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From the President

Hi folks,

It's been a whirlwind 2 months.
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board fills committees and learns
about the new role (if any) they will
be serving.

ISA Texas is a 501(c)(5), a Labor
and Agricultural Organization. As
such, "the objects of ISA Texas must
be the betterment of conditions of
those engaged in the pursuits of
labor, agriculture, or horticulture,
the improvement of the grade of
their products, and the development
of a higher degree of efficiency in
their respective occupations." This
is often a learning curve for new
board members.

In addition to that, most of
us have never been part of the
governing body of an organization,
and ISA Texas has a working board,
so we each wear 2 hats—governance
and administration. Luckily, we

have the ISA "mothership" who
helps us learn by providing training,
such as the Annual Leadership
Workshop. In November, four
board members and two contract
staff attended and got a crash course
in governance, as well as networked
with component leadership from
around the world.

I invite all of y'all to get involved
by volunteering for a committee
or at one of our many events. ISA
Texas exists to serve our members,
but we can only do that by having a
robust volunteer base.

See you in the trees,

Rebecca

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— Angie Weiland-Crosby



ISA Texas Board Members attending ISA Leadership Workshop.



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Editor's Note



Greetings, fellow Tree People! As the year comes to an end (and our HVAC systems—bless their hearts—are struggling with the temperature fluctuations... here on the Gulf Coast, I'll turn on the heater one day and need the air conditioning the next), it's time to reflect on 2022. Be sure to spend some time alone in the forest to think and enjoy the stillness of Winter!

In the meantime, you'll find tree-related goodies in this issue, including Arbor Day 2022 on page 16 and a recap of the 42nd Annual Texas Tree Conference on page 12. Be sure to "leaf" through the rest of this issue for Upcoming Events and other goodies.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue and to those out there reading it. Enjoy the cooler weather!

Sincerely,

Heather McKnight

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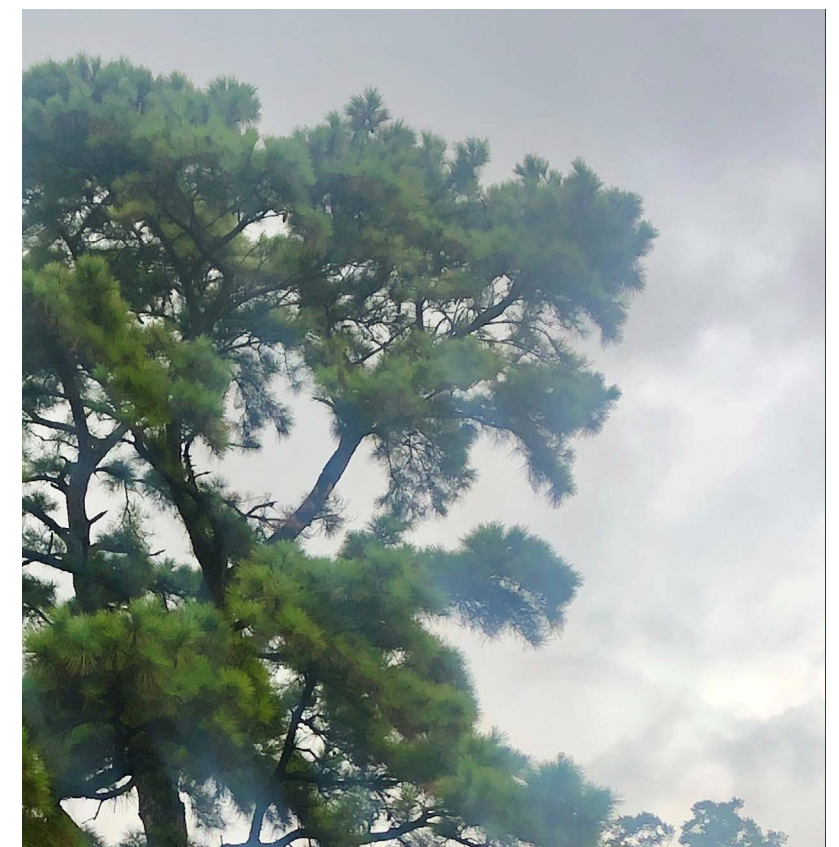


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- **Publications:** In The Shade, a bi-monthly printed newsletter
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On the Cover

Winter morning mist surrounds this plush Loblolly Pine
(*Pinus taeda*)

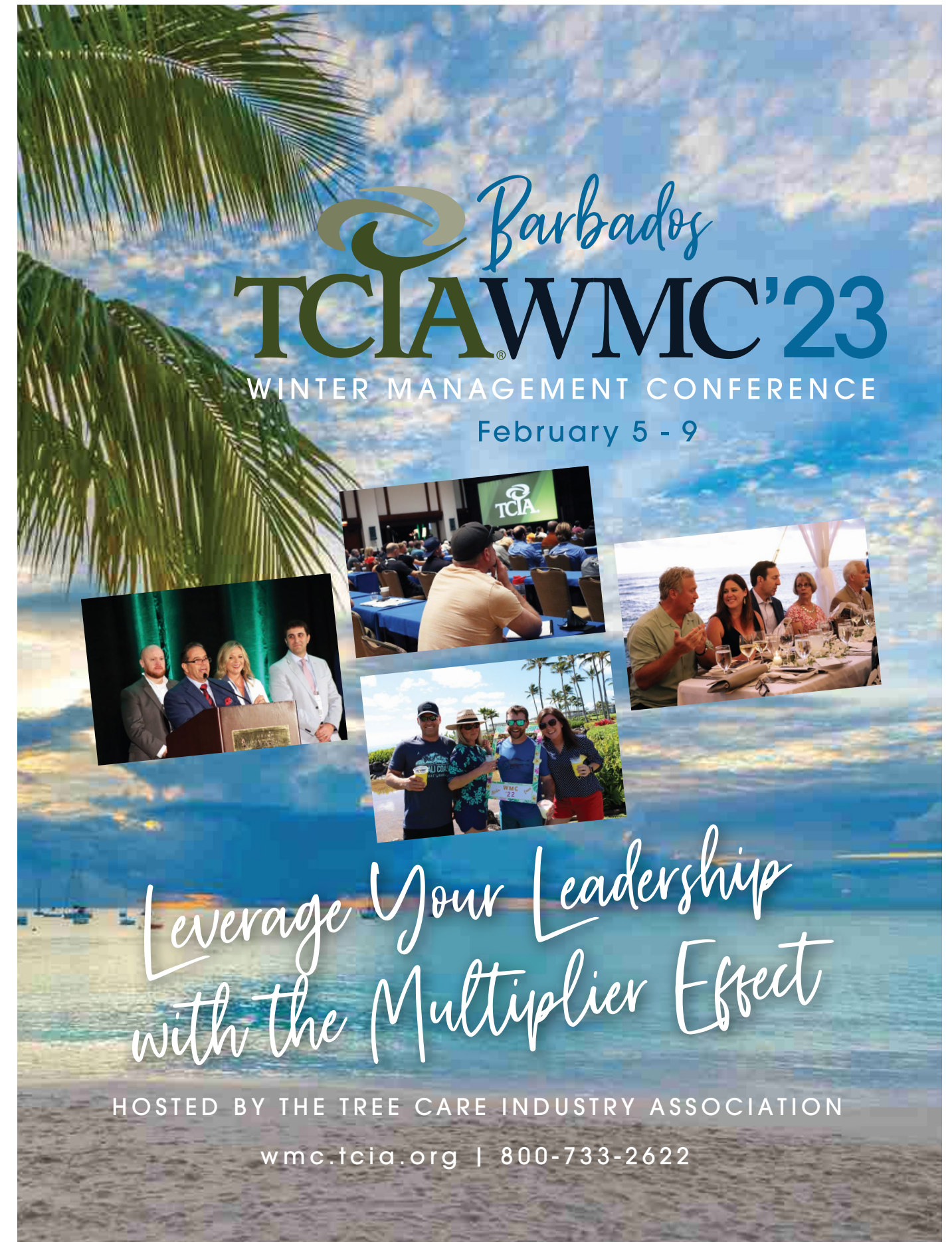
2023 Events Update

The ISA Texas Board meets in December to approve the 2023 Budget. As a part of this process, the preliminary 2023 events calendar is approved. We are looking at hosting four full TRAQ courses roughly quarterly. We are planning to host the Diagnosis Workshop in College Station and the Wildfire Risk Reduction Qualification course this spring. Things are starting to come together for the decay workshop with Chris Luley and Frank Rinn for two days in April. The Oak Wilt Qualification will be the fourth week of May and the second week of June.


Next Steps:

- 1) Renew your ISAT membership (Registration links emailed directly to members first)!
- 2) Look for the registration link emails from ISA Texas
- 3) Periodically check the Events Calendar on the ISATexas.com website

Last week January (tentatively)	Full TRAQ	Austin - full 20
February 15	NTUFC	Hurst Convention Center
February 23	Bilingual Workshop	San Antonio/Schertz
March 4 (tentatively)	Board Meeting	
March 3-5	Women's Climbing Workshop	
Second week of March	Tree Diagnosis Workshop	College Station - 24
April 24-25 (tentatively)	Master's Series Workshop: Decay, Testing, Biology and Mechanics	Arlington, Chris Luley, Frank Rinn
Second week of April	TRAQ Renewal	DFW
Second week of April	TRAQ	DFW
End of April	Wildfire Risk Assessment Qualification	Oak Hill Fire Station
Third week of May	TTC workshop	Location--TBD
Third week of May	Climbing Comp	Location--TBD
Fourth week of May	Oak Wilt Qualification	Glenrose--Inn on the River
Fourth week of May	OWQ Virtual	Online
First week of June	Texas Oak Wilt Qualification renewal online	
June 7 (tentatively)	Oak Wilt Qualification Fieldwork for Virtual	
First week of June	Oak Wilt Qualification	Fredericksburg
Last week of June	TRAQ	HCFCF Office Houston



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New Members

John Ackerman	Arlington, TX
Matt Alexander	Leander, TX
Anthony Bal	Houston, TX
Jordan Baylor	Bee Cave, TX
Anthony Bosworth	San Antonio, TX
Korie Butler	Georgetown, TX
Robert Compton.....	Danbury, TX
Jorge Cordova	Sugar Land, TX
Scott Creech	Rusk, TX
T Cronin	West, TX
Randal Crowell	Crowley, TX
Virginia Deden	Houston, TX
Hallie Dozier	Baton Rouge, LA
Sergio Duran	Cedar Hill, TX
Samantha Earl	Houston, TX
Hayden Ferguson.....	Fort Worth, TX
Jaime Flores	San Antonio, TX
Deven Garrison.....	Arlington, TX
Matthew George	Fort Worth, TX
Allison Goldman	San Antonio, TX
Marc Gomez.....	Converse, TX
Daniel Gonzalez	Edinburg, TX
William Gordon.....	Austin, TX
Phillip Graves.....	Austin, TX
Brent Gray	Newcastle, OK
Matthew Hafkesbring.....	Burleson, TX
Justin Herrera.....	San Antonio , TX
Charles Herst.....	Cedar Park, TX
Bart Homeyer.....	Karnes City, TX
C. Horn	Terrell, TX
Jarvis Johnson	Dallas, TX
Wesley Lanier	Oklahoma City, OK
Clemente Linares.....	Austin, TX
Justin Linnerooth	Cape Coral, FL
Zackary Long	North Richland Hills, TX
Anthony Magallanes	Dallas, TX
Collin McMichael.....	Austin, TX
Filiberto Medina.....	Austin, TX
Christian Montgomery	Fort Worth, TX
Thomas Murnane	Conroe, TX
Blade Onofre	Austin, TX
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Nicholas Porter	San Antonio, TX
Aaron Pruett.....	Cedar Park, TX
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Leonel Sanchez.....	Dallas, TX
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Ian Scadden	College Station, TX
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Jeff Scott	Springtown, TX
Graydon Snowden.....	Bryan, TX
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Elmer Benjamin Solorzano De Jesus	Austin, TX
Skyler Stanworth.....	Jarrell, TX
Shaun Sykes.....	Oklahoma City, OK
Katara Trammel.....	Kempner, TX
Anthony Tucker	Springtown, TX
Joe Valadez	Round Rock, TX
Mateo Valencia Nieto.....	Kyle, TX
Israel Valle	Austin, TX
Victoria Vasquez.....	El Paso, TX
Mark Walls	Rockwall, TX
John Warapius.....	College Station, TX
Chris Williamson	Cypress, TX
Luke Zinsmeister	San Antonio, TX
Rueben Zuniga.....	Brownsville, TX

Texas Tree Critters

Praying Mantis (*Stagmomantis* sp.)

- Carolina mantid (*Stagmomantis carolina*) is common species in Texas
- Green or grayish-brown with wings and grow up to 2 to 3 inches in length
- Named after way they grasp prey and appear to “pray”
- Pest Status: Beneficial predator that feeds on many types of insects
- For more information, check out the following website: <https://texasinsects.tamu.edu/praying-mantis/>.



Did You Know?

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(Source: Coombes, Allen J. Trees. New York: Dorling Kindersley, Inc., 2002)



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42nd Annual Texas Tree Conference

...the Changing Seasons of Arboriculture and Urban Forestry

By Rebecca Johnson

This year, I gave the Texas Tree Conference committee a big task. I asked them to “think outside the bark” and to think how Texas could be on the forefront of the changing seasons and finding new speakers. And boy did they deliver! I had such an amazing time hearing from new speakers. I know that I was not the only one blown away by Dr. Paltseva and her soils talk. Who knew that soils could be so interesting (okay, I’m a geek, so I knew, but still)? Stephanie Adams with her two talks and her panel was also a star. And I heard so many amazing comments about Daniel Miraval and Brianna White.

The committee also pulled off something I’ve wanted for a long time--our first ever Spanish language track, la primera pista en español--may it be the first of many to come. Another change was that the “Municipal Track” was updated to be called the “Urban Forestry Track” to better reflect the focus and fully involve our members. What didn’t change was that we had an amazing time

networking with our fellow arborists and cheering our awards winners.

Haywood Morgan led the urban forestry track subcommittee to find new speakers and new topics. Mark Duff and Bill Green found amazing speakers español and shepherded the process of bringing a speaker in from Mexico. Sam Hill and Amy Heath were inspired with their choices of speakers, and we needed a bigger room for the commercial track. And as always, Neil Manich and Gary O’Neil made sure the utility track was interesting and diverse. TFS did a great job as our AV support. Paul Johnson put together an academy that proved to be more interesting than any of us thought possible; urban wood use is a topic we will definitely all have to learn a lot more about as cities work to become more sustainable. Any successes from the conference are totally due to the committee, any failings are totally due to me.



Much thanks to Kirsten Schneider for once again pulling off a miracle of managing to squeeze even more exhibitors in that tradeshow floor than we had thought possible. She’s a miracle worker! Sarah Campbell worked hard to make sure the tradeshow was engaging and that we had fun at our exhibitors’ reception. Ginny Sills did an amazing job with the silent auction – I know we all LOVED that throne, and that kayak definitely stole the show. Aimee Aubin designed our amazing conference logo, with just the barest hint of an idea from me.

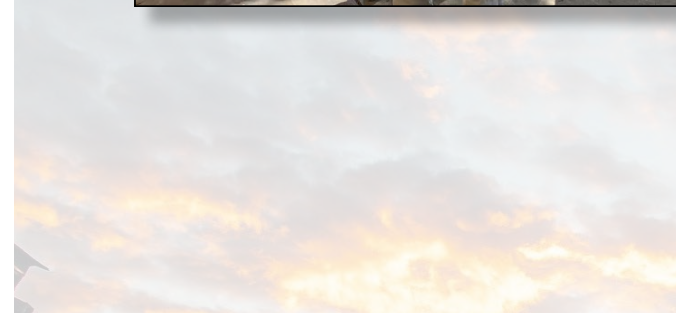
And of course, none of this happens without our sponsors or y’all, our attendees who register, participate, and voice your opinions.



Above:
Gene Gehring and Megan Wood greet conference attendees.



Left:
Texas Tree School session.



Above:
Tree Academy session.

Left:
Instructors for the Spanish Language track, or ‘la primera pista en Español.’




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Arbor Day 2022

Texas A&M Forest Service Celebrates Arbor Day with School Presentations, Tree Plantings

Foresters and staff members from Texas A&M Forest Service commemorated Texas Arbor Day on Friday, November 4, 2022, with school presentations and tree plantings across the state.

More than 90 Texas A&M Forest Service employees made 42 Texas Arbor Day presentations at 34 schools and organizations. The presentations reached more than 4,400 students at campuses in Austin, Tyler, Longview, Dallas, Rosenberg, Buda, Pecan Gap, Gladewater, McGregor, College Station, Corpus Christi, Pflugerville, Sachse and Tool.

"Texas Arbor Day is a special day to celebrate trees and the benefits they provide, benefits like clean air, clean water, cooler temperatures and even improved health," said Gretchen Riley, Texas A&M Forest Service Forest Systems Department Head. "What better place to talk about the uniqueness and value of trees than with the next generation of stewards?"

Texas A&M Forest Service staff members planted 43 trees on school campuses and distributed 1,075 seedlings.

The presentations, for students in kindergarten through eighth grades, explained the life cycle of trees and how forests work, as well as the history of Texas Arbor Day.

"Things like this really help the students make connections with their academics and the world we live in," said Andrea Richard, Bowie Elementary Principal. "Having a knowledge of that relationship to science helps make their learning more relevant."

Blue Bell Creameries donated ice cream for students at Rosenberg's Bowie Elementary School.

Jacey Tosh, Texas A&M Forest Service Conservation Education Coordinator, said Texas Arbor Day is about more than planting trees and serves as a reminder that our lives are connected to forests and the trees around us.

"It's about bringing trees and forests back into the everyday hearts and minds of all Texans," Tosh said. "In the end, we protect what we love, we love only what we understand, and we only understand what we are taught. Sharing conservation and tree education with schools and students all across the state ensures that the future of forests is as bright as we hope it will be."

Separately, 700 seedlings were distributed to 28 organizations for planting across the state in celebration of Texas Arbor Day.

The seedlings for Friday's events were donated by Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas Trees Foundation and Trees for

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Ian Scadden and Amber Creppon (Texas A&M Forest Service's Urban Tree Improvement program) celebrate Arbor Day at Greens Prairie Elementary in College Station.

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In the City of Princeton, more than 1,200 trees were planted along Tickey Creek in a Green Futures corporate sustainability partnership coordinated by Texas A&M Forest Service.

The tree-planting project is an effort to protect the water quality in Lavon Lake, the primary source of water for the North Texas Municipal Water District that supplies drinking water for more than 2 million people. The new trees will help stabilize soil and reduce erosion while reducing the urban heat island impacts in the region. The trees will provide shade while improving air circulation to the City of Princeton.

Other project partners were McKinney Parks Foundation, Texas Master Naturalist-Blackland Prairie Chapter, Collin County Master Gardeners, Heard Natural Science Museum, North Texas Municipal Water District, and the Texas Conservation Alliance. The planting was made possible through funding from the Pepsi Green Team. Each year, Texas celebrates Arbor Day on the first Friday of November, increasing awareness of the benefits and value of trees. This year's theme It Takes All Kinds emphasizes the

value of diversity — in tree species, ecoregions and people — by engaging all ages and walks of life across the state. For details about the history of Arbor Day in Texas, visit tfsweb.tamu.edu/arborday.

To watch this year's Texas Arbor Day video, visit <https://youtu.be/3rXfxhVaO6o>.

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ISA Launches Redesigned Member Logo

ISA is pleased to announce the launch of its newly redesigned member logo!

Now, ISA members can show they are part of the ISA community of professional arborists from around the globe.

"Our members take pride in being part of this global community and wanted a way to easily share this connection," said Caitlyn Pollihan, ISA CEO & Executive Director. "ISA members make an investment in this Society because of the opportunities for personal and professional growth and the connection to other like-minded professionals. We are excited that they can now showcase their ISA membership in a new way."

To celebrate the launch of the updated logo, members will be able to order two unique bundles at a discount from our partners at Arborwear from now through the end of November. Membership will be verified at time of purchase.

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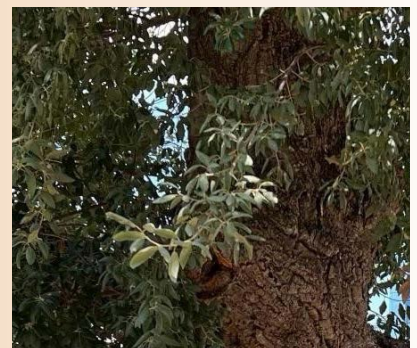


Can You Identify this Texas Tree?

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: Another common name for this tree is 'Bigtree.'

Last Issue's Tree ID



Last issue's winner was:
Vincent DeBrock. The tree was
Cork Oak (*Quercus suber*)

New challenge was submitted by
Rachel McGregor.