

Professor Gordon King, 1918 - 2016



"Remember him as we keep on living."
- John King

This year we proudly honor the memory of Professor Gordon S. King, who passed away in October at the age of 98. Gordon was an energetic individual who enjoyed life, laughed often, and was always looking for the next adventure. As a longtime professor of arboriculture at the University of Massachusetts, "Prof. King" taught several generations of arborists and influenced our industry in countless ways. In recognition of his contributions, the



Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Foresters Association presented Prof. King with our highest honor, the Dr. George E. Stone Founders Award, on February 7, 1989. We are grateful for all he did for our industry and for the young folks coming into it. His character endures in the hearts and minds of the students and colleagues whose lives he touched, including many in our industry today. Rest in peace.

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104th Annual Conference

January 10-11, 2017
Host Hotel and Conference Center, Sturbridge, MA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Erika Svendsen, U.S. Forest Service

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2017 Conference Schedule

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

- 7:45-8:30 am** Registration and Coffee
- 8:30-8:45 am** Opening Session—Annual Meeting
- 8:45-9:15 am** State DCR Update: Urban & Community Forestry
Julie Coop, Massachusetts DCR Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator, will speak about Urban Challenge Grants, the application process and examples of projects available for funding, the Greening the Gateway Cities Tree Planting Program, and more.
- 9:15-10:15 am** Forest Health in the Commonwealth
Jeff Enochs, DCR Forest Health Program will present the latest on insects and diseases impacting the condition of the Massachusetts trees and forests.
- 10:15-11:00 am** Break with Exhibitors
- 11:00-11:50 am** Utility Arboriculture in Massachusetts - Changes and Challenges
Paul Sellers, Supervisor of Vegetation Management in Massachusetts for EVERSOURCE Energy. The three main electric utilities in our state have all gone through significant challenges over the last decade or so. This presentation will highlight these events and detail some of the advances and program enhancements being integrated into vegetation management here in the commonwealth.
- 12:00-1:15 pm** Luncheon—Banquet and Annual Meeting conclusion
- 1:15-1:45 pm** UMass Urban Forestry Program: Highlights and Headlines from 2016
Rick W. Harper, UMass Department of Environmental Conservation. From continuing in-person community visitations, to free webcasts that offer continuing education credit, to new and innovative research, this session will outline some of this year's UMass Urban Forestry Program activities.
- 1:45-2:30 pm** Safety Work Zones Hinge Upon You!
Michael Smith, Technical Training Specialist, Baystate Roads, will discuss how to set up a proper work zone, what items are needed, and why it is so important.
- 2:30-2:45 pm** Break with Exhibitors
- 2:45-4:15 pm** KEYNOTE: Cultivating Civic Stewardship of the Urban Forest
Dr. Erika Svendsen, Research Social Scientist, U.S. Forest Service, will focus on urban natural resource stewardship as a means to strengthen social trust, enhance civic participation, and foster innovation in urban and community forestry. Dr.Svendsen will describe specific instances where communities have used urban greening as a catalyst to recover from different types of disturbances, in order to illustrate how data from such events can be shared with policy makers to indicate social resilience through urban forestry.
- 4:15-4:30 pm** Wrap-up—Door Prizes
- 4:30-6:00 pm** Reception in Exhibit Hall Join us for a social get-together, graciously supported by our exhibitors.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

- 8:30-9:00 am** Registration and Coffee
- 9:00-10:15 am** Tree Nightmares: Hurricanes, Severe Local Storms, Winter Storms and Where to Get Forecast Info
Glenn Field, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service, will present the insider's perspective on weather forecasts and warnings and how to understand what they mean - critical information for all who manage and work with trees in the municipal, utility and private sectors.
- 10:15-11:00 am** Break with Exhibitors
- 11:00-12 noon** 2016 Insect Pests in Review, plus Biology, Management, & Outlook for 2017
Tawny Simisky, Entomology Specialist, UMass Extension, will bring us up to date on current insect problems and infestations, management strategies, and what to look for in the spring.
- 12:00-1:00 pm** Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 pm** Chapter 87 Panel Discussion
Every community in Massachusetts is required to protect its trees according to M.G.L. Chapter 87. In this repeat of last year's lively panel format, *Julie Steiner, J.D.*, Professor, Western New England University School of Law, teams up this year with *Paul Sanborn* and *Marc Fournier (Andover)*, Warren Archey (Lenox) and *Chris Courville (Princeton)* to address more topics arising out of Chapter 87 compliance. The tree wardens will share how their different-size communities utilize the law and will join with Attorney Steiner to answer questions from the audience.
- 2:00-3:00 pm** Pests and Pathogens of 2016
Nicholas Brazee, Ph.D., Plant Pathologist, UMass Extension will review the most important plant diseases in the landscape and forest in 2016 and summarize potential management strategies. He will also discuss the results of an ongoing study on the detection of internal decay in American elms using sonic and electrical resistance tomography along with research from the lab on the Dutch elm disease pathogen, *Ophiostoma novo-ulmi*.
- 3:00 pm** Door Prizes and Closing

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