



Texas Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

December 2021 TreEmail



Texas Tree Conference Instant Replay! Watch Sessions Anytime 22 Sessions - 22 CEU's

If you missed this year's Texas Tree Conference, or couldn't see a speaker you really wanted to see when you were there, don't worry, you can catch up with the Texas Tree Conference Instant Replay. Watch sessions from leading experts on utility, commercial or utility arboriculture whenever and where ever you want.

Speakers include:

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

Be sure to take a look at all the other recorded sessions and webinars on the ISAT website!

[Click here to view the on-demand webinars](#)



ISAT In the Shade Tree Conference and Climbing Championship Wrap-Up

Get all the latest tree news in the latest ISAT In the Shade including the recent Texas Tree Conference, Dr. David Appel's Presidential Award of Merit, Kelly Futrell in the member spotlight and an article this year's Texas Tree Climbing Championship in Waco.

Congratulations to Miguel Pastenes and Star Quintaro, the 2021 Texas Tree Climbing Champions!

[Click here for ISAT In the Shade](#)



TRAQ Course and Assessment Austin

The Texas Chapter ISA is offering an ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) course. 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 Jan. 24-26, 2022 Austin TRAQ information](#) - [Registration Deadline is December 20, 2021.](#)

Note: Workshop registration notices go to ISAT members before they are announced and they fill fast! - [Join today!](#)



Thanks! from Herminio Griego, Team ISAT Texas Captain

I just wanted to take a moment and give one last Thank You to all who donated to my Tour Des Trees page. It was an amazing experience riding the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Michelle and I met lots of people and made lifelong friends. We can't wait to do it again next year in Iowa. If interested, below is a link to some photos taken during the ride.

[Tour de Trees Pictures, 2021 Colorado](#)



Volunteer Spotlight - Susan Henson

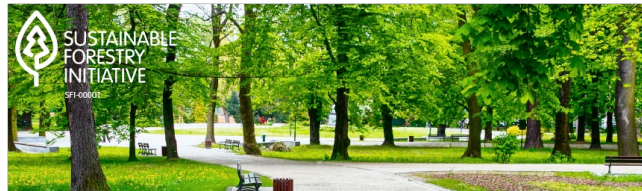
Individuals in this industry are INVOLVED not just employed and I feel that makes this industry different. Tree people, for the largest part, do not make huge amounts of money. Let's face it who in their right mind would go to school to "dig a hole"? The free flow of information, training and shared experiences are also unique to this industry. Involvement seems to be centered around the of love trees, outdoors, or maybe improving our environment. One thing we do share is a common bond that acknowledges the achievement of working toward a common goal. Make the world a better place to live one tree at a time! People may never remember our names but the trees we plant and care for will carry our legacy on in unspoken words for generations to come.

Talk about the recent freeze brings back memories of my first large tree dig. It had snowed 4" the night before and the ground was frozen then covered in white stuff. When you sit on the side of a trench to undercut a large tree ball, there will be some friction where the body meets the ground. This results in melted snow that will then refreeze. My posterior was frozen to the ground. Not like sticking your tongue to a frozen pole but does result in the same humiliation and memories. Now whenever it's cold seems that a longer coat tail is required and love to back up to fires!



Looking to Hire? Looking for a Job?

Help! I need help! If you are looking to hire or looking for a job, check out the [ISAT job postings here](#).



SFI URBAN AND COMMUNITY FOREST SUSTAINABILITY STANDARD - PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Last year SFI asked the Urban and Community Forestry sector if SFI should create an SFI urban forest certification standard. Over 600 people responded, and the overwhelming majority said yes. Fast forward to 2021 and SFI created an urban and community forestry program, hired an urban and community forestry director, formed a standard development task group of diverse segments of the urban forestry sector, and developed a draft Urban and Community Forest Sustainability Standard. After 6 months of work, and many task group and sub-group meetings, we have a draft SFI Urban and Community Forest Sustainability Standard for you to review and comment on.

[Click here to review the standard](#)

International Society of Arboriculture News

Register for the 2021 ISA International Virtual Conference: Check out the agenda and view this year's exciting lineup! This year's conference is better than ever with more than 40 on-demand educational sessions including a presentation by Valerie Trouet, author of Tree Story and professor in the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research at the University of Arizona, as the keynote speaker. [Here](#)

ISA Credentialing Services Update: Those with certification expiration dates of 30 June 2021 now have an extension through 26 April 2022. Individuals with certification expiring 31 December 2021 now have an extension until 29 June 2022. Individuals who are TRAQ qualified expiring 1 June 2021 will receive an extension through 31 May 2022.

New BMP - Integrated Vegetation Management: The Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) Best Management Practices (BMP) provides practitioners with the most appropriate IVM techniques utilized by industry experts. It covers IVM implementation, the IVM process, control methods, economic viability, and social sustainability. The publication also includes appendices on electric utility, pipeline, railway, and roadway IVM, as well as environmental stewardship, soils and herbicides as they pertain to IVM. [More Here](#)

Gear Check Video: The Gear Check Video is a complimentary resource that covers how to properly conduct a gear check for a Tree Climbing Competition (TCC). Led by expert and International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC) Head Safety Technician Phillip Kelley, this video is an excellent resource for competitive and non-competitive tree climbers. [More Here](#)

Municipal Arborist Exchange Program: The Arborist Exchange Program offers municipal

foresters, utility arborists and tree nonprofit managers the opportunity to engage with colleagues and experience urban forestry challenges and successes in varying political and cultural settings. During the program, participants are paired with another arborist from a city of similar size and climate who speak a shared language. The applicants spend at least one week in one another's community and the host city's forestry department learning about their jobs, department goals, and how challenges are met working under different circumstances. [Here](#) **Call for Abstracts for the ISA 2022 Malmö Conference:** ISA is seeking proposals for the ISA 2022 Annual International Conference on 12 – 14 September 2022 in Malmö, Sweden. Leaders in arboriculture, urban forestry and related fields who want to share their research, best practices, expertise, and passion are encouraged to submit proposals. [More Here](#)

Other Tree News:

- [Texas A&M Forest Service update on winter freeze damage to pines](#)
 - [Prevent the spread of oak wilt - don't move firewood](#)
 - [Donate to the TREE Fund and support tree research and scholarships](#)
 - [Christmas tree shortage affecting real and artificial trees ahead of holiday season](#)
 - [Become a Monarch Butterfly Monitor here - Learn more about Monarchs in Texas here](#)
 - [Texas Labor Market Review here](#)
 - [5 Rules for succeeding on social media](#)
 - [Forest Therapy rises in popularity with Texas veterans](#)
 - [Now streaming: Chicago's Urban Forest Metrics](#)
 - [2021 National Register of Champion Trees](#)
 - [The world's oldest forest is in New York?](#)
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Calendar of Events

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

December:

- [Dec. 6-8: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification \(TRAQ\) - Austin](#) (Sold Out)
- [Dec. 9: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal \(TRAQ\) - Virtual](#) (Sold Out)
- [Dec. 13: ISA Virtual Annual Conference](#)
- Dec. 13-14: ISAT Board Retreat and Meeting - College Station

January:

- [Jan. 20 - Feb. 4: Arboriculture 101 with Dr. Todd Watson - Bryan](#)
- [Jan. 24-26: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course - Austin](#)

February:

- [Feb. 15: ASCA Consulting Academy - Indianapolis](#)
- [Feb 16: Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility Exam - Austin](#)
- Feb. 16: North Texas Urban Forestry Conference - Hurst

March:

- March: Tree Diagnosis Workshop - Texas A&M, College Station. TBA

April:

- April 20-24: Texas Women's Tree Climbing Workshop - Wimberley
- April: Wildfire Risk Reduction Qualification (WRRQ). TBA

May:

- May: Texas Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment - Glenrose. TBA

June:

- June: Texas Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment - Fredericksburg. TBA
 - June: Texas Oak Wilt Qualification Renewal Online. TBA
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