PNW-ISA put on another fine Annual Training Conference in 2017 in Lynnwood, WA!

Right: Congrats to our TCC Champions (L to R) ~ Robert Bundy 2nd; Dan Kraus 1st; Anita Dilles 1st; Dan Chamberlain 4th; Dan Holliday 3rd; Kali Alcorn 2nd.

Below: Scenes from the Field Day and Exhibit Hall.

All photos courtesy of Roger Barnett.

COMING EVENTS

January 16
PNW Women in Arboriculture Winter Meeting. Mountlake Terrace Public Library, Mountlake Terrace, WA. Contact Justina Kraus at justina.champtreecare@gmail.com.

January 17-19

January 19-20

January 25-28
Tacoma Home & Garden Show. Tacoma Dome, Tacoma, WA. Contact http://www.otshows.com/shows/ths/.

February 4-8

February 7-11

February 21-23

February 22-25

April 23-26

June 1-3

Visit http://pnwisa.org for information about upcoming educational programs offered by PNW-ISA.

Congratulations to our 2017 Chapter Award Winners:

Volunteer of the Year: Bess Bronstein

Tree Worker of the Year: Katy Bigelow

Arborist of the Year: Roger Barnett

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Well, this is most definitely a bittersweet moment for me … my last “From the Editor” column for the Pacific Northwest Trees newsletter! After 33 years at the helm of this publication, it’s going to seem mighty strange not to have those quarterly deadlines looming on the horizon. But on the other hand, I keep reminding myself about all the free time I’m going to have! I see more music and more travel in my future.

As you know, the Board has been recruiting for a new Editor since the summer, and while we don’t have anything to share on this front yet, stay tuned to the Chapter Update emails … we’ll keep you posted as soon as there’s any news to share. And of course, I’ll work with Patty and the new Editor to ensure that there’s a smooth transition to whatever the new format will be.

Now of course, I can’t leave without a few words of reminiscence and thanks, so beg your indulgence as I take a look back …

Since my election in 1984:

- I have served on the Board with a total of 85 dedicated Chapter members!
- I have produced 133 issues of the newsletter!
- I have hounded 18 different Chapter Presidents for their quarterly Message to members! And they all produced one, every single time.

And on that note, thank you to everyone who has contributed an article, a photograph, or sent a letter to the Editor when I/we got something wrong! Although I put things together, this wasn’t a one-person show, and a few individuals have gone above and beyond in their support of the newsletter. I want to especially acknowledge:

- Our Executive Directors (first Paul Ries, and then Patty Williams) for writing their quarterly columns without complaint, and being wonderful sounding boards whenever I had questions.
- Julian Dunster, for providing countless book reviews, and for always fixing up the photos for me so they reproduced well when we had a printed newsletter.
- And finally, Jim Barbordinas, who not only contributed a total of 67 articles for the PNW Tree Profile since we started the feature in 2000, but was the instigator of the change to a more professional look for the newsletter back in 1996.

I could go on and on, but space is limited, so I’ll stop now. Please know that I appreciate everything that everyone has contributed to make the newsletter a success. And also know that I’m really not going anywhere … I’m still a Chapter member and fully intend to make it to the Annual Training Conferences. So I look forward to seeing you here in Vancouver next fall!

Take care till then, and best wishes for a joyous holiday season!

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.
IN THE SPIRIT OF THE holiday season and building from the theme of our recent Annual Training Conference (ATC) in Lynnwood, WA, I would like to dedicate this message to thanking key members of our organization who are critical to our success in adapting to change.

First, thank you to our staff and volunteers for a great ATC in Lynnwood this past September! With over 400 members in attendance, your top-notch program was successful at engaging us in another great learning and networking event. You should all be very proud of what you accomplished.

Many thanks to our staff team of Patty, Dana, Melissa, and Ciara for continuing to grow our organization and education program to serve member needs. This growth is critical to feed our members’ thirst for high quality education and improved care of trees. In the theme of adapting to change, I would like to thank Ciara for her excellent service to our Chapter as Education Program Coordinator as she moves on to a new and exciting career opportunity; Ciara’s service and positive attitude have been critical to our success this past year. As Ciara moves on, we welcome Margo Thorp who will join our staff team later this year. Margo will be a great addition to our team and help build from the foundation that Ciara has built in her position.

Thank you to our Chapter leadership for your dedication in volunteer service. With the close of 2017, we say goodbye to long-standing members: Susan Munro, Editor; Wendy Robinson, TREE Fund Liaison; Lyle Fellmeier, Certification Director; and Katie Lompa, Member Services Director. You have all been key to our Chapter’s growth and evolution for many years and we thank you for leaving us with a solid foundation from which to grow. In addition to retaining several key Directors on our Board, we also welcome: Evan Sussman, TREE Fund Liaison; Ashley Adams, Certification Director; and Anna Heckman, Member Services Director.

Happy Holidays and take care,

Lance Davisson
President

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

IUFC 2018 Scheduled for Vancouver, BC

The International Urban Forestry Congress (IUFC), with the theme ‘The Urban Forest – Diverse in Nature,’ will be held in Vancouver, BC from September 30 to October 3, 2018.

The objective of the Congress is to bring together professionals, researchers, and educators in urban forestry, arboriculture, landscape architecture, urban planning, and related fields to share experiences and information about aspects of diverse urban forests for diverse urban communities.

There will be three separate conferences brought together as one to form a unique Congress:

- Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC)
- PNW-ISA Annual Training Conference
- Urban Tree Diversity Conference (UTD)

This four-day Congress will bring together leading experts from across the globe and will allow for dialogue between professionals and community groups on innovative strategies, policies, technologies, research, and best management practices.

The goal is to provide a forum for practicing arborists and urban foresters, green space planners and designers, policy makers, researchers, and educators to share their unique insights into arboriculture and urban forestry.

The power of diversity in urban forestry will be explored – diversity of trees and forests, diversity of people and communities, and diversities of management practices. By learning from one another’s knowledge and experiences, we will all be better able to shape the world’s urban forests. The event will highlight excellent international presenters, as well as talented experts from the Pacific Northwest.

So save the dates now, plan to attend IUFC 2018, and stay tuned for regular updates on this exciting event! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nadia Chan at nchan@pnwisa.org.

The Call for Abstracts is now open – for more information, please visit the Congress website at http://iufcvancouver2018.com.
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DESK

WHAT DO YOU DO?

This question made for some interesting conversation at the PNW-ISA Field Day in Lynndale Park, September 25, 2017.

One of our speakers shared a story about a friend who manages a national park. When a wildfire in the park was deemed too dangerous for visitors, this person was responsible for deciding to close the area. When the closure made national news, the manager’s mother called from afar to alert her daughter to the wildfire danger as well as the park closure.

The manager/daughter replied that she was the one responsible for the closure decision. The phone call dialog went back and forth several times with the mother expressing concern about the daughter’s safety and the daughter trying to clarify the situation and diffuse the worry.

Whether one might chalk up the confusion to an overly-worried mother, the daughter could not convince her mother that she was indeed in charge of the situation. Her mother clearly did not understand what she did for a living.

For me, the Lynnwood conference showcased this confusion – this What Do You Do? conversation – several times. Kathy Wolf presented slide after slide on the impact of trees on our health, psyche, business community, crime rates, air quality, soil structure, and more.

Lynda Mapes recalled a defining moment when she found one tree to call her own. The best day of her life was spent sitting in a tree boat high above the forest floor. She shared explicitly what was happening to trees from her research at the Harvard Forest over the course of one full year. She left no argument about the impact of trees on our everyday world.


Let us all find ways to foster a greater appreciation of trees and promote the professional practice of arboriculture. The world may just well depend on it.

Patty Williams  
Executive Director

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Cory Anderson, Corvallis, OR  
Lance Anderson, Temecula, CA  
Blake Backlund, Springfield, OR  
Todd Beals, Boylston, MA  
Shawn Bennett, Hayden, ID  
Aaron Boley, Winthrop, WA  
Courtney Bornsworth, Port Angeles, WA  
Shenae Borschneck, Burnaby, BC  
Brian Brady, Portland, OR  
Eric Brockmeyer, Portland, OR  
William Byl, Anchorage, AK  
Joseph Callaghan, Seattle, WA  
Alexander Chararin, West Vancouver, BC  
Anne-Marie Chrisman, Beaverton, OR  
Sharon Collman, Mountlake Terrace, WA  
Cleveland Cooper, Portland, OR  
Dillon Corson, Algona, WA  
Galadrie, Day, Shoreline, WA  
Devon Dunkle, Gaston, OR  
Andy Dwyer, Bend, OR  
Marcia Fischer, Seattle, WA  
Karsten Foerster, Shoreline, WA  
Gail Fullerton, Brier, WA  
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Morgan Hall, Vancouver, BC  
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Nathan Larsen, Seattle, WA  
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Lincoln Manahan, Lynnwood, WA  
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Levecke Mas, Seattle, WA  
Andrew Beach Maze, Damascus, OR  
Heather McIntosh, Black Diamond, WA  
Samuel Neukom, East Wenatchee, WA  
Dwayne Neustaeter, Vancouver, BC  
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Eric Racine, Edmonton, AB  
James Rice, Bellingham, WA  
Amber Shaffer, Everett, WA  
Cory Shields, Jefferson, OR  
Ira Sutherland, Vancouver, BC  
Gwynifyre Taylor, Port Moody, BC  
Elisabeth Thiel, Surrey, BC  
Gavin Thompson, Creswell, OR  
Shelley Towers, Snohomish, WA  
Megan Van de Mark, Portland, OR  
Rob van der Laan, Nelson, BC  
Pieter Van Remoortere, Seattle, WA  
William Vassilakis, Seattle, WA  
German Velasco, Irwindale, CA  
David Williams, Olympia, WA
I. Welcome / Open Meeting
President Lance Davisson called the meeting to order at 7:31 AM and welcomed members in attendance.

II. Introduction of Current Board Members
Davisson introduced Officers, Program Directors, and members of the Advisory Committee.

III. Annual Report
President Davisson updated members on the Chapter’s strategic plan, and reviewed current changes in membership, financials, education program, and the 2018 Key Performance Indicator goals.

IV. Officer Reports
A. Motion to approve the 2016 Annual General meeting minutes – motion Terry Flanagan; second Phil Graham; motion carried

   Motion to approve the FY17 Financial Statements and FY18 Strategic Budget – motion Jim Barborinas; second Terry Flanagan; motion carried

V. Executive Director’s Report
Executive Director Patty Williams discussed member engagement and satisfaction.

VI. ISA Update
No update provided due to ISA Representative Matt Stine’s absence.

VII. Member Questions and Comments
Founding Member Bob Mazany asked for a few minutes to address the audience. He noted that he will turn 90 next year, and had been working in arboriculture for over 70 years. He presented a brief historical look at the Chapter, and his take-home message was: “Love Trees, Love Each Other.”

VIII. Program Director Elections
Ballots were circulated to Chapter members in attendance. Candidates Ashley Adams, Nadia Chan, Kurt Fickeisen, Anna Heckman, Micki McNaughton, and Charles Ray spoke briefly. There were no nominations from the floor.

Note: Votes were tallied and announced at the closing of the conference: Board members Nadia Chan, Micki McNaughton, and Charles Ray were reelected; new members elected were Ashley Adams and Anna Heckman.

IX. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 AM.

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**Congratulations to our 2017 Tree Climbing Champions!**

Women’s Champion: 
Anita Dilles, Portland, OR

Men’s Champion: 
Dan Kraus, Everett, WA

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**When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.**

~ John Muir
Update from The TREE Fund

PNW-ISA HOLDS SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISERS AT THE ATC!

THANKS TO OUR AUCTION DONORS and to all of our generous bidders for making the silent auction at the ATC in Lynnwood such a great success. Donated items ranged from climbing equipment to jewelry to books to a weekend at a beach house in Anacortes, Washington. There was truly something to appeal to everyone!

When the final bids were tallied, the auction raised a total of $2,171!

Sales of bandanas for the Heads or Tails game brought in a whopping $2,250, thanks in large part to two amazingly generous supporters who together contributed $750 of the total! $1,500 was donated to the TREE Fund’s General Endowment Fund, while the remaining $750 was allocated to the Barborinas Fund.

And finally ... congratulations to Kurt Fickeisen, who was the last person standing in a rousing edition of the Heads or Tails game. He was the lucky winner of the $500 cash prize donated by Davey Tree!

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Excerpted from ISA Today, November 2017.

THE TREE AND SOIL RESEARCH FUND (TSRF) has been established to support research of interest to landscape architecture and related communities to empower meaningful research on trees and soil in the designed environment, with special focus in the area of trees and soils. This new fund will begin issuing annual grants of at least $25,000 per year in perpetuity after the new fund reaches $500,000.

THANKS TO OUR 2017 AUCTION DONORS!

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Tree Appraisal Qualification - Apr. 4 - 5
Tree Climbing, Fall Protection & Work Positioning - Apr. 23 & 24
Chainsaw Safety & Cutting Techniques - Apr. 25
Technical Tree Falling & Cutting - Apr. 26 & 27
Stationary Rope Technique - May 29 & 30
Emergency Readiness & High Angle Rescue - May 31 & June 1

Have Fun - Learn Faster - Retain More
The tree risk assessment standard was updated this last summer. The standard is correctly referenced as “ANSI A300 (Part 9)-2017 Tree Risk Assessment a. Tree Failure.” Most of the changes in the update were simply in wording. This article will cover a few of the basic and important aspects of performing tree risk assessments.

The basic format of tree risk assessments are the different Levels of risk assessment. These are:

- **Level 1** – This is a limited visual assessment of an individual tree or population of trees. It can be performed as a “drive-by” assessment in the case of many trees or even as a limited assessment as might be performed during an estimating request.

- **Level 2** – The Level 2 assessment is a 360-degree visual evaluation of a tree where the crown, trunk, trunk flare, above-ground roots, and site conditions are evaluated in regard to targets. Under the TRAQ methodology, the Level 2 assessment is often carried out using the ISA Basic Tree Risk Assessment form.

- **Level 3** – This category would include any risk assessment that would exceed the Level 2 category including aerial assessments, decay detection through drilling or tomography, and root crown examinations.

In practical application, tree risk assessment has become a Qualification that can be obtained through the ISA. The TRAQ methodology has improved risk assessment by teaching assessors to follow a consistent format for examining a tree. If done properly, a qualified risk assessor will be able to evaluate trees objectively. For example, a qualified assessor will note the presence of both positive and negative conditions and/or growth patterns and match these with target assessment to give an accurate understanding of tree risk to their clients.

Perhaps the most important clause in the tree risk standard is 9.0 Implementation, where it states that specifications for tree risk assessment and mitigation should be provided by an arborist competent in tree risk assessment. The acceptance of the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification has helped clarify individuals who are competent at performing tree risk assessment.

Additionally, the TRAQ protocol includes defined terms for tree risk. The four terms under the risk category, Likelihood of Failure are Imminent, Probable, Possible, and Improbable. Many inexperienced assessors misunderstand this portion of risk assessment and classify trees as higher risk than their condition objectively merits. Imminent as defined in the TRAQ manual is an infrequent occurrence that would involve immediate risk mitigation to prevent damage to a nearby target. The vast majority of trees would usually fall into the middle categories of Possible or Probable Likelihood of Failure.

Trees with suspected decay or decay organisms present would usually be within these two categories.

I have been involved with only a handful of trees that had a Likelihood of Failure categorized as Imminent – usually following or during very large storms. I have also been involved in many cases where arborists labeled trees as high risk that were actually quite sound. By understanding the ANSI standard for risk assessment and implementing the protocols within as industry best management practices we can all help to raise the level of professionalism within the practice of arboriculture.

By Zeb Haney, Federal Way, WA. Zeb is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, Registered Consulting Arborist, and a member of the ASCA A300 committee.
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The swamp white oak, *Quercus bicolor*, is as tough a drought tolerant, wet soil tolerant, broadleaf work horse of an urban tree as you might ever see. It may not have some of the bright fall color characteristics of some of the other newer cultivars, but this Midwest native should be on your street tree and open space tree list. It has a broad and strong branch structure with the potential to become a relatively care-free urban tree. The swamp white oak can be susceptible to a number of potential diseases and insect pests, most of which are not too significant in the Pacific Northwest.

The leaves are alternate, simple, rounded to coarsely lobed with variable wavy margins. They are dark green above with silvery-white underside, sometimes so perfect, they almost look artificial. Surprisingly, new young leaves emerge with a spattering of red near the edges. In the fall, leaves turn golden or near orange.

Acorns are one inch long and enclosed halfway with a warty cap. The cap often remains attached to a stalk once the fruit is ripe and falls from the tree.

From our experience and others, this is one of the easier oaks to transplant, good to consider given that most oaks are just the opposite. And given its tolerance to a broad range of soil moisture conditions, the swamp white oak should also be considered for the increasingly popular rain gardens.

There are some great new cultivars and hybrids that are improvements over the straight species. Consider these when you search for better urban tree varieties.

- **American Dream®** (*Quercus bicolor* ‘JFS-KW12’): Good resistance to anthracnose and powdery mildew. This cultivar has a broadly pyramidal shape and dark green foliage changing to yellow brown in fall.

- **Related hybrids**
  - (between *Quercus bicolor* and *Quercus robur* ‘Fastigiata’)

- **Kindred Spirit® Ware’s Oak** (*Quercus x warei* ‘Nadler’): A columnar cultivar, growing 40 feet high by **only 6 feet wide**; red-orange fall color. Resistant to drought and powdery mildew.

- **Regal Prince® Ware’s Oak** (*Quercus x warei* ‘Long’): Narrow habit, 45 feet high and 20 to 25 feet wide. Excellent resistance to borers and powdery mildew. Sometimes has a bright yellow fall color.

As always, I would like to hear of your experience with this or other tree varieties to pass on to others.

By Jim Barborinas, Urban Forest Nursery, Inc. & Urban Forestry Services, Inc., Mt. Vernon, WA.
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Continuing Education Opportunities

**Basic Tree Appraisal**

January 22 – Oregon City, OR  
January 24 – Seattle, WA

**Instructors:**  
CEUs: 6 pending approval

Focusing on the CTLA Trunk Formula Method, this workshop gives an overview of the appraisal process and provides an opportunity to practice in the field. Participants will review common mistakes and refine their craft as appraising arborists.

The first portion of the course is a lecture that discusses the four primary components of the formula: trunk area, species rating, location rating, and condition rating. Next, the error associated with each component is identified, and recommendations are given for reducing error. A substantial portion of the lecture focuses on the proper placement of the measuring tape on trees with trunk abnormalities.

The second half of the course is a field application of the concepts discussed in the lecture. Participants will divide into groups and appraise several trees. The class will reconvene and discuss the results.

**Advanced Tree Appraisal: Anchoring Appraisals with Multiple Methods**

January 23 – Oregon City, OR  
January 25 – Seattle, WA

**Instructors:** Terry Flanagan & James Komen  
CEUs: 6 pending approval

Most appraisal training is focused on a very narrow slice of the world of tree appraisal: the Trunk Formula Method. This course explores the plethora of other methods that can be used by tree appraisers.

The course begins with an explanation of the concept of anchoring and how to evaluate the reliability, accuracy, and precision of data points. It then gives an overview of all three approaches to appraisal: cost, market, and income. It dives in and explores methods of appraising partial loss, diminution of market value, percentage contribution, and net present value. Next, participants have an opportunity to reconcile the many possible methods as they are applied to a given assignment.

The last third of the class is a series of case studies that give participants the opportunity to practice applying the methods discussed in class and to then choose and defend their own final appraisal conclusion.

**More PNW Classes for Your Calendar!**

**Trees and the Law (BC)**

January 9 – Surrey, BC

**Advanced Tree Risk Assessment: Principles and Practices**

February 7 – Eugene, OR  
March 6 – Surrey, BC  
April 11 – Anchorage, AK

**Tree Protection During Construction**

February 7 – Surrey, BC  
February 8 – Surrey, BC

**Documenting Evidence: Practical Guidance for Arborists**

February 8 – Oregon City, OR  
April 10 – Anchorage, AK

**Electrical Hazard Awareness Training**

February 16 – Vancouver, WA

**Creating Wildlife Habitat Trees**

February 28 – Surrey, BC  
March 1 – Surrey, BC  
March 2 – Seattle, WA

**Small Business Best Practices for Tree Care Companies**

March 2 – Oregon City, OR  
March 30 – Shoreline, WA

**Basic Tree Identification**

April 30 – Seattle, WA

**Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) Schedule**

January 10-12 – Surrey, BC

February 5-7 – Seattle, WA  
March 7-9 – Surrey, BC  
March 26-28 – Oregon City, OR  
April 16-18 – Seattle, WA

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PNW TREE FAILURE DATABASE

We are proud to announce the launch of the second largest tree failure reporting database in the world! It has been some time since the International Tree Failure Database was released, that a region as vast and diverse as the PNW has compiled data about tree failures. This is a collaboration of Chris Rippey (City of Seattle), Dylan Saito (City of Portland), and Jonathan Pywell (City of Corvallis). Just like raising a child, it takes a village. There are a handful of other arborists involved as data and program consultants, and hopefully more as we evolve and progress.

We have reached out to the PNW chapter of the ISA (Alaska, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia) to create a public library of tree failure. This information will be used to provide a better understanding of regional tree failure, effects of climate change, and safer working practices for field arborists. It is the second largest chapter in the world, and the only chapter with an international region.

We have worked to create a simple app with Survey 123 at arcgis.com.

It takes 30 seconds or less to complete the tree failure survey! The data will be downloaded every month and placed into a results profile page to show species, tree part, weather, location, and decay fungus (if any). We hope to make the database qualified to place it into the International database (species profiles). A website will soon follow, and currently we have created a social media presence to make it available to a larger audience (@PNWTreeFailureReportProgram on Facebook).

Please take a look when you have time, and if you pull it up on your mobile device, it will give you an opportunity to place the survey app on your device so you may report failures on the go! I have it on my own personal device currently. Thanks for reading, and here’s to the future of tree failure reporting!

PNW Tree Failure Reporting Database Link: https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/5634d7c1f4db4729880ab9dd3b2691de?open=menu.

By Dylan Saito, Portland, OR.

PNW SHOWS SOME SPIRIT!

At the North American Tree Climbing Championship in Salt Lake City this past October, one of our Chapter members was selected for the “Volunteer Spirit of the Competition” award … an award that is voted on by all the climbers.

Congratulations to Craig Bachmann of Seattle, WA, on this well-deserved recognition!

PNW STAFF TRANSITIONS: GOODBYE CIARA, WELCOME MARGO!

Ciara McCarthy is moving on from the Education Program Coordinator role with PNW-ISA. She was the first to serve in this role and brought a unique perspective to the position as a practicing arborist and PNW-ISA member. We appreciated her perspective, quick wit, and let’s get it done attitude.

We want to recognize Ciara for her notable contributions to PNW-ISA and the education program. We appreciate that Ciara took on special projects such as updating the education section of the website. Ciara also facilitated new partnerships and workshops in Oregon with the City of Eugene, City of Bend, Oregon State University, and Southern Oregon University.

Ciara’s next adventure will take her back into the arena of sustainability and environmental stewardship, where she will work as a technical associate to ensure that wood products meet the world’s most stringent environmental, ethical, and economic sourcing standards with Forest Stewardship Council, Chain of Custody certification. The role will involve working with and auditing forest management operations, right through the product chain including paper mills and furniture makers.

Welcome, Margo! Margo Thorp will join PNW-ISA in December as the new Education Program Coordinator. Margo will continue her part-time internship at the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden in Shoreline, WA. From 2011-2017 Margo coordinated education programs at the University of Washington. Margo has worked at UW Friday Harbor Labs and as a science educator.

Margo enjoys both coordinating education events and working with trees. For the past three years, she has been taking horticulture courses part-time at Edmonds Community College. She graduated from Western Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education (BAE) and received an Elementary Education Teaching Certificate (K-8) with an emphasis in General Science in Education.

ATC17 SURVEY WINNER

Congratulations to Sandra Pinto de Bader, of Seattle, WA, winner of a $100 credit towards a PNW class or book order. Her name was randomly drawn from 54 entries among those who completed the post-conference survey.

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2017 ISA ANNUAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

ON OCTOBER 2-5, ISA HOSTED ITS 28th Annual Leadership Workshop in Champaign, Illinois, home of ISA Headquarters. This event provides education, idea-sharing, and networking opportunities for the leaders of ISA chapters, associate organizations, professional affiliates, the ISA Board, and ISA staff with the goal of continuing to develop professionally to better serve our members and credential holders.


ISA’S “TEAM CANADA”

CANADIAN INDUSTRY LEADERS, from the Pacific to the Atlantic, met on several occasions during the ISA Leadership meetings to discuss a variety of national issues in arboriculture, including training, certification, and community engagement.

PNW-ISA’s Executive Director, Patty Williams, participated in these meetings, and looks forward to continuing to represent us at the Team Canada table.

With our Chapter hosting the International Congress in Vancouver next fall, forging strong relationships with our counterparts across Canada, as well as ISA as a whole, will be more important than ever.

ISA’s “Team Canada”:

Back row (L to R): Matt Heder – volunteer and member, ISA Atlantic Chapter; Natalie Vézina – Coordinator, SIAQ-Québec; Rebecca Lord – Executive Director, ISA Ontario; Codie Anderson – Director, Alberta region, ISA Prairie Chapter; Mike Watson – President, ISA Ontario; John Stewart – President-Elect 2018, ISA Ontario

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PNW-ISA Announces a New Online Tool for ISA CEU Approvals

The process to assign Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) for an event starts with your local Chapter, the Pacific Northwest ISA. PNW-ISA uses external reviewers to approve applicable CEUs using the domains of the ISA Certification exam. The CEU code [example, PN-17-000] is then assigned by ISA. In addition to the CEUs assigned specifically for PNW-ISA classes and workshops, nearly 1,200 total CEUs were approved last year for our various partners and allied professions. That equates to almost 200 full-day classes in one year.

The number continues to grow as well. In late October, PNW-ISA launched a new online submission form to better handle requests for CEU approvals. If you plan to coordinate an event with CEUs, you can help ensure the process is seamless and timely for your event. To approve CEUs, actual seat time for a class is essential.

Specific information needed includes:
- Event title and description
- Agenda with break and lunch times noted
- Event date, start time, and end time
- Event location
- Speaker/instructor bios
- Full contact information for the event coordinator

The new online fillable form helps make the process easier. Be prepared to upload a copy of your event agenda and/or program description. Reviewers use this more detailed information to approve CEUs across the exam domains and specializations (Board Certified Master Arborist, Certified Arborist, Certified Tree Worker, Aerial Lift Specialist, Municipal Specialist, and Utility Specialist).

Incomplete agendas or descriptions delay the approval process.

To see the new online form, visit: https://pnwisa.org/classes-events/isa-ceu-review-process/.

You are always welcome to call the PNW-ISA office to get more information or clarify the instructions. Thank you for helping ensure that ISA Certified Arborists all across the Pacific Northwest have ample opportunities to learn and earn ISA CEUs.

Maintaining Certification
All ISA Certifications are valid for three years. To maintain your certification, you must earn a minimum number of ISA Continuing Education Units (CEUs) by the end of the three-year period and pay a recertification fee. Or, you can retake and pass the exam. The number of CEUs required depends upon the credential you hold:

- ISA Certified Arborist: 30 CEUs
- ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist: 6 Utility CEUs + 30 Arborist CEUs = 36 total
- ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist: 12 Municipal CEUs + 30 Arborist CEUs = 42 total
- ISA Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist: 15 CEUs
- ISA Certified Tree Worker Aerial Lift Specialist: 15 CEUs
- ISA Board Certified Master Arborist: 60 CEUs (20 each in Science, Practice, and Management)

For more information: https://pnwisa.org/certification/maintaining-certification/.

The following Certification Exams are scheduled within the Chapter:

Certified Arborist:
- December 2 North Vancouver, BC
- January 18 Boise, ID

*Note ... Utility and Municipal Specialist exams, and the written portion of the CTW exams, are offered during any of the Certified Arborist exams, but you must fill out the appropriate application form. These are available from the ISA website at www.isa-arbor.com.

Applications MUST be received at ISA’s office at least 12 business days prior to the exam date. Questions regarding certification may be addressed to ISA at 217-355-9411 or cert@isa-arbor.com.

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Tree Identification - Intro.

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Burnaby Central School, 6011 Deer Lake Pkwy., Burnaby, Thurs. May 4, 7:00-9:30 p.m. & Sat., 9:30 a.m.-12:30, May 5, 12, 26, 4 sessions., $158.

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Spotlight on the Board

I currently work as the Development Review Arborist with the City of Kirkland, Washington, where I collaborate with citizens, developers, arborists, and City staff to apply Kirkland’s tree codes. I’m a fourth-generation Washingtonian and a proud Husky, having graduated twice from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources and a Master of Science in Environmental and Forest Sciences. I’m an ISA Certified Arborist, Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, and am always seeking out new opportunities to expand upon my knowledge in arboriculture.

I am the owner of Sonsine Tree Care in Stanwood, WA (www.sonninetreecare.com). My career in arboriculture began in the tropical climate of Hawaii, and in 2012 I moved to the Pacific Northwest.

I am an ISA Certified Arborist, and ISA Qualified Tree Risk Assessor. I am actively involved in the furthering of the arboriculture profession in our PNW Chapter through community engagement, as a professional tree worker instructor, and in the development of apprenticeship programs.

As the Certification Director, my job is to serve as the conduit for certification tests and to assign Continual Education Units (CEUs) to arboricultural and safety classes, training seminars, and courses.

I look forward to serving the PNW-ISA’s Chapter members and expanding upon the educational opportunities for our community of arboricultural professionals.

In my free time I enjoy traveling, downhill skiing, climbing big mountains, cruising around town on my vintage motorcycle, and seeking out new adventures with my 12-year-old son, Felix.

Ashley Adams, Kirkland, WA ~ Certification Director

Evan Sussman, Stanwood, WA ~ TREE Fund Liaison

PNW-ISA WELL REPRESENTED AT THE NORTH AMERICAN TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP

Two PNW climbers participated in the NATCC in Salt Lake City, Utah in October. Congratulations to Robert Bundy and Dan Kraus for their fine showings, placing 5th and 15th respectively out of a total field of 35 competitors!

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Most arborists are aware of tree climbing as a work activity, and a few climb trees as a form of recreation. James Aldred has made a successful career out climbing trees for exploration and filming, and his book provides a gripping read. Many of us know the hard work involved in getting into a tree and can appreciate the blood, and sweat, and dirt that often comes with the task. Aldred’s narrative adds a few layers of additional horror as he describes setting up camera placements and platforms for filming all sorts of nature documentaries for well-known luminaries such as David Attenborough.

His adventures encompass many places throughout the tropics and elsewhere. The horrors include botflies, snakes, bees, ants, rampaging bull elephants, bizarre diseases, an assortment of skin issues, and attacks by a harpy eagle. His adventures include watching the local natives climb trees with no ropes or equipment as they help him out, or documenting construction of tree houses that use no nails or screws, just planks, lianas, and home-made ropes.

All in all a very good read and inspirational for any arborists dreaming of the big trees in exotic places. The one drawback is that there are no pictures. Perhaps there will be a follow-up book to deal with what must surely be a fascinating set of images in areas most of us will never see. A good book to add to the Christmas present list!

I did find one YouTube link that gives some sense of his travels: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2BcPtA46aBQ.

By Julian Dunster, Victoria, BC.
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