Welcome to 2020 Annual Conference!

Featuring David Rendell talking about “The Freak Factor”

Come hear this entertaining keynote speaker talk about flaunting our weaknesses, not trying to fix them. Find out how to increase productivity, enhance employee engagement, and improve teamwork by appreciating individual differences and amplifying uniqueness and flaws - instead of denying them.

And, as always, the conference will feature a broad spectrum of speakers and breakout sessions. The schedule includes topics of interest for everyone: municipal administrators and field personnel, utility partners, and commercial arborists. Don’t miss also the opportunities to earn continuing education credits: ISA and MCA certified arborists, Massachusetts pesticide, safety credits (including CTSP), MCLP, and MQTW.

Sign up for 2020 Conference
Optional: Pay your 2020 membership dues at the same time.

Member Benefits
✔ Professional Development Series helps you stay up-to-date in your field
✔ Annual, two-day winter conference with educational sessions and trade show
✔ Discounted member rates for all events
✔ Quarterly newsletter with timely articles
✔ Opportunities to network with colleagues
✔ Access to current technical information
✔ Website with valuable information and links to numerous industry resources
✔ Arbor Day Seedling Sale to help you spread the wisdom and practicalities of tree planting in your community
✔ Student scholarships that help support the future of arboriculture

January 7-8, 2020
Host Hotel and Conference Center, Sturbridge, MA

Room reservations 508-347-7393

Recertification Credit Available:
MCA, ISA, Pesticide, MCLP, SAF, CTSP, MQTW

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2020 Conference Schedule

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

7:45-8:30 am  
Registration and Coffee

8:30-8:45 am  
Opening Session—Annual Meeting

State DCR Update: Urban & Community Forestry  
Julie Coop, Massachusetts DCR Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator, will speak about Urban Challenge Grants, the application process, examples of projects available for funding and more.

9:15-10:15 am  
Utilizing Urban Wood Waste  
Sean Mahoney, Program Director, Massachusetts DCR Utilization & Marketing Forestry. The urban forest of metropolitan Boston generates an estimated 643,000 tons of urban wood waste annually. Beyond Boston we have all seen urban tree waste piled up waiting to go to the grinder, but are there ways we can put this resource to better use? Learn what some communities are already doing to recycle waste wood into products with meaningful public benefit, and simple steps municipalities can take to improve their waste management options.

10:15-10:45 am  
Break with Exhibitors

10:50-11:40 am  
Tawny Simisky, UMass Amherst Extension Entomologist, will present the year’s most common insect pests, as seen in the UMass Plant Diagnostic Lab and reported by professionals and the public. Did you notice tattered oak leaves back in June? What about soft scales? Weird acorns? Hear about these strange things as well as bagworms and other pests that were active this season, and scales? Weird acorns? Hear about these strange things as well as bagworms and other pests that were active this season, and also, the year’s most common insect pests, as seen in the UMass Plant Diagnostic Lab and reported by professionals and the public. Did you notice tattered oak leaves back in June? What about soft scales? Weird acorns? Debra J. Grost on and Paul J. Travers, UMass Extension, will present the year’s most common insect pests, as seen in the UMass Plant Diagnostic Lab and reported by professionals and the public. Did you notice tattered oak leaves back in June? What about soft scales? Weird acorns? Hear about these strange things as well as bagworms and other pests that were active this season, and also, the year’s most common insect pests, as seen in the UMass Plant Diagnostic Lab and reported by professionals and the public. Did you notice tattered oak leaves back in June? What about soft scales? Weird acorns?

11:45-12:30 pm  
Luncheon—Banquet and Annual Meeting conclusion  
KEYNOTE: “The Freak Factor”  
David Rendall, public speaker and comedian, will present The Freak Factor: Discovering Uniqueness by Flaunting Weakness. (Read more on the reverse of this brochure.)

12:45-2:15 pm  
Lunch: Traveling Trends in Multi-Family Insect Pests  
Kathleen Haggerty, Manhattan College, will discuss some uncommon insect pests that often go unnoticed in multi-family units. Examine the symptoms, how to identify the pests, and how to locate the problems. Insight into the insects and their behavior will be explored. The presentation will also include a case study of the 2019 tornadoes on Cape Cod, the speaker will provide some examples of best practices and challenges seen during this event.

2:15-2:55 pm  
Break with Exhibitors

3:00-4:15 pm  
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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 8, 2020

8:30-9:00 am  
Registration and Coffee

9:00-10:00 am  
Taryn LaScola-Miner, Director, Crop and Pest Services Division, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, will take a fresh look at pesticide applications, including product registration, the importance of labeling and label content, and best management practices for promoting safety and compliance.

10:05-10:55 am  
Break with Exhibitors

11:00-11:50 am  
BREAKOUT SESSIONS:  
1) Municipal OSHA Compliance with the Right to Know and More.  
Jennifer Tetreault, HazCompliance, LLC SafetyNet Compliance Solutions Director, will present the components of OSHA's Right to Know Standard and how it pertains to the Tree Wardens’ and Forests’ sector. In addition, other applicable requirements of OSHA will be explored, including a discussion of feasible implementation of the standards.  
Clayton Edwards, Pesticide Division ROW Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, will present best practices for right-of-way management and will discuss how to draft and submit a municipal Vegetation Management Plan. (Intermeded for Category 40)

12:00-12:50 pm  
Lunch

1:00-2:00 pm  
Tree Wardens Panel. This popular group discussion, including a question and answer session, will cover hot topics such as private tree issues, resources and laws to reference, and tools for record-keeping. Come join the dialogue and learn what peers in your area are doing.

2:00-3:00 pm  
Trees and Shrubs in the Landscape: 2019 Disease Review  
Nicholas J. Brazeau, PhD, Plant Pathologist, UMass Extension, will cover the most important diseases affecting landscape trees and shrubs over this past year. Specific topics will include winter injury, anthracnose of maple and sycamore, secondary pathogens of oak, white pine dieback, and research updates from the diagnostic lab.

3:00 pm  
Childs Fund Raffle, Door Prizes and Closing

The conference educational program is funded by a grant from the USDA Forest Service, Urban and Community Forestry Program and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Bureau of Forestry.

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