



Texas Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

August 2021



2021 Texas Tree Conference, Academy, Trade Show and Tree Schools

September 29 - October 1, 2021, Waco

Register Now

Early Bird Registration Ends Sept. 7th

Register now for the biggest and best Texas Tree Conference yet!

The Texas Tree Conference is back live in 2021! Last year we enjoyed connecting virtually with you, but this year we can't wait to see your smiling face in person. Visit with old friends and make new ones, hear from great speakers, earn CEUs and more. There will be tracks for Commercial, Municipal and Utility Arborists with plenty of time to socialize and visit the exhibitors at the expanded Trade Show.

Speakers include:

- Dr. John Ball
- Dr. Ryan Klein
- Dr. David Appel
- Geoff Kempter
- Randall Miller
- Skip Kincaid
- Dr. Emily Landon
- Sheila McBride
- Eduardo Medina
- and more!

[Click here to register](#)

[Click here for all the latest Texas Tree Conference info](#)

[Exhibitors and Sponsors - you can register here](#)

Donate to the Silent Auction supporting student scholarships! Contact Ginny Sills at ginny.sills@gmail.com

Texas Tree Climbing Championship
Oct. 1-2, 2021
Cameron Park, Waco

Register now to compete in the Texas Tree Climbing Championship. The winner of this year's competition will represent the Texas Chapter in the International Tree Climbing Championship in Copenhagen, Sweden. This is the best event of the year for a working climber to attend if you want to improve your skills.

If you would like to volunteer or participate, contact Markus Smith at 512.467.8733 or markus@justtrees.com

[Click here to register to compete](#)

[Click here to volunteer as a judge or technician or to just help out](#)

[Click here to be a sponsor or exhibitor](#)

TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP



TRAQ Renewal and TRAQ Course and Assessment
Waco and Austin

The Texas Chapter ISA is offering an ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) course and a Renewal class. TRAQ provides an opportunity for arborists to expand their knowledge through education and training in the fundamentals of tree risk assessment. This qualification promotes the safety of people and property by providing a standardized and systematic process for assessing tree risk. The results of a tree risk assessment can provide tree owners and risk managers with the information to make informed decisions to enhance tree benefits, health, and longevity.

[Click here for Sept. 29, 2021 Waco TRAQ Renewal information](#) - Registration Deadline is September 1, 2021

[Click here for Dec. 6, 2021 Austin TRAQ information](#) (Workshop registration notices go to ISAT members before they are announced and they fill fast! - [Join today!](#))

August Volunteer Spotlight - Mark Bird

Tell us about yourself, who you work for, how long you've been in the industry, a little background information. Hi I am Mark Bird currently City Arborist for the City of San Antonio. I have been in the Tree Care Industry since the early 80's after graduating from college starting as a groundman and 'learning the ropes'. Through the years I have been mentored and inspired by so many of the best Tree People through the ISAT.

What are some of your other volunteer efforts? As a volunteer it is always amazing how by giving of your time and experience you get so much back. A couple of years ago I helped organize ISAT Arborists to help with Hurricane Harvey tree assessments for the residents of the Coastal Bend in and around Rockport. I am looking forward to the development of ISAT Annual Days of Service in communities around the state and hope to have many of you volunteer! (Mark is also the Chair of this year's Texas Tree Conference!)

Share a favorite hobby many people may not know about you or a fun fact. When I am not working or volunteering I have fun exploring state parks and natural areas and getting on my bicycle and riding as long as time allows.



International Society of Arboriculture News

Featured Product: ISA offers a variety of educational materials and products to help arborists improve and showcase their arboricultural knowledge and experience. This month ISA is featuring Vinyl Vehicle Decals. ISA [Board Certified Master Arborist®](#) and ISA [Certified Arborist®](#) credential holders can showcase their expertise and share their accomplishment while also promoting their business. [Purchase your decal today!](#)

2021 Virtual Conference: Join us for the ISA 2021 International Virtual Conference on 13–16 December. With sessions led by industry leaders and experts, networking opportunities to connect with peers around the world. [Learn more today!](#)

TREE Fund Tour des Trees - August 28 - September 3: Registration to ride in the 2021 Tour has closed but you can still register to join us virtually! [Click here to register.](#) Or, [click here](#) to donate to your favorite Texas rider!

New Ground Worker Book Available: [Groundie](#) is the perfect book for the beginning tree worker. Part training manual, employee handbook, and even travel guide, this book will walk the reader--step-by-step--through a typical day of production tree work. From the shop to the job site, all the skills necessary to becoming a successful ground worker are covered in detail. Along with a helmet and chaps, this book should be put in the hands of all newly hired ground workers by their employers or crew leaders.

Other Notes:

- **Houston Arborists:** Let your clients know that CenterPoint is having a tree give-a-way. CenterPoint customers can claim 2 free trees starting on Monday, 9-7-21 and closing on Thursday, 10-28-21. The registration link is: www.arborday.org/energysavingtrees/centerpointenergy
- **Tree Care After Winter Storm Uri:** A press release from the Texas A&M Forest Service and Neil Sperry. Read it [here](#).
- **If you missed the July ISAT Freeze Tree Damage webinar**, you can view it [here](#).
- **OSHA Inspection Guidance for Tree Care and Tree Removal Operations Memo** [here](#)
- **Houston needs millions of trees to achieve 'tree equity' study says.** Read it [here](#).
- **Austin's poorest neighborhoods don't have enough trees, report shows.** Read it [here](#).
- **How 40 Million Cork Wine Stoppers Are Harvested A Day:** [Click here to see a different kind of arboriculture.](#)

Calendar of Events

Members receive notice of events before non-members. Don't miss out - join today!

September:

- Sept. 8: Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility Exam - Austin
- Sept 10: Certified Arborist Preparation Course, San Antonio
- Sept. 29 to Oct. 1: Texas Tree Conference, Academy, School and Trade Show. Waco Convention Center
- Sept. 29: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal (TRAQ) - Waco

October:

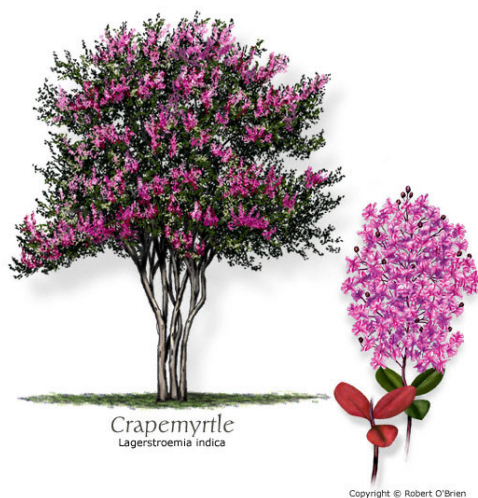
- Oct. 1-2: Texas Tree Climbing Championship - Waco
- Oct. 1: Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility Exam - Waco

November:

- Nov. 5: Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility Exam - Fort Worth

December:

- Dec. 6: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal (TRAQ) - Austin
- Dec. 10: Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility Exam - Dallas



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