



Texas Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

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Decay - Testing, Biology, Bio-Mechanics **ISAT Master's Series Workshop** April 24-25, 2023 - in Arlington

How compromised is a tree with fruiting bodies (mushrooms, conks), cavities, and other indicators of decay?

In this workshop, **Chris Luley, Ph.D.** (President, Urban Forest Diagnostics, LLC) discusses fungal identification, biology and life cycles. He also explains how different decay organisms interact with their host. **Frank Rinn**, inventor of the RESISTOGRAPH and ARBOTOM (Owner, RINNTECH) discusses tree biology and biomechanics, and how breaking forces act on trees in various states of decay.

They will demonstrate the most advanced technology and the most basic methods available for decay assessment. The information provided by these experts will assist you in managing trees with decay more effectively.

Everyone is invited and class size is limited.

[For more information and registration click here](#)



Women's Tree Climbing Workshop

Climb to the top

March 3-5, 2023 in Wimberley

A tree climbing workshop for women, taught by women.

Presented by the Women's Tree Climbing Workshop, the course 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 and to register](#)



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

March 13-14, 2023 in College Station

Class size is limited!!!

What's killing my tree? Bugs? Disease? Join Dr. David Appel and Sheila McBride for a hands-on tree diagnosis workshop at the Texas A&M Plant Diagnostic Lab. This two-day workshop includes the fine points of field diagnosis and sample collecting and expert instruction in the lab on using diagnostic tools and techniques.

Class size is limited for this hands-on, ISAT Master's Series Workshop in Arboriculture and will fill quickly so register today!

[For more information and registration click here](#)



Wildfire Risk Assessment Qualification

Course and Assessment

March 28-29, 2023 - in Austin

The threat wildfire poses to residents of Texas increases everyday as more people move into once natural areas. We know that it is not a question of if a fire will start, but when. As an ISA Certified Arborist, have you considered how your skills and experience can improve the safety and quality of tree care to protect Texans and ecosystems from wildfire? By taking the Wildfire Risk Assessment Qualification course, you will become more knowledgeable about how to evaluate and mitigate property from the threat wildfire poses.

The Texas A&M Forest Service and Texas Chapter ISA have developed this credential to introduce you to new terms and principles to incorporate into your arboriculture practice. You will explore how wildfire moves through a landscape and mitigation options you could perform or bring to the attention of your client. This course will be limited to 25 ISA Certified Arborists and we will conduct a field exercise on homes near the training center. A written exam and field test will need to be successfully passed to gain the credential. Total course time will be 16 hours, with four hours dedicated to the examination on Thursday afternoon.

[For more information and registration click here](#)



TRAQ Course and Assessment and Renewal Arlington, Houston and Waco

The Texas Chapter ISA is offering an ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) course and renewal. 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.

April 11: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal - Arlington
April 12-14: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course - Arlington
June 20-22: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course - Houston
September 20: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal- Waco

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

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Texas Tree Climbing Championship Judges and Technicians - Register Now! May 19-20, 2023 in Austin

Mark your calendars now for this year's Texas Tree Climbing Championship in Moya Park in Austin. The winners will represent the Texas Chapter at the 2023 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](#)

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

Climber registration will open soon!

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

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2023 Oak Wilt Vendor Online Directory Registration Registration deadline extended: March 3, 2023

Help your customers find you and your oak wilt services! Register today to be listed as a 2023 vendor on the [Texas Oak Wilt Vendor Directory map tool](#).

If you haven't done it yet, it's time to create or renew your Oak Wilt Vendor Listing that will show up on the Texas Chapter ISA website.

Your firm must have a staff member who is an ISA and ISA Texas member in good standing, be Texas Oak Wilt Qualified and have a current TDA Applicator's License to be listed.

[Advertise in the Oak Wilt Vendor Online Directory Here](#)



Volunteer Spotlight - Laura Miller

How long have you been in the tree care industry?

That is a great question. I graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in horticulture in 1985. My two favorite classes were Dr. David Reed's Introduction to Horticulture—which he is still teaching!—and Dr. Benton Storey's Pecan Production class. Dr. Storey taught me how to prune to a central leader and manage a trashy trunk. I have been pruning ever since and in 1990 planted a small pecan orchard with several family members that we are still managing. My daughter is much more helpful now than she was as a one-year-old. One of my first horticulture jobs was propagating native plants in the Lower Rio Grande Valley for the Nature Conservancy. That included lots of thorny leguminous trees. In 2001, we moved to Florida for my husband's job, and I began working as an Extension Agent in the University of Florida system. My primary responsibility was working with the nursery industry in two counties. I had a chance to do some applied research at tree farms and enjoyed studying tree water use. I also had the opportunity to work with Dr. Ed Gilman regularly and learned a lot from him.

Why do you choose to give back by volunteering with ISAT?

I appreciate ISAT's commitment to continuing education and professionalism in arboriculture. I love to learn and like to share information with people who can put it to good use, and ISAT provides opportunities for me to do both. The ISAT members that I get to interact with most often like Gene Gehring, Wendy Pappas, Gareth Harrier, AJ Thibodeaux, Mike Sills, Courtney Blevins, Sam Hill, Andrew Wimmel, Josh Goode, Keith Martin, and Jimmy Hoefert are all such nice people. It is a pleasure to work with them.

What has been your favorite aspect of being an arborist?

Everyone probably says this, but I love trees. I don't ever get tired of looking at them or thinking about them.

What's something interesting about you or something that no one knows about you?

I have admired trees in all 50 states. I highly recommend it.

Texas Notes:

- **Deadline to sign up for the March 31st Certified Arborist Exam in Houston is March 15, 2023. [Sign up here.](#)**
- 2023 Texas Tree Conference: [Registration for Exhibitors and Sponsors](#) is now open.
- Looking to hire? Need a new job? Check out the [ISAT job postings here.](#)

- [Need CEUs? The Texas Chapter ISA has over 70 on-demand webinars for you](#) .
 - ISAT is looking for arborists who would like to help to bring Spanish language arborist workshops to Texas. If you are interested, contact Amy Heath at amy@texastreesurgeons.com or 214.415.5524.
 - Texas A&M is looking for an instructor to teach Arboriculture this fall. Interested? Contact Dr. Kirk Winemiller at Kirk.Winemiller@ag.tamu.edu
 - San Antonio - Arborist volunteers needed for elementary school plantings with Bexar Branches Alliance. [Sign up by March 3rd](#)
 - [Oak wilt poses a threat to Texas trees after ice storm, arborists warn](#)
 - [Winter wildfire risk is rising in Central Texas](#)
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International Society of Arboriculture Notes:

- [ISA Digital Badges - Share your passion](#)
 - Now available: [4th Edition Arborists' Certification Study Guide Audiobook](#)
 - [New Gear Check Video from ISA](#)
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From Around the World Notes:

- Utility Arborist Association launches a [new website](#)
 - [Offering English Second Language Classes to Employees](#)
 - Completely silly - [Just Me and My Plants Rap](#)
 - Another first: [Genetically modified trees planted in U.S. Forests](#)
 - [More Trees = More Life](#)
 - [Do trees really 'talk' to each other through underground fungal networks?](#)
 - View the March/April [Arbor Day Foundation newsletter](#)
 - [Why do trees care about soil?](#)
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Calendar of Events

Members receive notice of events before non-members, and events often sell out quickly. Don't miss out - join today!

March:

- [March 3: Texas Women's Tree Climbing Workshop - Wimberley](#)
- [March 6: Chainsaw Training Class ACRT - Arlington](#)
- [March 13-14: Tree Diagnosis Workshop - Texas A&M, College Station](#)
- [March 23-April 22: Virtual Certified Arborist Preparation Course - Online](#)
- [March 28-29: Wildfire Risk Reduction Course - Austin](#)
- [March 31: Certified Arborist, Municipal, Utility Exam - Houston](#)

April:

- [April 11: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal - Arlington](#)
- [April 12-14: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course - Arlington](#)
- [April 24-25: ISAT Master's Series - Decay Testing, Biology and Mechanics with Chirs Luley and Frank Rinn - Arlington](#)

May:

- [May 18: Texas Tree Climbing Workshop - Austin](#)
- [May 19-20: Texas Tree Climbing Championship - Austin](#)
- [May 25-26: Texas Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment - Glenrose](#)

June:

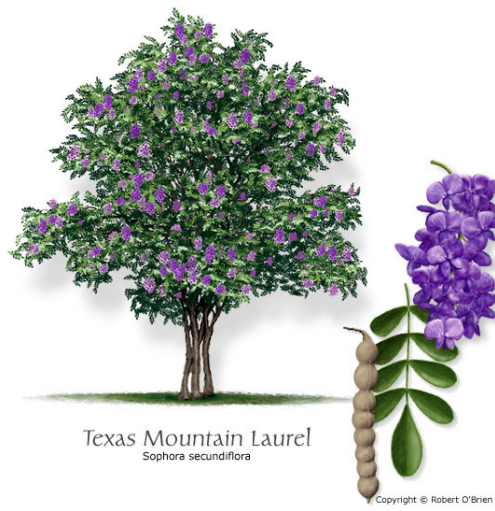
- [June 8-9: Texas Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment - Fredericksburg.](#)
- [June 20-22: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course - Houston](#)

August:

- [Aug. 9-11: Texas Nursery and Landscape Expo - San Antonio](#)
- [Aug. 11-13: International Tree Climbing Championship - Albuquerque](#)
- [Aug 14-16: International Society of Arboriculture Annual Conference - Albuquerque](#)

September:

- [Sept. 20: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal- Waco](#)
 - [Sept. 20-22: Texas Tree Conference, Academy, Trade Show and Tree Schools - Waco](#)
 - [Sept. 26-Oct. 2: Tour de Trees - NV & CA](#)
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Texas Mountain Laurel
Sophora secundiflora

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