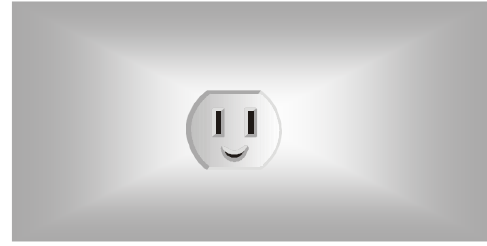


Tree Talk

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A Word from our President Todd Reese

Hello Members:

Friday, September 13th we had our annual Climbing Competition. There were twenty participants that climbed in the two events, Work Climb and Climb Rescue. All in all we had a great time and for once the weather cooperated for the whole event.

I would like to give special thanks to our President-Elect, Scott Carlson, for putting on this event. Many of you don't know that Scott works countless hours every year so that this event can happen. There are legal, safety and vendor issues that Scott takes on months in advance so that we all can have a safe and enjoyable day. Thank you Scott!

On August 29th the IAA partnered with IDNR to put on a "Pest on the Horizon" Work Shop. The work shop was held at the Swan Lake Reception Center in Carroll, Iowa. This was an all-day event with a host of speakers from the DNR TO ISU. Thank you Emma and your group for any informative day. We are looking forward to the Bus Tour in November.

Thank you letter from Amy Ann P. Garza

Thank you for selecting me to be a recipient of the Iowa Arborist Association Academic Scholarship and the Iowa Arborist Association Conference Scholarship. I am honored to be receiving these scholarships. I used the Academic Scholarship towards the cost of my summer classes at Iowa State University and it was very helpful. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity and I look forward to being able to attend a conference in the near future thanks to this organization.

As a student studying Urban and Community Forestry I spend a lot of time attending classes and working to further my skills. These scholarships have allowed me to focus more on my classes and less on how I will pay for college and additional training. I was able to focus more on my summer internship and now I will also be able to be more involved in my various roles with clubs and organizations on campus. I greatly appreciate receiving these scholarships and the opportunities they have allowed.



Emerald Ash Borer Burlington Bus Tour

Learn Hands-on
Used To Manage For EAB

This Work Shop is in partnership with: Iowa Arborist Association, Iowa DNR, City of Burlington and USDA Forest Service.

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2013, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM in Burlington, Iowa.

Price: \$20 for all Iowa Arborist Association Members. Non-members are \$35. Lunch is included in the tour.

Limited Registration: Registration will be limited to 100 attendees and will be first come, first serve. Please submit the enclosed application by Monday, November 4, 2013.

Four ISA CEUS are available.

Topics include: EAB ID and Bark Peeling, City Ordinance & Enforcement, Discussion on Treatment Options to control EAB and Wood Waste and Quarantine.

First Annual IAA Day of Service

The First Annual IAA Day of Service was held on Saturday, October 12th at the Iowa Arboretum in Madrid, Iowa. Volunteers helped spread mulch, trim trees, plant new specimens and removed trees that were past their prime.

Newsletter material wanted

Please submit any newsletter articles or information to Shannon Gibson by email @ s.gibson@live.com . The next newsletter deadline is December 1.

Just A Reminder

For more information on all upcoming events of the IAA, go our website. We have had over 3500 hits this year.

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A perfect, sunny day began as competitors, volunteers, spectators and vendors arrived at Jester Park in Granger, IA to the Eighth Annual Iowa Tree Climbing Day Workshop and Competition. 20 Midwest climbers showed up to learn and compete. Around 90 total attended the event.

Tim Crews expertly ran the show again. A discussion of what to expect in each event was held then a hands-on discussion of gear safety inspection. By the end of that discussion all participants were well-versed in what is expected of gear and how to inspect for those qualities. A delicious lunch grilled by Hy-Vee was enjoyed then the competition began. Aerial Rescue and Work Climb were the two events held.

Thanks to Stuart Buse, Todd Fagan, Chris Hemphill and Cody Tuff - the Work Climb officials. Matt Starks from Lee's Summit, MO scored highest, Josh Hodson of Asplundh in the Quad Cities placed second and Alex Ploen of Ace Tree Service in the Quad Cities took third. Stuart Buse, head judge of the event said, "I've never seen competitors at such a high level of intensity be so helpful and supportive in my career. All sports and athletes should model themselves after this group of arborists!!!"

Thanks to Rob Philipsen, Bill Reese, Betty Reese, Jason Hasse, Mike McPherson and Beige Turner - the Aerial Rescue officials. The overall winner of the Aerial Rescue was Josh Hodson of Asplundh in the Quad Cities followed by Phillip Schissler of Asplundh in the Quad Cities. Matt Starks placed third. "I enjoy seeing new and returning competitors, it seemed like another fun and successful event this year. I hope that everyone was able to learn something that they can take back to work and put into practice." commented Jason Deihl - the head judge of the event.

Congratulations to Alex Ploen for an overall 3rd place finish for the day, Matt Starks for 2nd and Josh Hodson for winning the Eighth Annual Iowa Tree Climbing Competition.

IAA thanks Mark Dungan and Polk County for allowing us the use of beautiful Jester Park again this year. Thanks to Jim Scott and Don Slycord of Vermeer of Pella, Iowa for again providing great prizes for the winners and Vermeer of Pella, Marcus and Tipton, Iowa for a financial donation to the event. Thanks to Bill and Betty Reese of RMC Better Designs for providing great hand embroidered hats as awards. Thanks to Davey Tree Experts for a generous donation to the event. Thanks to Sean Stanley at Midwest Underground Equipment of Bondurant for providing prizes and a financial contribution to the event. Thanks also to Asplundh for their support again. Thanks also to Paul Venaglia of Progress Rail Services Corporation for a generous donation to the event.

Thanks to Mike Cook and Perficut for providing a bucket truck and GRS this year and every year. Thank you Jerry Kernes and Julie Van Dike also of Perficut for operating the bucket truck during the Work Climb event.

A great big thanks to my employees that helped set up the day before the event and Brandt Jelkin who

brought us lunch and provided much needed technical support to my on-site event headquarters. Thanks to Joel Reese for running score sheets and taking tons of great pictures. Thanks to all those too numerous to credit individually who jumped in and helped out. Thanks to all who sacrificed a day of work or a personal vacation day to attend. You are appreciated.

Last, but not least, IAA thanks Tim Crews for a great program! I asked Tim for his thoughts on the event and he said, "The Iowa TCC and training day went well thanks to the support of all the sponsors and volunteers that made it possible. See you next year, maybe at a new location."

I look forward to next year's event being even better. It should be in early September again, although there has been discussion of moving it to a new location. Iowa City has been mentioned. This event was held there its' first two years. Your thoughts? If you would like to receive regular updates about the event shoot your e-mail address to me at sicarlson9999@q.com

Thank you,

Scott Carlson

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