

# News You Can Use!

## From the Urban and Community Forestry Division of the Colorado State Forest Service

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### *Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits*

**Join the Grove!**-You are invited to join The Grove ([www.coloradogrove.org](http://www.coloradogrove.org)) an online community that brings tree and nature enthusiasts together. The Colorado Grove also features the latest news and updates and discussion groups such as the Colorado Tree Coalition's Tree Risk Assessment discussion group. Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm for building Colorado's green legacy. Make sure you join the Colorado group within The Grove so you can get details on the latest local activities and link to other community forestry groups within the state such as the Colorado Tree Coalition and the community forestry program of the Colorado State Forest Service. We look forward to seeing you on The Grove!

**Tree City USA**-Thanks for all who helped coordinate and promote the Tree City USA program in their communities in 2012. The electronic application submittal continues to gain in popularity and will be the way of the future. It's never too late to start preparing for the 2013 program; you may even consider promoting the Growth Award to existing Tree City USA communities or plan for projects that will help your community achieve a Growth Award. While you're at it, help that community that wants to be a Tree City USA for the first time or your local college campus that wants to be a Tree Campus USA be one in 2013!

**Eastern Colorado Community Forestry Conference**-The Eastern Colorado Community Forestry Conference is being planned for March 14, 2013 in Brush. A great program of current hot topics and speakers is being put together. Watch for the agenda and registration form soon.

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Greeley Tree Care Workshop!**-Make plans to attend the premier tree care workshop in Northern Colorado! On February 15, 2013 Greeley will once again host the Greeley Tree Care Workshop. Watch for the agenda and registration to be out soon!

**Memo to City Managers!**-Ever wonder what the costs to your community may be if the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) takes up residence in your locale? Chad Tinkel, the manager of Forestry Operations for the City of Ft. Wayne, IN, has been dealing with the effects of EAB for many years, and lays it out in cold, hard detail in his excellent "Memo to City Managers" webinar. Take a look here and heed the warnings!  
<https://connect.msu.edu/p8imb2jv93c/>

**American Forests Recognizes Denver's Urban Forestry Program**-American Forests, the oldest national nonprofit conservation organization in the country, recently selected Denver's urban forestry program to be recognized in their case study publication. You can view an electronic copy of the book [here](#). American Forests reached out to Denver for interviews and information about their Parks and Recreation Department's mission to make Denver a better place to live through urban trees. This national recognition is another example of Denver being recognized as a world class city.

## *Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits*

**Colorado Tree Coalition Grants Update**-The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) grant reviews are taking place by reviewers across the state. This year 18 grant project requests were received by the CTC Grants Committee requesting over \$30,000 in project funding. It is expected there will be \$20,000 available for the regular CTC grant program. Thanks to all who applied and for all who are helping review grants statewide.

**CTC Scholarship Program**-The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) has a limited amount of funds to assist people with registering to attend conferences and workshops throughout the year. Because of the limited dollars available it is required of all who request assistance to follow these guidelines:

1. Scholarship requests will be limited to a maximum of \$300, and can only be applied to cover registration costs of the event.
2. To request a scholarship please send an electronic request to Keith Wood, at [keith.wood@colostate.edu](mailto:keith.wood@colostate.edu). At a minimum the request should contain the name and location of the conference and what is hoped to be learned at the event, and how it will be applied in your current position. Keith will then submit the request to the CTC Board or Executive Board for their consideration.
3. Requests will also be limited to one person per community/group/organization per workshop or conference. Many workshops and conferences now offer concurrent sessions and there is a value to sending more than one person. However, the CTC will not be able to fund more than one person.
4. Those receiving scholarships will be required to supply an article or notes to be used in *Tree Talk* and/or placed on the CTC web site ([www.coloradotrees.org](http://www.coloradotrees.org)) and/or in another electronic newsletter format so others can benefit from the workshop as well.

The board of CTC is committed to education and is seeking additional funds so the scholarship program can be expanded and more people throughout Colorado can benefit from the various educational opportunities available.

**2013 Poster Contest**-The theme of the 2013 contest is “Celebrate Trees in Our Community” for 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Colorado! The entry deadline for school winning posters will be April 5, 2013. Details on the program can be found at <http://www.coloradotrees.org/programs.php#poster>.

**ProGreen Expo**-Don't forget to make it to the ProGreen Expo at the Denver Convention Center from January 15-18. A host of good speakers and topics are lined up and you might even earn some CEU's for that arborist or pesticide certification! CTC will have a booth and information in the Exhibit Hall. Be sure to stop in and say Hi!

**CTC Board of Directors to Meet in January**-Come join the Board of Directors during their meeting on January 18. CTC has lots of new things planned for 2013, come find out more about what is on tap. Please contact Keith Wood at [keith.wood@colostate.edu](mailto:keith.wood@colostate.edu) for more information.

**Front Range Urban Forestry Council**-The next FRUFC meeting will be held on January 31, 2013 in Denver. A program on "Fire in the Greenbelt" is planned, and updates on the International Tree Failure Database presented. Contact Keith Wood at [keith.wood@colostate.edu](mailto:keith.wood@colostate.edu) for more information.

**Remember "Tree Talk" is Electronic Only**-Please be sure to visit the CTC's web site at [www.coloradotrees.org](http://www.coloradotrees.org) and sign up to receive *Tree Talk* electronically. In 2013 there will be two issues of *Tree Talk* produced, one being the 2012 Annual Report available in January 2013, the other being a mid-year edition during the Summer of 2013. Thanks for helping CTC save its printing funds for tree planting projects around Colorado!

**Happy New Year!!**