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Professor Elwood Pricklethorn Comes to Massachusetts!

This past month, schools in eastern Mass got a special visit from Professor Elwood Pricklethorn. Professor Pricklethorn is a lively and engaging educator who has been teaching students about trees for many years. He has been honored, many times over, for his service to ISA, Canadian TREE Fund, and his hometown of Toronto.

Professor Pricklethorn's visit was funded by an educational grant from the USDA Forest Service, Urban and Community Forestry Program and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Bureau of Forestry. MTWFA board member Paul Sellers helped arrange Professor Pricklethorn's visit to Massachusetts.

Professor Pricklethorn engages students in his presentations, so they are actively participating and having fun. According to an article about the visit from Taunton Public Schools, "The students were really engaged in the presentation," said Edmund H. Bennett Elementary School Assistant Principal Steven Morgenweck. "The moment Professor Pricklethorn asked a question or asked for volunteers so many hands shot up. It was a joy to see."

Students were excited to learn about trees and received a copy of his tree workbook, *All About Urban Trees*. Each student also received a tree



seedling. The visits were a smashing success, with students engaging with Professor Pricklethorn as they learned about trees!

Earlier in the spring, MTWFA with DCR and funding from the USDA Forest Service, distributed 600 copies of his book to students in Massachusetts in honor of Arbor Day -- at no cost to schools. The books were all spoken for in one day!

To find out more about Professor Elwood Pricklethorn, go to pricklethorn.com.

View more photos from the visit on page 5.

"Thank you for bringing this amazing program to our school. Our students learned so much and are excited to be the next generation of tree wardens" – educator from Norfolk

Professor Pricklethorn's Visit by the Numbers

Falmouth	3 Schools	600 Students
Norfolk	1 School	175 Students
Taunton	6 Schools	600 Students
Total	10 Schools	1,375 Students

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President's Message

Well spring has sprung here in Needham, Massachusetts. The birds are chirping, the grass is growing, trees are leafing out, and construction and traffic are seemingly everywhere. This year seems to be especially busy. Is it because I am getting older and truly feeling the impact of trying to keep up with the pace of modern civilization? Or it is because we are experiencing extremely busy, challenging times with a lot going on? I tend to believe the latter, and because of such, we need to take care of ourselves so that we are prepared to meet today and tomorrow. Try to make sure to take some time to smell the flowers or take a walk in the woods.

Speaking of being busy, we all here at the Tree Wardens have been busy. I wanted to thank all that joined us for the Chainsaw Safety training in Easton. Mike Smith provided us with a day of education as well as great, in the field, hands-on experiences. It was nice to spend the day and share a few laughs with our friends on the South Shore. In addition, I am sure you all have been busy with Arbor Day celebrations. A very special thank you to Rich Parasiliti who took care of so many of us with seedlings this Spring. The MTWFA Seedling Program is a massive undertaking that is growing larger every year. The effort is as powerful as the "Why." All proceeds from the sales of seedlings support our scholarship program.

Speaking of education and trees, I wanted to thank everyone, especially Paul Sellers, for bringing many of us in Massachusetts a very special educational visit from Professor Pricklethorn. He joined us at so many locations in Massachusetts, each one enjoying his incredible message about the importance of trees. If you have never heard of Professor Pricklethorn, please do a Google search. I think

Eddie

Ed Olsen

President 2023-2024

you would agree that we were so fortunate to have him as our esteemed guest.

Speaking of stars, we also joined Chris Rosa, in his home city of Malden, to honor him for winning this year's Tree Warden of the Year. He is really an amazing man doing powerful work. This was resonated by the mayor of Malden who mentioned one thing that really struck me; he said after many years as a public servant for the City of Malden, he has come to realize that it is really all about the trees! Great job Malden! Thank you, Mayor Christenson, and Chris, for making Malden great!

I would love to say I have some great vacation plans, but I don't. Although I do have a typical, what we call here at the Needham DPW, a "Summer Slammer" project. After spending three nights til midnight and beyond, my Team did get our Town Meeting vote and positive support for this year's project. I am sure I am not alone. I wish you all the best of luck with your summer projects and hope that you all get a little time away. As far as summer plans for this organization are concerned, as you will see in this issue, we have a lot going on to round out this year, including plans for a new educational event at an old and familiar location. Many of you remember the days of the old Southeastern MA Tree Wardens' "Chicken Bake." Well, we are back with a twist on this old tradition. Same venue, same chicken but with a day of education for all. I look forward to seeing you there or maybe at another one of our events over the next few months. Take care and enjoy the sunshine!



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Daniel Cohen – Hartney Greymont/Davey Tree Experts
Bryan Conant – City of Nashua, NH Parks and Recreation
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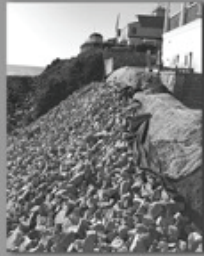
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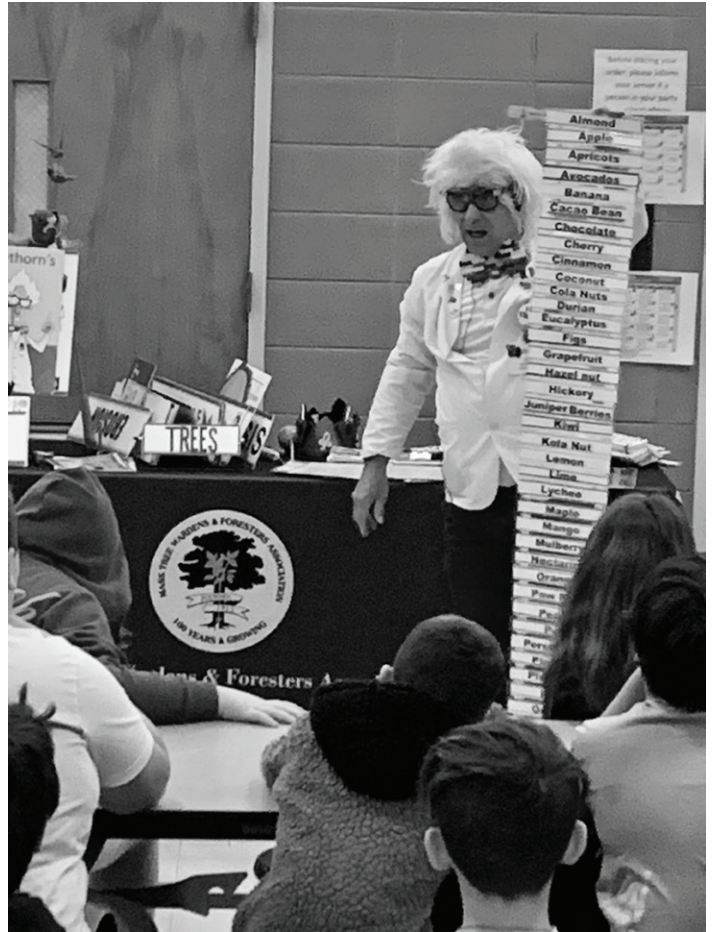
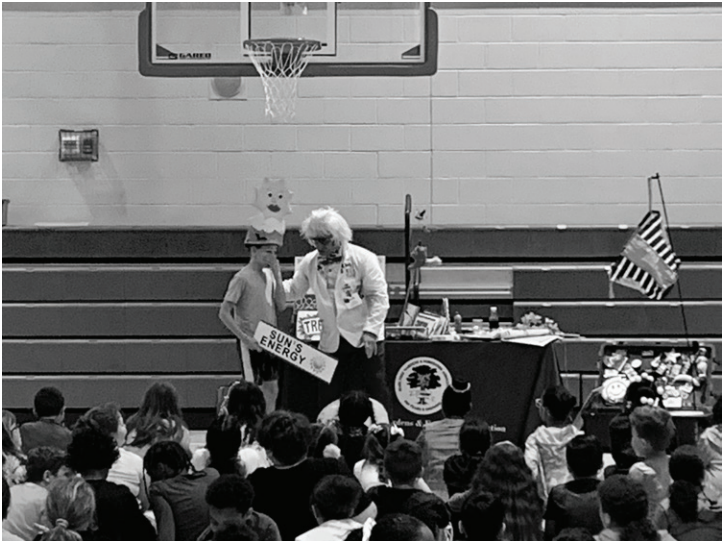
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Professor Pricklethorn's Visit in Pictures



Professor Pricklethorn and MTWFA Board Member Paul Sellers.

Professional Development Series

Working with Tree Advisory Groups | Webinar

June 5, 2024 | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

A.J. Elton, Community Forester for RI, will discuss how to work with tree advisory groups in your municipalities to increase your productivity and outreach. This webinar will also feature brief presentations from advisory groups from Watertown, Fall River, and Greenfield so that you can hear how the collaboration is put into practice. This Zoom-style webinar will allow for an interactive question and answer session. 1 ISA CEU pending.

Register by scanning the QR Code or go to masstreewardens.org



Western Mass Tree Wardens Summer Meeting

June 20, 2024, 5:00-7:30 p.m. | Northampton

5:15-5:45 CJ Lammers with The Conway School of Design, Graduate Program in Sustainable Landscape Planning and Design will talk on the importance of preserving mature trees and sustainable landscapes planning and design in our Urban Forests.

6:15-7:15 Michelle Matteo National Science Foundation Forestry Program Manager will introduce the new Sustainable Forest Initiatives Urban & Community Forest Sustainability Standard.

\$40. MCA and ISA credits have been requested. Registration deadline is June 14th.



MTWFA Field Day

August 22, 2024 | Plympton

Join the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association for an educational Field Day. In addition to the education sessions, there will be exhibitors, raffle prizes, and lunch. Proceeds from this event will benefit the MTWFA Scholarships. 4 credits pending, 1 pest credit pending, 1 MCA safety credit pending. THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT. \$30 Members, \$50 Non-Members.



Proper Tree Planting

October 16, 2024 | Needham

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Celebrating Chris Rosa, 2024 Tree Warden of the Year

What a day! The MTWFA board of directors gathered in Malden in May, along with special guest appearance by Malden Mayor, Gary Christenson, to honor Tree Warden of the Year, Chris Rosa, and all that he does for the City of Malden! The rain subsided for just long enough to plant this beautiful tree. Congratulations Chris! Thank you for a great day!



Ed Olsen, left, and Chris Rosa, right, next to the tree planted in Chris's honor.



The MTWFA Board of Directors with Chris Rosa and the tree planted in Chris's honor.



From L-R: Chris Rosa, Malden Tree Warden, Malden Mayor Gary Christenson, Mayor of Malden, and Ed Olsen, MTWFA President.

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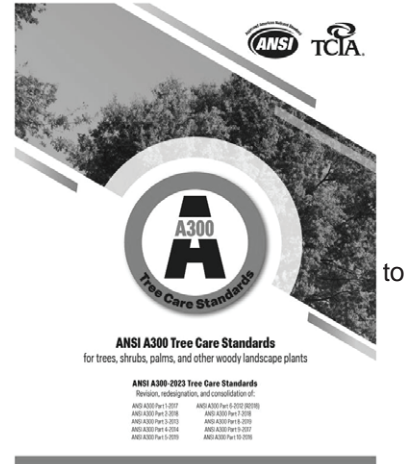
In Case You Missed It - The ANSI A300 is Now Available as One Consolidated Document

From the Tree Care Industry Association: Starting January 1, 2024, the standards are available as one consolidated document to make it easier and more efficient for tree care professionals to keep up with.

Both print and digital copies are available for purchase. The new digital format also features videos, animation, interactive assessments, and the online A300 Pruning Standards course.

After an extensive review and public comment period, some revisions and updates were made, including:

- New maintenance and monitoring recommendations to improve professionalism and defer maintenance responsibility away from companies and the tree owners.
- Improved clarification around palm pruning with new standards for frond removal.
- Updates around indiscriminate mechanized tree cutting.
- One review cycle for all the standards at the same time. (Every five years.)



*These standards are written and revised by the ANSI Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) whose mission is to develop consensus performance standards based on current research and sound practice for writing specifications to manage trees, shrubs, and other woody plants.

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Your community can receive annual Tree City recognition by meeting four overarching standards. They include:

1. Maintaining a tree board or department
2. Having a community tree ordinance
3. Spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry
4. Celebrating Arbor Day

If your community is already a Tree City USA, consider going for a **Growth Award** next year! The Growth Award recognizes major milestones and annual activities in five categories that combine to build sustainable community forestry programs over the long term.

Growth Award Categories

- Building the Team
- Measuring Trees & Forests
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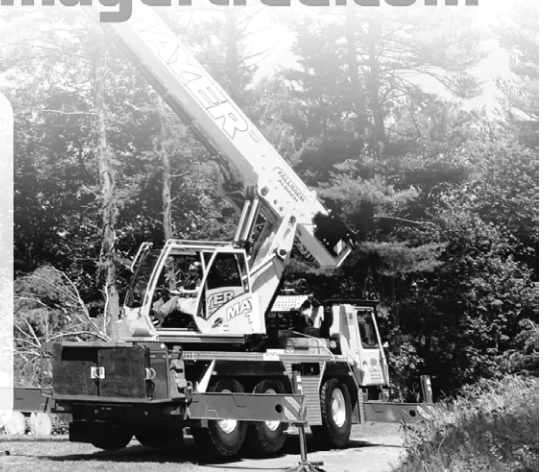
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Green School is a great complement to the Massachusetts Qualified Tree Warden program, which MTWFA offers every other year, on off-years from Green School.

Green School is taught by UMass Extension Specialists, UMass faculty, and distinguished guest instructors. Registration will open in July.

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- Insect activity and population development
- Disease occurrences and potential disease problems
- Growing degree day reports
- Phenology information for key indicator plants
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- Pest management strategies, including Integrated Pest Management

Hort Notes

Sign up for this monthly e-newsletter from UMass Extension for landscapers, arborists, and other Green Industry professionals, including monthly tips for home gardeners. Below, check out this handy table excerpted from the May 1 HortNotes that shows the spotted lanternfly lifecycle. In that edition, you can also find tables for box tree moth, elm zigzag sawfly, and Asian longhorned beetle and more info you can use as you're working in the landscape.

Spotted Lanternfly Lifecycle in Massachusetts								
Host Plants	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
Tree of heaven, grape, black walnut, & many others.	Over-wintering egg masses. Egg hatch by late April/early May and may last into June.	1st and 2nd, instar nymphs maturing.	1st, 2nd, and 3rd instar nymphs maturing; depends on timing of egg hatch.	4th instar nymphs (black, white, and red) & possibly adults at the end of the month.	4th instar nymphs (black, white, and red) & adults.	Adults & newly laid egg masses.	Adults killed by frost. Egg masses over-winter.	Egg masses overwinter.

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From the May 17, Landscape Message - Box tree moth caterpillar. Photo by Russ Norton, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension



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There are several pathways for eligibility for the credential for those with degrees and experience or only a experience. The credential includes the Certified Urban and Community Forester and Candidate Certified Urban and Community Forester.

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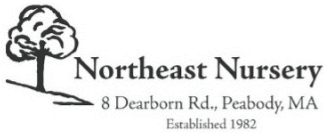
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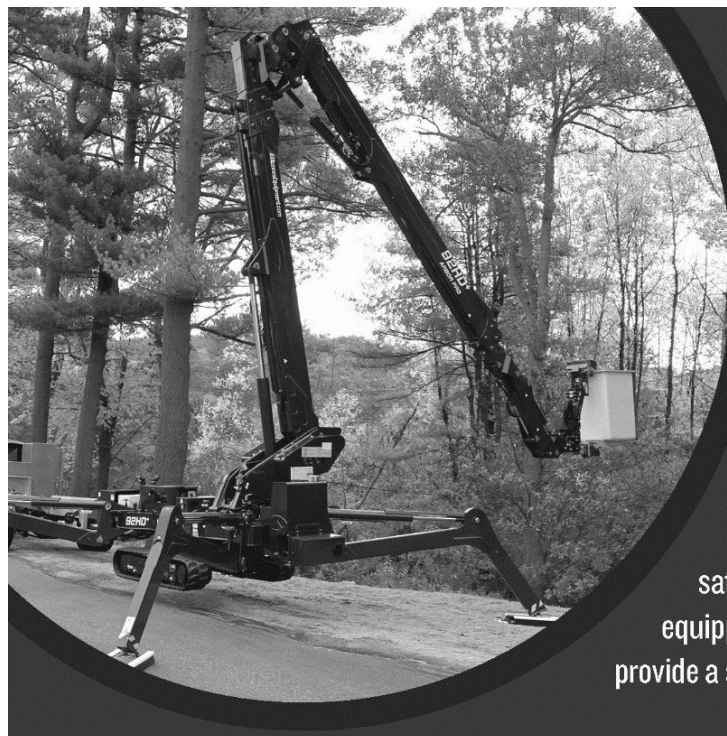
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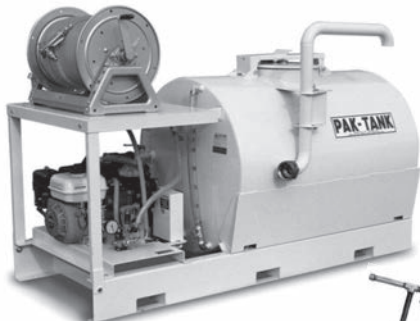
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