



Texas Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

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TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP



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

Mark your calendars now for this year's Texas Tree Climbing Championship in Richard 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.

[Contestants Register here](#)

[Judges, Technicians and folks who just want to volunteer register here](#)

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

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



Texas Tree Climbing Championship Workshop Climber Skills Field Day with ISA Climbing Champion Mark Chisholm May 18, 2023 - Austin

Are you attending the Texas Tree Climbing Championship at Richard Moya Park in Travis

County?

Come early and learn from International Mark Chisholm. Mark Chisholm with the help of Erick Palacios will lead bilingual discussions on "MRS" vs "SRS" systems, "Practical Aerial Rescue Approaches", and the "Science behind Rigging."

Register now - Class size is limited!



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 to the public, and they fill fast! - **Join today!***



WHERE TREES COME TO TALK

2023 Texas Tree Conference

The 43rd Texas Tree Conference Mark your calendars now!

The Texas Tree Conference Committee is hard at work to produce the biggest and best event yet. Mark your calendar now to join over 1,000 of your peers to learn about and celebrate trees.

Registration will open soon

[Sponsors and Exhibitors can register here](#)



Watch the Ice Storm and Oak Wilt Webinar Available on-demand now - 1 CEU

Missed last week's webinar? You can still hear **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 discuss the February 2023 ice storm that hit Austin and the Hill Country and its implication with regard to oak wilt.

The Texas Chapter ISA has over 70 on-demand webinars focused on what you want to know about. View them all with the link below.

[Visit the ISAT Online Learning Series here](#)



Decay-Testing, Biology, Bio-Mechanics Masters Series Workshop April 24-25, 2023

Texas Chapter ISA Masters Series Workshop April 24-25 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.

Sold Out

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"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** **September 20 - 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.

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



Survey on Managing Trees for Storm Events

Dear Urban Forestry Professional,

Storms are a significant part of our decisions about how to manage urban trees. We invite you to participate in an important survey about urban forest management and storms. This research is important to better understand professionals' risk perceptions, communication needs, opportunities for collaboration, and general challenges with managing urban forests for storm events.

The survey is completely voluntary and will take ~ 15 minutes of your time. You can withdraw consent by stopping the survey at any time. This survey is approved by the University of Florida's IRB (# IRB202101044). Thank you for agreeing to participate in this survey! Your responses are very important and will help to improve the overall management of urban forests and storms.

Lara Roman, PhD
Research Ecologist
Forest Service

[Take the survey here](#)



2023 ISA Annual Conference August 14-16 - Albuquerque

Join arborists from around the world at the ISA 2023 Annual International Conference in Albuquerque, NM this August.

The ISA 2023 Annual international Conference offers a forum for participants to learn and network with others in the arboricultural profession. This event provides a lineup of keynote speakers and educational breakout sessions led by industry leaders from around the globe, sharing their thoughts and views about research, practice, and technology.

[More information here](#)



Texas to Receive \$21.75 Million in Federal Funding for Urban Forestry Initiatives for 2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded Texas A&M Forest Service \$21.75 million for projects that will expand and conserve forests in the state's urban areas.

The funding, part of the Biden administration's [Inflation Reduction Act](#), will help Texas expand its urban forest canopy, improve air and water quality, reduce energy consumption, and enhance the health and well-being of communities.

[Contact the Texas Forest Service Forester in your region for more information](#)



Volunteer Spotlight - Kari Hines

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

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from Northern Arizona University I received a full-time position with Texas A&M Forest Service as an Inventory Forester, which literally had me hugging trees for two years. I loved being able to interact with landowners and discussing land management, ecology, tree health, etc., so when a position opened in another local office to do wildfire preparedness and prevention outreach, I jumped on that opportunity. While I received certified arborist certification fairly quickly after joining the Mitigation and Prevention Department almost 9 years ago, my "tree industry" work is very informal and mostly just me taking the opportunity to include natural resource information to audiences interested in wildfire preparedness.

In what capacities do you volunteer with ISAT and why do you choose to volunteer with ISAT? How did you become instrumental in WRRQ?

I am certainly not your typical volunteer. As I joked with Megan when she asked if this feature could be done, I am doing the work with the Texas Chapter as an employee of an agency, not on my free time. I feel like an imposter calling myself a volunteer. But, if you qualify that descriptor as "volunteering to teach a class," then yes, it fits. I have been involved with the Wildfire Risk Reduction Qualification since before it had that name and we were trying to figure out what a good acronym would be. As someone who has a "formal" (re: education) background in natural resources and wildfire, and who also doesn't mind speaking in front of crowds, a peer asked if I could help rework an old program on wildfire preparedness for an arborist audience, which of course just meant that the two people who were trying to do it were already involved in too many things and needed assistance. Mark Kroeze, in our Urban and Community Forestry program, and I, spent countless hours updating graphics from the early 2000's, adding in new content, going through the alpha and two beta classes, and working with Paul Johnson to get ISA's seal of approval for CEU's. We've been teaching it since 2017 and have now taken it to 4 other Southern Region states in an attempt to get the regionally appropriate ISA chapter and that state forestry agency working together to teach the class to arborists in other places.

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

Of course I enjoy being outside, that should go without saying in this group. I'm not a very exciting person, no rock-climbing, white-water rafting or triathelons. Most of my free time is spent raising a daughter, spending time with family and friends, and attempting to keep a clean house. We play dice games with our neighbors on Friday nights and watch 6-year-olds play soccer ball on Saturday mornings. As a family we've had about 100 foster dogs and a few dozen kittens over the last 8 years, which mostly means that I'm sabotaging the "trying to keep the house clean" part of my daily struggles.



Give the Ultimate Healthy Trees, Healthy Lives Presentation May 16 - Online

Join us Tuesday, May 16, 2023, to learn how to give an inspirational and persuasive presentation on getting others to use trees and forests to improve human health.

Training includes:

- An introductory presentation, customizable to your organization, needs and audiences
- A full, accompanying script to help you introduce others to Healthy Trees, Healthy Lives
- Access to one of the nation's leading communications coaching companies

The free virtual training will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 12 - 2 p.m.

[More information here](#)

Texas Notes:

- [Support Mino's ride for tree research in the Tour des Trees here.](#)
 - Looking to hire? Need a new job? Check out the [ISAT job postings here.](#)
 - [Nearly 50 trees will be removed from Brackenridge Park in San Antonio](#)
 - 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@texasarborists.com or 214.415.5524.
 - [ISA Board Certified Arborist Bruce Kreitler gives his opinion on aphid control - can you send something to your local paper about trees?](#)
 - [No surprise, North Texas is second-worst area in US for allergies.](#)
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International Society of Arboriculture Notes:

- [ISA 2023 International Conference in Albuquerque, NM](#)
 - [ISA Digital Badges - Share your passion](#)
 - [SMA Arborist Exchange Program applications due May 30](#)
 - [New Gear Check Video from ISA](#)
 - [BMP for Managing Trees During Site Development and Construction](#)
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From Around the World Notes:

- [Mysterious leaf disease is killing trees in New York](#)
 - [Another completely silly song about plants in the nursery](#) (start composting like Mozart)
 - [Record share of lumber production is now in the US South](#)
 - [Two shipwrecks found in Lake Superior tell of the darkest day in lumber history](#)
 - [Checking in on battery-powered chainsaws](#)
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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!

April:

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- **June 8-9: Texas Oak Wilt Qualification Course and Assessment - Hye (Fredericksburg area)**
- **June 15: Certified Arborist paper-based exam - Austin**
- **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**
- **ISA Certified Arborist, Utility Specialist, and Municipal Specialist Exam - 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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