ISA annual conference, access to members-only online resources, discounts on certifications and re-certifications

Website: www.isatexas.com

THE NEWSLETTER OF
THE ISA TEXAS CHAPTER

2013 Oakwood Trail
College Station, TX 77845

www.isatexas.com



PRSRT STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
AUSTIN, TX
Permit No. 1560

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?



CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS TEXAS TREE?

If you know this tree, look for the photo on our Facebook page and correctly identify it in the comment section under the photo, using the full scientific name and one or more common names. If you don't know it, check the page for an answer in a few days. The winner gets bragging rights and the chance to submit a tree to stump fellow arborists in the next issue.

Hint: Don't be fooled by the intricacies of this tree.

LAST MONTH'S TREE ID



Last issue's winner was an almost dead heat between two of our Facebook followers, Gwilym Griffiths and Mary Kay Pope who identified *Feijoa sellowiana* - Pineapple Guava.

This issue's challenge was provided by Oscar Mestas.