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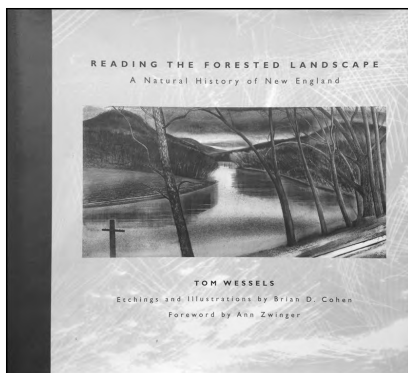


America's oldest urban forestry organization prepares for centennial



Keynote speaker Tom Wessels has long explored the forests of central New England and shared his knowledge of how to observe them in order to learn their silent history. His book, *Reading the Forested Landscape*, and its companion field guide, *Forest Forensics*, have taught thousands to look at the environment with new eyes.

The centennial conference is almost here, and it will be a special one indeed. Highlights will include a dynamic keynote speaker who teaches how to interpret the forest history of New England; unique conference gifts; and a complimentary, catered dinner for attendees to celebrate together and to honor our exhibitors and industry vendors. The lively mood will be enhanced by the educational and networking opportunities that always make annual conference a bright spot in the dark days of January. Don't miss it!



One Amazon reviewer described *Forest Forensics* as "CSI meets AMC." If you've never heard Tom Wessels in person, and even if you have, his talk promises to be a historical highlight of the centennial conference.



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ASSOCIATION NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Eaton—Tree Warden, City of Fall River
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Leo Simkins—Simkins Tree Service, Holliston
Jeffrey F. Thompson—Tree Warden, Town of Upton
Tim Wendell—Tree Warden, Town of Upton

CONGRATULATIONS

David Lefcourt, Cambridge City Arborist and incoming MTWFA President, was recently elected to the executive board of the Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA).

Douglas Keniston, Town of Upton, recently retired after more than 50 years as Tree Warden. Well done!

BOARD ANNOUNCES FEE INCREASES

For the first time in more than five years, the Board has voted to increase MTWFA individual and commercial dues. Individual dues for 2013 will increase from \$65 to \$75 and commercial dues from \$100 to \$110. The Board also voted to increase conference registration fees by \$15 and BARK ad fees by \$25.

Dues and conference fees for seniors over 65 and students will remain the same at \$25. Please see page 5 for the complete schedule of the new BARK ad prices and page 9 for conference fees.

The scheduled fee increases will help us maintain the same high level of benefits and educational services that members have come to expect and will ensure we enter our 2nd century on a sound financial basis.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



I think that most of you reading this latest President's message will agree that, as we get older, time has a way of really speeding by, often at what appears to be a breakneck pace. This thought has become that much more apparent to me as I sit in my office scheduling my next month's responsibilities and realizing that I am writing on a calendar marked 2013! Are you serious? January 2013 is here already? Where did 2012 go? I was just kind of starting to settle in to it.

As far as the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association's Executive Board goes, 2012 has raced by for us. We have been busy preparing for the Association's 100th Anniversary, with our Annual Conference coming up in January at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and a Dinner Gala to be held in March at UMass Amherst. Once again, our Conference Committee Chairman, David Lefcourt, has put together a fine list of speakers. We are sure that everyone will walk out of this conference having learned a little more about trees and the world we live in.

This conference will also feature a celebratory "Thank You" dinner in the Host Hotel's ballroom on Tuesday night, January 15. This dinner is complimentary for all who register to attend the conference, but you will have to indicate on the conference brochure if you plan on attending. We do hope you will attend, as it will be a great opportunity to say thank you to those who have supported all of us in the arboricultural business.

On that note, I would like to thank you all for the support you have shown me during my time as President of this fine organization. I have met and spoken at length with many of you over the past two years and I have become a better Tree Warden for it. I have visited parts of the Commonwealth that I probably would have had no other reason to visit were it not for being a part of the MTWFA. I have a much larger appreciation for the arboricultural matters that happen around the state, and I no longer feel like I am alone in the problems I encounter in my job on day to day basis. I now know folks who have "been there, done that" and are more than happy to help another "tree guy" in need.

And boy has there been need! It has been quite a two years, to say the least, to be part of this business. From tornadoes, freak snowstorms, tropical storms and hurricanes, to the nasty ALB and EAB invaders that

have entered our part of the world, we have been on high alert and, I would imagine, will continue to be for the foreseeable future. The fact I have learned in two quick years is that the most important thing you can do in this business, as well as any road in life, is to communicate. You will be successful in every part of your life if you just talk to those around you and let them know your priorities, your concerns, your goals. Someone you know in this business may have been in the same situation as you once. Unless you communicate, you may be reinventing a wheel that has been rolling along for many, many years.

That is what the MTWFA is all about. We are an Association that prides itself on communicating excellent tree care and public relations knowledge to those who seek it out. The fact that we will soon be celebrating the Association's 100th Anniversary proves that all the work we have been doing, must have been done very well.

Happy 100th Anniversary and good luck to all those involved with the Massachusetts Tree Warden's and Foresters' Association! It has been my pleasure to serve you and I wish you all the best. Thank you.

Christopher Hayward, MCA
MTWFA President 2011-2012

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STUDY FINDS NEARLY 50% OF RETAIL FIREWOOD INFESTED WITH INSECTS

A new study published in the *Journal of Economic Entomology* reports that live insects were found in 47% of firewood bundles purchased from big box stores, gas stations and grocery stores in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

Untreated firewood can harbor pathogens and destructive insects such as the emerald ash borer, the Asian longhorned beetle, bark beetles and others, and transport them to uninfested areas. Furthermore, the risk of moving insects in untreated firewood is high, the authors found, because insects emerged up to 558 days from the purchase date of the wood.

There are currently no national regulations on the commercial firewood industry that require firewood to be treated before use or sale to reduce the possibility of live insects or pathogens on or in the wood. Several state and federal agencies are attempting to reduce the risk of introducing invasive native or exotic species by restricting the distance firewood can move from its origin and by enacting outreach programs to educate the public.

However, the authors conclude that heat-treating firewood before it is shipped so that insects or pathogens are killed would be prudent and would not restrict firewood commerce as much as bans on firewood movement across state borders.

www.sciencecodex.com
posted on October 8, 2012

TREE PLANTING SUCCESS RATES: A REQUEST

Does anyone go back 3, 5 or more years to check their success rates with newly planted trees? We have just started doing this and wanted to find out other town's success rates. If anyone has any information, please feel free to forward it to me and I will send you a copy of our information.

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State Update: New Mulch Regulation

Fire officials statewide would like to alert building owners, managers, and homeowners to a new mulch safety regulation that became effective September 1st. The regulation was developed after numerous fires involving mulch-wood products were reported in Massachusetts.

Beginning the first of September 2012, the new application of mulch within 18 inches (vertically, horizontally, or diagonally) around combustible exteriors of buildings (such as wood or vinyl but not brick or concrete) is strictly prohibited.

Residential buildings with less than six units are exempt from the regulation. However, homeowners may also wish to adopt these safety measures.

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan suggests the following:

- Keep wood mulch 18" away (vertically, horizontally, or diagonally) from combustible exteriors of buildings such as wood or vinyl siding. Do not put mulch right up against the side of the building.
- Use pea stone, crushed rock, or gravel for the first 18" to provide a barrier around the foundation.
- Provide proper receptacles for smoking materials.

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NEW VERSION OF I-TREE RELEASED

Posted by Jane Hodgins, Public Affairs Specialist, U.S. Forest Service Northern Research Station on October 3, 2012 on blogs.usda.gov

When Dave Nowak of the U.S. Forest Service and Scott Maco of Davey Tree Expert Company began collaborating on the creation of a suite of urban forest analysis tools called i-Tree, they imagined that users would be mostly city foresters from the United States.

Six years later, the U.S. Forest Service is releasing i-Tree version 5.0 with changes inspired by users from 105 countries. Version 5.0 is upgraded to rapidly assess urban trees and forests throughout Canada and Australia, two of the countries leading i-Tree's international expansion.

"It's neat to see how this program has grown," Nowak said. "We didn't expect this kind of response, but the i-Tree partnership has done an outstanding job in reaching potential users."

City foresters certainly number among i-Tree users, but teachers, researchers, non-government organizations, consultants, and homeowners are also finding that the ability to calculate benefits such as energy savings and storm water interception is essential to urban natural resources management and stewardship.

One of the major updates to version 5.0 is the addition of a new web form that allows the use of smartphones and tablets. An entirely new function within i-Tree Design forecasts the growth and benefits of trees through time, based on species and location-specific growth models.

i-Tree version 5.0 includes many new options and enhancements to the existing applications, including the ability to survey historical Google images in i-Tree Canopy and the ability to use i-Tree Eco to assess the human health impacts of air pollution removal by trees.

More than 10,000 copies of i-Tree have been downloaded across the world since the free software suite was launched in 2006, and today international users make up the fastest growing segment of i-Tree users. Canada, Australia, India, the United Kingdom, and Italy are leading that expansion, but i-Tree is being used everywhere, from Ethiopia, to Pakistan and Papua, New Guinea, to Norway.

i-Tree was developed, supported and distributed through a group of partners including the U.S. Forest

Service, Davey Tree Expert Company, National Arbor Day Foundation, Society of Municipal Arborists, International Society of Arboriculture, and Casey Trees. All programs are available free of charge at www.itreetools.org

One of the major highlights—Web-based data collection

i-Tree v5.0 features a new web-based data collection system for the i-Tree Streets and Eco applications. This means that most devices with a modern internet browser, such as newer iPhones, Android devices, or tablets, can be used to collect and enter field data. Web form rendering and operation will differ, based on a device's operating system, web browser, and data caching ability.

The new mobile data collection system is designed to work with newer web-enabled mobile devices. *This is not an app or program that is loaded on a smartphone or tablet.* The mobile web form system runs on a device's web browser and relies on internet connectivity, web browser functionality and data caching capability. For more information, check out the i-Tree October Newsletter on the www.itreetools.org website.

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Sign on now for great value for your advertising dollar. One low annual rate includes your company's ad in *all four issues* of the 2013 BARK— March, June, September, and December.

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We will still accept ads after February 15th, but the annual rate applies only to the 4 issues of the 2013 calendar year.

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LOOKING BACK: SOUND FAMILIAR?

The 1938 letter below was shared by Dean Charter from his personal archives

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10/6/38

Gentlemen:

The havoc wrought by the hurricane to the shade trees in Massachusetts is now being extended by reason of the work which is being done upon them by inexperienced persons, not under the supervision of the Tree Wardens of cities and towns. It has been reported that W. P. A. crews in some cases are removing trees, which by expert treatment can be saved; and in other instances, they are inflicting serious injuries to perfectly sound trees by reason of ineptitude or ignorance in removing damaged trees.

The value of shade trees is recognized in Massachusetts, as evidenced by numerous laws enacted relative to their care. This Association is anxious to preserve all trees which can be saved and it respectfully calls your attention to General Laws, (Ter. Ed.) chapter 85, under which the entire authority over shade trees in this Commonwealth, except those on state highways, is vested in the Tree Warden or City Forester. This chapter also provides for severe penalties for violations of any of its provisions. Much of the work which is being done at present, either by W. P. A. employees and local officers, except the tree warden, is contrary to law, and those persons so engaged are subject to the penalties provided by that chapter.

The reason for granting sole authority to tree wardens is succinctly stated by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts in *Wright v. Chelsea*, 207 Mass. 460, at page 464, as follows:

"The discretion and sound judgment of the town warden alone determines whether a shade tree shall be trimmed . . . , and he is not subject to the control of the surveyor or road commissioners It may be assumed that the Legislature made this provision in order that the trimming should be done, not by the road officer inexperienced in such matters, but by the scientific judgment of a forester or other official familiar with trees, and that thus the beauty and preservation of shade trees be conserved."

In order that the public interests may be protected, and the shade trees of Massachusetts preserved, the Massachusetts Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Association urges your board to cause all work which is being done at the present time under W. P. A. projects or local workmen, not under the supervision of the Tree Warden, be stopped at once; and that all work on such trees to be done henceforth with local or W. P. A. funds be performed under the supervision of the only official charged therewith by legislative mandate, the Tree Warden.

Respectfully yours,

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Wednesday January 16

7:45-8:30 am
8:30-8:45 am
8:45-9:15 am

Registration and Coffee
Opening Session—Annual Meeting
State DCR Updates: Urban Forestry, Forest Health, and ALB

Eric Seaborn, Ken Gooch, and Julie Coop, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

9:15-11:00 am

Rope - What You Do Not Know Could Get You Killed!

Jamie Goddard of Yale Cordage is a storehouse of information on modern rope and the importance of rope inspection and maintenance. Remember manila ropes? The dazzling array of products available today can be confusing, but using the right rope – and treating it right – make all the difference for a tree worker's productivity and well-being.

11:00- 11:30 am
11:30-12:00 pm

BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

Urban Forest Strike Team and the Storms to Come

John Parry, U.S. Forest Service and **Tom Chamberland**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Sturbridge Tree Warden

12:00-1:15 pm
1:30-3:00 pm

LUNCHEON—BANQUET

KEYNOTE SPEAKER –

Tom Wessels, author of *“Reading the Forested Landscape, A Natural History of New England,”* sees the forest for the trees by chronicling its evolution from the Ice Age to current challenges. A unique historical perspective – once you've heard it, no walk in the woods will ever be the same.

3:00-3:30 pm
3:30-4:20 pm

BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

Insect Challenges in the Urban Forest: Past, Present and Future (CEU)

Bob Childs, UMass Extension. Insects on trees have been a concern for tree wardens dating back to the 1890s; many a tree warden also held the title “Moth Superintendent.” Bob Childs once again shares his knowledge to keep today's urban foresters on top of the latest infestations.

4:20-4:30 pm
4:30-6:00 pm

Wrap-up—Door Prizes

Reception in Exhibit Hall Join us for a social get-together, graciously supported by our exhibitors

6:00 pm

CELEBRATE! Social Anniversary

Dinner (no formal program and no extra charge to registered conference attendees—but you must reserve your place on the registration form)

8:30-9:15 am
9:15-10:15 am

Registration and Coffee
Urban Forest Health in the 21st Century

Rick Harper, UMass Department of Environmental Conservation
Urban and rural tree cover in Massachusetts has changed dramatically in the last 100 years. This session will outline the current health status of our urban forests and areas of challenge facing tree care professionals in the new century.

10:15-11:00 am
11:00-12:00 noon

BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

What's Old & What's New:

2013 Arboricultural Standards

H. Dennis P. Ryan, Ed.D., UMass Department of Environmental Conservation. Every five years all arboricultural standards are subject to review and updating. Learn about industry standards (A300 & Z-133) and major changes that have taken place in the arboriculture and community forestry profession during the past 100 years.

12:00-1:00pm
1:00-2:00 pm

LUNCH

Here and Now: Emerald Ash Borer (CEU)

Nathan Siegert, Ph.D., U.S. Forest Service, presents his research on the biology of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), his experiences with the damage in the Midwest, management and treatment options, and how New England communities can prepare for its arrival.

2:00-3:00 pm

Woody Plant Disease Update (CEU)

Nicholas Brazee, Ph.D., UMass Extension Plant Diagnostic Lab
Information and perspectives on current and future disease problems in the urban forest.

3:00 pm

Door Prizes and Closing



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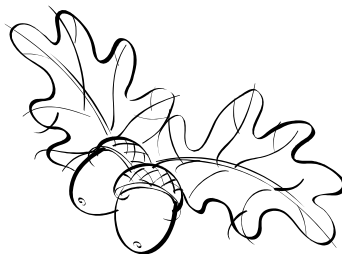
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