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FROM THE EDITOR

I ended my column in the last issue with a quote from an old song and “those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer.”

Little did I think then that it would all come true! I was really hoping for the lazy part, and have to admit that I have indeed had some down time to enjoy the good things that summer brings. As for the hazy ... all those fires in the interior of BC sure had an impact here in Vancouver, and we recently had two weeks where you couldn’t see the North Shore mountains! And the crazy ... well, between politics, world events, and the recent solar eclipse, there’s been no shortage of that either.

We’re looking forward to a busy fall here at the PNW Chapter. I have no doubt that the upcoming Annual Training Conference in Lynnwood will be another great success. A program overview is included in this issue – check out the website for all the details and updates.

Post-conference will see us gearing up for another year of excellent continuing education classes and CEU opportunities. Watch your inbox for information as events are scheduled.

This issue of the newsletter contains some updates on a number of Chapter and ISA happenings: the 25th Anniversary of the first Tour des Trees ride ... a review of some selections highlighted in previous PNW Tree Profiles ... announcement of the 2017 ISA True Professionals (three of whom are from our Chapter!) ... an update on a pest recently discovered in our region ... and thanks to the generous sponsors of the Portland Regional TCC in June.

The Board recently welcomed Anna Heckman to the table (see the Spotlight on page 19). Anna has stepped in to fill the Secretary vacancy. Nominations are still being accepted for the five Program Director positions, which will be elected at the AGM in Lynnwood. To date, no one has put their hat in the ring for the Editor position, so please give that some consideration if it appeals to you. I can assure you that no one will expect you to put in the number of years that I have!

Looking forward to seeing you in Lynnwood!

Susan Munro
Editor

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The mission of the Pacific Northwest ISA is to foster a greater appreciation of trees and promote the professional practice of arboriculture through education, research, and technology.
Hello fellow PNW-ISA members, colleagues, and friends. As we wrap up a busy and fruitful summer and look forward to fall, it’s time to celebrate another successful year together at our Annual Training Conference (ATC), September 24-27 in Lynnwood, WA.

As I reflect back on this past year and look forward to the future, I think about recognizing the valued personal and professional relationships that make our Chapter great. Relationships with colleagues, mentors, and friends are what inspired me to join PNW-ISA and they are the foundation for our Chapter’s excellence in arboriculture and ability to foster a greater appreciation for our region’s trees.

In the past month, I had the honor of representing our Chapter at the ISA Conference in Washington DC. While at the conference I was able to connect with friends and colleagues and witness the excellence of our Chapter on an International stage. It is clear that our Chapter is filled with inspiring professionals who are leading both in our region and at the International level. While in DC several of our Chapter members were recognized as True Professionals in Arboriculture; congratulations on this well-deserved recognition: Scott Altenhoff, Eugene, OR; Jim Barborinas, Mt. Vernon, WA; Terry Flanagan, Lake Oswego, OR.

As we look forward to the ATC in Lynnwood, I’d like to recognize one of our Founding Members, current Board member, long-time dedicated Chapter member, and friend, Susan Munro. At the conclusion of this year, Susan will be retiring from over 33 years of service as our Editor. Susan’s commitment and leadership is an amazing testament to building and sustaining lasting relationships within our Chapter. Susan, you will be missed, but your legacy will continue on through our Chapter members and leaders who have been blessed to serve with you. Thank you for your service!

I look forward to seeing all of you in Lynnwood, where we will learn more about “People & Trees Adapting to Change.” I’m confident, given the changes we’re experiencing across our nation and the world, that the relationships within PNW-ISA will help arboriculture and urban forestry not only survive, but thrive into the future. Come join us, cultivate your relationships, and stay connected through Twitter @GoodTreePeople.

Best wishes to you all.

Take care,

Lance Davisson
President
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DESK

ALL THINGS Conference – that’s usually what ATC stands for at this time of year in the Chapter office. The reality is, ATC stands for Annual Training Conference. This year, the Chapter will host the 39th Annual Training Conference in Lynnwood, WA.

Ian Scott, Project Manager for Davey Resource Group, is heading up the conference planning committee and providing oversight to the many cogs in the conference planning wheel needed to ensure a successful conference.

Which brings me to the word, successful. During the Board of Director’s strategic planning retreat this past May, one board member commented during an exercise that a “successful” conference cannot be measured in financial terms alone. I entertained this conversation again in a phone call nearly three months later.

The conversation went something like this. A financially successful conference – one that does not lose money – is important and vital to the Chapter’s financial health and sustainability. That’s why registrations, sponsorships, and exhibitors are all incredibly important every single year.

A successful conference program, however, ensures that both new and seasoned conference goers find presentations of value. Attendees leave with new information to use in their day-to-day environments. They recognize the networking opportunities afforded by the conference. They meet new professional colleagues and convene with ones they have known for years. They even make new friends.

If attendees walk away from a conference, or any other PNW event, wondering why they just spent good, hard-earned money on a program with little value, those people won’t come back. At risk then is a ripple effect wherein those members never come back or sometimes even worse, share negative reviews with others.

Fortunately, the “satisfied/very satisfied” approval rating for our Annual Training Conferences typically comes in at 90% and above. Fortunately, the Chapter engages a dedicated, enthusiastic group of volunteers year after year – who want as much value from a conference as anyone – to organize and convene the Annual Training Conference.

Trust me, they have you in mind. Join us in Lynnwood, WA, September 24-27. And take advantage of the chance to watch some of the best climbers in the entire PNW region compete for the Chapter Tree Climbing Championship at Woodland Park in Seattle, September 23-24.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Anna Arritola, Grants Pass, OR
Robert Todd Barisky, Vancouver, BC
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Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.
~ Albert Camus
UPDATE: MOUNTAIN ASH SAWFLY LARVAE EAT THEIR WAY INTO YEAR THREE

This is the third, and likely the final, article on *Pristophora geniculata*, Order Hymenoptera, identified consuming up to 90% of the foliage of certain Mountain Ash trees in Metro Vancouver, BC in 2015, with subsequent defoliation in summers of 2016, 2017. This chewing insect pest was previously reported in Ontario after 1938, of European origin, and never reported west of Michigan. This pest has a complete life cycle and, once established, does not have to move far from the host plant, exclusively in the genus *Sorbus*. There are 100 to 200 species within this genus worldwide. Of particular interest to arborists are ornamental Mountain Ash trees in gardens and public landscapes.

I observed the progress of the pest locally around Vancouver, British Columbia and nearby regional parks, universities, and public grounds over the past three years. This was a new pest to the Pacific Northwest, first reported in Washington State in 2008.

The insect has a complete life cycle, emerging as moths in late May to early June from silken capsule-shaped cocoons that overwinter under the host trees in leaf litter or in the top layer of soil. The moths can fly quickly and for some distance to find a mate, with the female laying eggs in notches cut along the margins of each leaflet. The mass of chewing larvae consume entire sections of the trees, eating the compound leaf tissue, with only the leaf rachis, veins, and petiole remaining. The trees do not re-foliate during the current growing season, and bud development for the subsequent year continues. New leaf, flower, and twig growth the following spring appears normal and is a testament to the vigor of this genus.

The geographic spread observed of chewing larval damage from initial trees where I saw defoliation in 2015 to 2017, to new infestation, is in excess of two kilometres. It is possible that the moths could also be distributed by winds to new locations where *Sorbus* is growing, or that overwintering pupae are transported to new locations in soil being moved for landscaping purposes.

The larvae emerge in June and immediately begin to eat, being hatched right at the food source. Mature pupae are bright yellow with four longitudinal rows of black spots on each side and two broken rows down the middle of the back. Larvae measure approximately 18 mm in length in the final instar, and usually hatch in one generation per year, feeding between June and August. A second generation is possible, feeding between late July to August, and that may be the case this year. All larvae had gone to pupation by mid-July this summer in my observations, with only leaf skeletons remaining on the trees.

I have seen almost entire defoliation of younger trees now for three consecutive growing seasons. The fruit is left untouched and matures normally, to be eaten by birds late in fall. A mature specimen at the entrance to the Museum of Anthropology, University of British Columbia, has been defoliated for the third year, predominately in the lower 2/3 of the crown, is setting fruit for this season, and also has several mosses and lichens now populating the lower twigs and branches. Shade and senescence are also likely factors in this tree’s overall decline (see photo).

Mountain Ash berries, particularly varieties such as “Pink Pagoda,” are attractive as a landscape feature, an important food source for migrating and resident songbirds; while the immature fruit is not affected by the chewing insect pest, overall habitat value of the host trees may be affected by continued years of defoliation. Trees with uneven or patches of missing vegetation may be removed for aesthetic reasons. Sanitation (removing fallen leaf litter, cleaning the site and replacing with clean compost or mulch) does not seem to eliminate the overwintering cocoons sufficiently. The winter of 2016-17 was cold with unusually heavy snowfall, and seems to have favoured survival of the buried cocoons.

If you notice a Mountain Ash tree in a landscape that you care for looking unusually open, especially in the lower canopy, Mountain Ash Sawfly is the likely culprit.

As an end note, I would like to express sincere thanks to Susan Munro for her outstanding work as Editor of the PNW-ISA newsletter for over thirty years. Susan has welcomed several of my articles, on Lyme Disease and now a new chewing insect pest in the Pacific Northwest, and I appreciate her continued interest and ongoing dedication to education and the Pacific Northwest Chapter, ISA. Thank you, Susan!

By Bill Granger, Vancouver, BC.

Bill is retired Manager, Parks and Environmental Services, and has been working in 2017 with Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver. He is Past President of ISA, Canada Chapter.

Photo credit: Melissa McClave-Brule.
Update from The TREE Fund

Tour des Trees – 25-year Silver Anniversary

IT ALL BEGAN IN 1992, IN THE PACIFIC Northwest Chapter, when 13 hardy souls decided they could raise money for trees by riding their bicycles from Seattle to San Francisco in eleven days. The inaugural ride was 1,050 miles. The riders averaged over 100 miles a day with the longest day being 144 miles. The first Tour des Trees exceeded their goal of $60K by raising nearly $100K. Twenty-five years later the Tour is still going strong. This year’s riders traveled a mere 578 miles in seven days and raised over $300K for tree research and education. In 25 years the Tour des Trees has raised more than $3 million dollars and riders have pedaled nearly 15 thousand miles, all in the name of tree research and education. Not too bad for a bunch of tree hugging cyclists!

Three of the original 1992 riders – Jim Clark, Ward Peterson, and Phil Svoboda – were able to join this year’s Tour around the Washington, DC area. Other original riders attended the conference and were introduced during the TREE Fund’s After Hours event. Many of the original Tour riders have ties to the Pacific Northwest and actively participate in tree research and education.

The 2017 tour ended Saturday, August 5, 2017. Here is what Phil Svoboda had to say: “I have been hard-pressed to gather my thoughts about the magnificent experience of riding over 550 miles during the week. As I noted to my friend, Jim Clark, 25 years ago on the first Tour, the hardest part of the Tour is ending it and saying farewell to new friends and to a wonderful experience that is as close to paradise for me that I can imagine.”

A Blast From the Past – The 1992 Tour des Trees Riders.

you can still donate to the 2017 Stihl Tour des Trees at https://secure.qgiv.com/for/?key=treefund.

By Wendy Robinson, PNW TREE Fund Liaison.

PS ~ Click here to read an article about the first Tour des Trees published in the October 1992 issue of Arborist News.

Thanks to Phil Svoboda for submitting the photos.
The Pacific Northwest Chapter is pleased to announce the 2018 ArborMaster Climbing Kit Prize Package for the winners of the Chapter’s annual Tree Climbing Championship (TCC), which will be held September 23-24 at Woodland Park in Seattle, WA.

This climbing kit will be presented to both the men’s and women’s champion and is intended to help equip them for competing as PNW’s representatives at the 2018 International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC).

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ANSI Pruning Standard Updated

The first ANSI Standard for tree care was developed in 1991. Since then our industry has developed eleven different standards in regard to tree care. In July, updates to both the Pruning (A300 Part 1) and the Tree Risk Assessment (A300 Part 9) standards were released.

There are several very significant changes to the Pruning standard. Removed from the standard was clause 6.1.4 “Not more than 25 percent of the foliage should be removed within an annual growing season…” Yes, you heard that right. No more will we be following the ambiguous 25% rule. But wait, there’s more. The Methods, or Types, of pruning have been eliminated. Crown raising, thinning, cleaning, reducing, etc. are no longer defined terms within the standard. These have been removed in favor of a “Systems” approach to pruning, or as the new revision states: “A pruning system should be specified to achieve the desired long-term form of the plant.”

The whole thrust of the most recent revision to the pruning standard has been to focus tree pruning towards an objective-based approach. A well-developed specification for pruning will address the system of pruning, the location of the tree, the objective of pruning, the amount and size of cuts needed to reach the objective, disposal of material, and a time frame for completion of the work. Also included in the revision is specific mention of pruning for increased habitat as an objective of tree care.

Hopefully, you are already familiar with the ANSI A300 and the accompanying Best Management Practices publications. These publications are available through the ISA and many other industry organizations. You should have a copy of any of the eleven A300 documents that pertain to your area of practice. By understanding and following them you’ll help to raise the level of professionalism within the tree care industry.

The Eleven Tree Care Standards:

- Pruning
- Soil Management
- Supplemental Support Systems
- Lightning Protection Systems
- Management of Trees and Shrub During Site Planning, Site Development, and Construction
- Planting and Transplanting
- Integrated Vegetation Management
- Root Management
- Tree Risk Assessment
- Integrated Pest Management
- Safety (Z133)

The next A300 revision will cover Part 2: Soil Management (in public review until September 25, 2017). This will be followed by a revision of Part 5: Management of Trees and Shrubs During Site Planning, Site Development, and Construction, Part 6: Planting and Transplanting, and Part 7: Integrated Vegetation Management.

By Zeb Haney, Federal Way, WA. Zeb is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, Registered Consulting Arborist, and member of the ASCA A300 committee.
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In place of a tree profile this quarter, I’ve compiled an update of what we have observed about the performance of different species. Over 60 trees have been reviewed here and we have learned a lot of helpful information for tree selection and management. Remember, these are my observations, limited to these specific trees grown in western Washington. Your conditions and results may vary. Consider:

- **Autumn Blaze® maple, Acer x freemanii ‘Jeffersred’** – This is still a great large tree for red fall color but laterals must be suppressed early in youth or they will overtake the leader. Bark inclusions can develop and create high risk of failure in structure. Be proactive!

- **Crimson Sentry maple, Acer platanoides ‘Crimson Sentry’** – This small purple-leaved tree is a powdery mildew magnet, potentially extensive enough to kill the tree. Better move on.

- **Jacquemontii birch, Betula jacquemontii** – Bronze birch borer is devastating the white birches in the area. River birch and paper birch cultivars are said to be insect resistant. However, arborists on the east coast said they were attacking these also. Time will tell. Beware.

- **Tupelo cultivars, Nyssa sylvatica cvs.**
  - Cultivars of *Nyssa sylvatica* were supposed to remove the variability in form so prevalent in seedling grown trees. Recent observations found that one cultivar, ‘Wildfire,’ will occasionally lose the trait of a single dominant leader they were selected for. However, *Nyssa* is still one of the best street trees for our area in my opinion, and the other cultivars offer some great options.

- **Royal Raindrops® flowering crabapple, Malus ‘JFS-KW5’ PP14375**
  - At least north of Seattle this tree defoliates from the apple scab diseases it is supposedly resistant to. I would love to hear of better experiences with this tree because when healthy, Royal Raindrops® can be a beautiful tree.

- **Flowering pear, Pyrus calleryana ‘Cleveland Select’, synonym Chanticlear® P.c. ‘Glen’s Form’**
  - Once considered the perfect city tree and Tree of the Year by the Society of Municipal Arborists, some cultivars of flowering pears are losing favor as they mature. Maintaining a central leader will delay structural issues but powdery mildew can be a real nuisance.

- **Elm, Ulmus spp.** – Only disease resistant varieties should be grown and there are many. Most are excellent with one word of caution. Regular pruning in youth and early structural training is very important. Once established, elms will grow literally like weeds. Corrective and suppression pruning must be applied at appropriate intervals to keep the tree in check and to produce balanced and appropriate canopy development.

- **Lindens, Tilia cordata and T. americana** – Anyone managing a *Tilia* tree population has likely heard the wrath of a neighborhood about dripping honeydew, a product of a very active aphid population. Environmental runoff regulations are limiting even biological controls. Best to consider the silver linden, *Tilia tomentosa*, the linden with the very pubescent leaf that resists aphid populations.

- **Autumn Brilliance® serviceberry, Amelanchier x grandiflora ‘Autumn Brilliance’** – Maybe it’s the catchy name that makes these extremely popular trees, but I wonder why, given that these and other Amelanchiers are so susceptible to rust and powdery mildew. Let’s try something different.

As always, I appreciate hearing from others about their experiences so that we can learn from each other.

By Jim Barborinas & Christina Pfeiffer, Urban Forest Nursery, Inc. & Urban Forestry Services, Inc., Mt. Vernon, WA.
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ATC PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The PNW-ISA Conference committee is working hard to create the 2017 ATC in Lynnwood, WA. Each day of the conference is filled with events that are both engaging and educational.

Saturday, September 23
PNW-ISA Chapter Tree Climbing Championship

Come watch true tree care professionals at their best or register as a competitor to show your colleagues what you can do. Stick around for the evening awards and networking social after the preliminaries. Be sure to catch the Masters’ Challenge on Sunday morning as well.

Sunday, September 24
Pre-Conference Tree Academies

This year, we are offering three concurrent Tree Academies on the Sunday before the conference. Your choices include:

- **Diagnosing Tree Pathology**, presented by Sharon Collman, Amy Kroll Ramsay and Glenn Kohler
- **Trees and the US Law**, presented by Jim Flott and Thomas Miller
- **Urban Street Tree Plantings**, presented by Jim Barborinas and Martin Hanni

In the evening, come up to Urban Forest Nursery for the Arborist Rendezvous BBQ. A separate ticket is needed to attend. Watch for tickets soon.

Monday, September 25
Field Day

Enjoy the fresh air in Lynndale Park as you learn from our expert speakers. We have an array of topics for beginners and seasoned hands alike. Throughout the day, you can attend sessions on soils, pull testing, SRT, and throwline techniques, vegetation management, structural pruning, visual tree assessment, and more.

Monday evening’s Welcome Reception will include a chance to check out our exhibitors for this year at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Light appetizers will be available along with a cash bar.

Tuesday, September 26
Indoor Presentations

This portion of the conference will be held at the Lynnwood Convention Center. The morning will begin with a complimentary continental breakfast, a warm welcome from PNW-ISA Board President Lance Davisson, and the first keynote address, “Managing Mature Trees in a Changing Environment,” delivered by Dr. James Clark.

The rest of the day’s programming is split into specialized tracks: Tree Science, Trees in Built Environment, Tree Management, and Trees & Habitats. Arborists from every discipline – climbing, commercial, municipal, and utility – will find something of value.

Lunch will include the ISA Report and the annual awards presentation for Arborist, Tree Worker, and Volunteer of the Year. Directly after lunch, Dr. Kathy Wolf will give a second keynote presentation entitled “Trees and the Livable City: From Sanitary to Sustainable.”

In the evening, join us for another reception with the exhibitors.

Wednesday, September 27
Plenary Sessions

The day will begin with a complimentary continental breakfast, followed by the Chapter’s Annual General Meeting. Then our final keynote, “Witness Tree: Seasons of Change with a Century-Old Oak,” will be given by Lynda Mapes. Finish the day with a panel sharing “Lessons from Experience: Stories of Challenging Tree Cases.”

The conference will end at noon.

More details on the program and schedule, as well as information on registration, volunteer sign-up, sponsor and exhibit opportunities, and hotels are available at [https://pnwisa.org/classes-events/annual-training-conference/schedule/](https://pnwisa.org/classes-events/annual-training-conference/schedule/).

TREE RISK ASSESSMENT QUALIFICATION (TRAQ) SCHEDULE

- November 1-3, Seattle, WA
- November 28-30, Surrey, BC
- December 6-8, Oregon City, OR
- January 10-12, Surrey, BC
- February 5-7, Seattle, WA
- March 7-9, Surrey, BC
- March 26-28, Oregon City, OR

For updates on all PNW course offerings, or to register, please visit [https://pnwisa.org/events/category/courses-and-workshops/](https://pnwisa.org/events/category/courses-and-workshops/).
NEVER STOP GROWING. Just like a majestic oak emerging from a humble acorn, perfecting your business doesn’t happen overnight. It takes time, care, attention to detail, and resiliency. We should know. We’ve been perfecting ours for the last 60 years. We’ve changed a lot during that time, developing new and innovative chemistries and application technologies. But what’s come before is only a glimpse of what’s to come in the future. Thank you for being a part of that journey. Here’s to the next 60 years.
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THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2017 Portland Regional Tree Climbing Competition, held at Laurelhurst Park in June:

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Further thanks to Bartlett Tree Experts who, in addition to their cash sponsorship, also provided a crew to help get the trees set up for the competition.

And a huge shout-out and grateful thank you to the Urban Forestry Division of the City of Portland Parks and Recreation Department for securing the park permit at no cost, pruning the trees to prepare for the competition, and organizing and providing post clean-up of the park. The Urban Forestry Division also provided the bucket truck and operator for the kids bucket rides to help secure future arborists for our industry.

NATIONAL TREE CHECK MONTH

AS PART OF NATIONAL TREE CHECK MONTH IN AUGUST, the Washington Invasive Species Council and a consortium of agencies and universities asked residents to check trees in their yards for harmful bugs. August is the peak time of year to find invasive bugs like citrus longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer, and other aggressive wood-boring insects. Trees in the urban forest are as susceptible as trees in rural and wild forests, sometimes even more so due to the stresses of urban life.


Submitted by Micki McNaughton, Washington Dept. of National Resources, Olympia, WA.

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**NEWS from ISA**

**HERE’S TO THE 2017 ISA TRUE PROFESSIONALS OF ARBORICULTURE!**

The 2017 ISA True Professionals of Arboriculture were honored during the President’s Welcome at the ISA conference on July 31. This program recognizes ISA members and credential holders who demonstrate sustained dedication and skill in reaching out to their communities, clients, colleagues, and employees to provide training and education about tree care and the benefits of trees.

Three of the 2017 honorees are from the PNW Chapter! Congratulations to:

**Scott Altenhoff** ~ Scott is the urban forestry management analyst for the City of Eugene, OR, in the Parks and Open Space Division. He is an accomplished climber and has played a major role in developing and teaching safe SRT climbing to many arborists in the region.

**Jim Barborinas** ~ Jim and his wife, Annie, are co-owners of Urban Forestry Service, Inc. and Urban Forest Nursery, Inc. in Mount Vernon, WA. Jim serves on the TREE Fund Board. He and Annie established the Barborinas Fund, a TREE Fund Endowment, to fund research focused on tree planting and the improvement of tree varieties for nurseries.

**Terrence P. Flanagan** ~ Terry is owner of Teragan and Associates, Inc. in Lake Oswego, OR. He is an active ISA volunteer and served as the 2013-14 ISA Board President. Terry assisted in the development of a new arboriculture degree program at Clackamas Community College and chaired the panel of experts who created the ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification program.

**HONORING THE 2017 ISA AWARDS OF DISTINCTION RECIPIENTS**

The ISA Awards of Distinction, sponsored by Bartlett Tree Experts, are the highest honors bestowed by ISA in nine award categories that recognize ISA members for arboricultural education and research, contributions to practical arboriculture, publications, promotion of the profession, and advancement of ISA’s mission.

This year’s nine award recipients were recognized at the Arboriculture Celebration that opened the 2017 ISA Conference in Washington, DC:

- **Award of Merit**
  
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- **Alex L. Shigo Award for Excellence in Arboricultural Education**
  
  Zhu H. Ning, Ph.D.

- **Award of Achievement**
  
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- **Millard F. Blair Award for Exceptional Contribution to Practical Arboriculture**
  
  de Gouret Litchfield

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- **Honorary ISA Membership**
  
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Details on the awards and recipients can be found at https://tinyurl.com/yd971ls4.

**YOUR 2017-18 ISA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

During the 2017 ISA Annual International Conference and Trade Show, 2016-17 ISA Board President Michelle Mitchell passed the gavel to Paul Ries, who will serve as your President for 2017-18. The Board also honored outgoing Board member John Gathright and welcomed two new members, Russ Carlson and Cecil Konijnendijk. Take a moment to become acquainted with your 2017-18 ISA Board of Directors here: http://www.isa-arbor.com/about/bod/directory.aspx.

Excerpts from ISA Today, August, 2017.
As I write what is possibly my last Certification Corner as the Certification Director for the PNW Chapter, I find myself struggling to understand motivation between the young, new, arborist and the seasoned, highly skilled arborist. Recognition of the value of the Certified Arborist and/or any of the Certifications or Qualifications offered by the ISA seems to becoming more and more common these days. The credential seems to be more valued by owners, managers, and those coming out of school into the working world. As the Local Manager for the Bartlett Tree Experts in Clackamas, OR, I find it easier to promote the credentials to a young motivated arborist out of college than the seasoned high-skilled arborist who learned the trade through sweat and on-the-job training.

Credentials do not make you a better arborist. It is my opinion that the credential communicates commitment to yourself, the industry, and your employer and/or manager. I spend time trying to motivate very highly skilled and experienced climbers to get credentials with little to no luck sometimes, even when we cover the cost and time for those employees committed to taking the time to study and sit for the exams. Credentials provide more opportunity for those with them than those without. Every credential has a value; this can be monetary, increased opportunity for advancement, and just personal career growth.

To everyone in the field of arboriculture, take the time when given opportunity to get the credentials – it makes you more valuable as an employee.

By Lyle Feilmeier, Certification Director.
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I Took My Arborist Exam in 2006 at the Redmond Annual Training Conference. I was a student at the UW, a new mom, and working for one of our well-known consultants whose first of many important lessons for me was to “get involved, I would never regret it.” I volunteered for the Redmond ATC that same weekend and I do not regret it one bit.

Currently, I serve as an unorganized mediocre Secretary for the Board. It was a position that needed filling, so I raised my hand to help out. I am also coordinating the Field Day for the ATC in Lynnwood this fall. In the past I have volunteered for the ATC and the International conference.

I was fortunate enough to go to school and focus my studies in forest ecology. After working as a seasonal for the Forest Service and a field research scientist for the University of Washington, I went back to school for a master’s degree in urban horticulture. For nearly 10 years now I have worked government positions as a vegetation manager and restoration ecologist. In every department I worked I was the only certified arborist on staff and my skill set was well used.

Now I work for the City of Everett Parks and Rec department as their Urban Forester. This position was a new position to the city so the process has started from the beginning. I teach colleagues and citizens the importance of trees as green infrastructure. I work with teams on development and management plans, and tree policy updates. I manage a great – also new to the city – arborist crew who not only work in the trees, they are becoming experts in noxious weed management, slope stabilization, and habitat restoration techniques. We partner with Forterra and community volunteers in the Green Everett Partnership to improve the health of our forest parcels. We partner with WA State DNR for Tree City USA grants including WCC crew assistance for projects and a partial funding of our new landscape tree inventory. None of the work I do is ground-breaking in our region, but it is for our city, which makes it a great challenge with many rewards.

I live in Edmonds, WA. I am involved in the habitat restoration community as a board member and volunteer for a nonprofit organization – Sound Salmon Solutions. I enjoy bike touring and trekking through alpine environments, knitting, baking, and making soap. My spouse of nearly 20 years and my early teenage boy keep me busy and have introduced me to new loves as they follow their hearts and passions as well. Baseball, saltwater fishing, and jazz clubs/concerts are some of the new life adventures I may never have known or appreciated if it were not for family.

Just through the last decade I have seen change in ISA volunteers and management from folks who I consider my mentors to those who are my colleagues. Now there are generations below me just starting out in the industry. In my head I am still that 20-something college student eager to learn more and I often forget that the experiences and knowledge I have gained are worth sharing with others in the industry.

In order to keep this organization running in the quality manner I have perceived it to be in the past, in order to attract a diverse group of tree industry professionals, and to keep our region top notch when it comes to innovation, safety, and research, I do know that I am one of many individuals who need to step in to help steer the PNW-ISA into the future. It will not happen by itself and no single individual is perfect in all skill sets to make it happen on their own. Though Secretary is probably not the best fit for my insanely disorganized clerical skills, I do want to stay involved with the Board and help where my skills can be of the best use. Just this year I have expanded my network of awesome tree people. I look forward to meeting more in September at the ATC.
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