



Texas Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

March 2023 TreEmail



Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment
May 25 & 26 - Glenrose
May 25 (Online) & June 7 (Live) - Hye (Fredericksburg area)
June 8 & 9 - Hye (Fredericksburg area)
Class size is limited and fill fast!

Become Oak Wilt Qualified! Join the Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas A&M University and the Texas Chapter ISA for the Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment. This two-day workshop is for ISA Certified Arborists and will show you how to identify and manage oak wilt in Texas.

Each participant that successfully completes the course and passes the assessment will receive the status of Oak Wilt Qualified. Their qualification will be noted on the [Texas Chapter website](#) and the [Texas Oak Wilt website](#) as well as on any handout and other materials referencing qualified individuals. Dr. David Appel, Texas A&M, Robert Edmonson and Dr. Demian Gomez, Texas A&M Forest Service will be conducting the training.

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



The Ice Storm and Oak Wilt - Webinar April 12, 2023

Do you have questions about the recent ice storm and its impact on oak wilt? Join your peers for a one-hour webinar and hear experts' opinions on how to move forward with cleanup. The webinar is free for ISAT members and \$20 for non-members - one ISA CEU will be awarded to attendees.

Listen and ask questions of **Dr. David Appel**, Professor Emeritus, Texas A&M University Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology, **Dr. Demian Gomez**, Forest Health Coordinator, Texas A&M Forest Service, and **Dr. Andrew Loyd**, Plant Pathologist, Bartlett Tree Experts as they discuss the February 2023 ice storm that hit Austin and the Hill Country and its implication with regard to oak wilt.

[More information and registration here](#)



Support Herminio- Support Tree Research 2023 Tour des Trees Ride

Third times a charm. I have officially registered for the 2023 Tour des Trees Reno! The ride will start in Reno, Nevada, past Lake Tahoe and head into Northern California. Michelle and I are very excited to see what this year's ride has in store for us. I humbly ask that you please consider donating to my fundraising campaign to support tree education and research. Any amount helps. Please feel free to share the links below with family or friends who might be interested. My fundraising page will be open until the end of October. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thanks again for your time. Stay healthy and safe.

[Link to my fundraising page](#)



April 27

Urban Ecology Center

Hardberger Park



**"A Case for Trees in 2023"
San Antonio Regional Urban Forestry Conference
April 27, 2023**

In coordination with the Alamo Forest Partnership, the Texas Forest Service, the City of San Antonio and Texas Chapter ISA, Bexar Branches Alliance is hosting a Regional Urban Forestry Conference. The goal of the Regional Urban Forestry Conference is to bring together those throughout Bexar County to discuss the current state and future of our urban forest.

[Click here for more information and registration](#)



**TRAQ Course and Assessment and Renewal
June 20-22, 2023 - Houston**

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.

June 20-22: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Course - Houston
September 20: Tree Risk Assessment Qualification Renewal- Waco

TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP



Texas Tree Climbing Championship Judges and Technicians - Register Now!

May 19-20, 2023 - 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



Volunteer Spotlight - Jacob West

Tell us a little about yourself: How'd you get to work at Bartlett, what do you do in the tree care industry, and how long have you been in the industry?

I've been working in tree care since 1995 where I learned to climb with a small company in East Texas. Working for the owner/operator in Nacogdoches allowed me to attend SFA's Forestry program and earn a degree. After school I landed at Bartlett Tree Experts in 2006 where I'm an arborist representative and have helped our customers for 16 years.

In what capacities do you volunteer with ISAT and why do you choose to volunteer with ISAT?

Most of my volunteering has been with San Antonio Arborist Association or other projects that Bartlett has become involved with through ISAT and Texas A&M Forest Service. I've been helping with SAAA since 2008 and have enjoyed working with our group to offer local tree worker workshops and training events. Volunteering is something I saw my mother do...it was her way of helping people and making friends, so I guess I've replicated her approach.

When you're not busy working, what other hobbies do you enjoy?

We enjoy taking in live music, kayaking on the Guadalupe (when it has water) and riding local bike trails.

Texas Notes:

- 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.
- [Mass timber beats out concrete for Houston Endowment's headquarters](#)

- [Giant Tree Branch Crushes Family in Texas Zoo](#)
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International Society of Arboriculture Notes:

- [ISA 2023 International Conference in Albuquerque, NM](#)
 - [ISA Digital Badges - Share your passion](#)
 - [Now available: 4th Edition Arborists' Certification Study Guide Audiobook](#)
 - [New Gear Check Video from ISA](#)
 - [Women in Arboriculture Series](#)
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From Around the World Notes:

- [12 Ways to Prepare Your Small Business for Inflation](#)
 - [Worker Classification Rules: Update](#)
 - [Why Trees Are in So Many Medical Products](#)
 - [Urban Trees Become Guitars in Second Life](#)
 - [Northeast Maple Syrup Season Off to a Very Early Start](#)
 - [What's going wrong with Ireland's forests?](#)
 - [Quig Dynasty tower with a hackberry tree on top](#)
 - [New Zealand: Drone footage shows swathes of forestry obliterated by cyclone](#)
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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 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:

- [May 25 \(virtual class\) June 7 \(fieldwork\): Texas Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment - Hye \(Fredericksburg area\)](#)
- [June 8-9: Texas Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment - Hye \(Fredericksburg area\)](#)
- [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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