

Some words from our new President Scott Carlson

I am honored and humbled to represent you for another term as your president

A short introduction for any that do not know me-I am from Davenport, I am married with two grown children and three (soon to be five) grandchildren. I started my career in trees when I was offered the glamorous opportunity to drag brush for Marv's Tree Service for seven dollars an hour cash. I am extremely intelligent so naturally I took the summer off from college to tap into this lucrative opportunity. I never made it back to college. From there I went into utility line-clearance with Wright. I became a Certified Arborist and started doing way to many side jobs, eventually that turned into a business and I left Wright. I have now been self-employed for fourteen years. For three of those years I also worked at the City of Davenport under the City Forester Keith Majors-one of the founders of IAA. Being the competitive type, I tried to become the first Board Certified Master Arborist (BCMA) in Iowa but I ended up third after that stinking Ralph Connor and John Griffiths!

During my last term as President I solicited the opinions from members as to what direction the IAA should go. The response was mostly silence. I get it, people are busy. One of the few replies I did get was the IAA was geared more to management and less to the blue collar members. I took this as a clear mandate and started the Iowa Tree

Climbing Workshop and Competition. Nine years later this event is still going strong.

This term I am again asking, "What direction should the IAA go?" I want this organization to be a direct reflection of the will of the members. Your Board of Directors is accessible, approachable and accommodating. Tell us what to do. I have served with most of this board before and I can tell you they are capable and passionate. Harness this passion. We are guided by a mission statement and bound by by-laws, but we also need your instruction. Talk to us. Our email addresses are in this newsletter and on the newly improved website.

I thank you for your trust and look forward to hearing from you.

Free One Year Iowa Arborist Association Membership with becoming a new Certified Arborist

Wanting to be a member of the Iowa Arborist Association? Wanting to be Certified Arborist? Here is an opportunity to achieve both at the same time.

The IAA offers a free, one year membership when you pass the International Society of Arboriculture's certified exam. To get your free year membership, pass the ISA exam, and once ISA has given you your Certified Arborist number, contact the Iowa Arborist Membership Chair (Mindy Charron) with this information. This is only good for those who pass the Certified Arborist Exam. This does not include Municipal Specialist, Utility Specialist, BSMA, etc... If you have any further questions, please contact a member of the Iowa Arborist Association Board and we will be happy to help.



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Tree Species Rating Guide for Iowa

The Tree Species Rating Guide is available and for sale for \$10 plus \$2 shipping & handling.

This is an excellent tool to have if you do Appraisals. This guide gives you the percentage of the value of Iowa trees.

This booklet is for use by qualified professionals in conjunction with the International Society of Arboriculture's publication "Guide for Plant Appraisal".

Please contact Guy Gibson by email if you would like to order the guide. Guy's email address is ggibson_09@hotmail.com.

A Worthy Champion from Iowa

Iowa is not known for being prime big tree hunting ground, but occasionally something surprising is found. Such is the case for the largest known black ash "Fraxinus igrá" in the country which stands near the Mississippi River in Clayton County.

The most recent measurements are as follows: circumference 9'3", height 114', and crown spread 52.5'.

The tree was nominated for

inclusion in the National Register of Big Trees on April 24th, 2011.

The Iowa Arborist Association with Board Members Andy Dahl and Guy Gibson will be treating this tree this spring for Emerald Ash Borer Prevention (EAB) to prolong the life of this worthy champion from Iowa.

Question and Answer

Question: How often does the Iowa Arborist Association Board meet?

Answer: Every other month.

Question: Since the IAA Board Members are from all over the state where do they meet?

Answer: At a central location such as Grinnell, Iowa.

Newsletter Material

All IAA members are invited to submit articles or information to the IAA newsletter. Please send your information to Shannon Gibson, Newsletter Editor, by email at: s.gibson@live.com or mail the information to 1012 17th St NE, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52402.