



Attention Tennesseans

TUFC Member Offers 100,000 Tree Give-Away to Celebrate 35th Anniversary - Call for Volunteers.

Date: A date between March 24 – April 7. **Time:** Eight hours on the day of distribution. Shifts available. **Distribution Locations:** Wal-Mart Stores: Cookeville, Clarksville, Chattanooga, Franklin, Johnson City, Knoxville, Lexington, Memphis, Nashville and Pulaski. Note: locations are centrally located between five counties. **Volunteer Job Description:** To man the distribution locations, hand out trees and tree information and track who receives trees and the quantity.

Steve Clark and Associates (SCA), a multi-disciplinary consulting firm committed to quality sustainable design and is a long time TUFC member, is promoting environmental awareness through reforestation. In celebration of their 35th anniversary, SC&A is giving a gift of 100,000 trees to be planted across the state of Tennessee. All you have to do is plant them.

The mission of our firm “is to promote self-action and to emphasize the importance of taking responsibility for the world around us” says company President Chris Clark. He adds that “we believe that the simple action of planting a tree will help foster a broader sense of eco-sensitivity that will translate into more public participation to protect the planet. Our goal is to generate a grassroots effort of volunteers, children, public and private developments, universities, etc. throughout the state that will help get these trees planted.” (Continued on Page 4)



Mark Your Calendars

The 19th Annual Urban Forestry Conference *Sustainable Sites and Natural Resources: The Urban Forestry Approach* - Oct 28 & 29, 2010, Chattanooga Choo Choo

12th Annual Tennessee Tree Climbing Championship, Oct 30, 2010, Chattanooga.

Auto Tree Tag Program

Closing Notice

Sales of the Tree Tag have been slow and reaching the pre-sales rate set by the State of Tennessee is not expected to be met. Those who have purchased a tag will be offered to either receive a \$35 refund or donate their \$35. Those making a donation will receive a set of the Notable Trees of Tennessee notecards. Although we will not be able to reach our goal, the TUFC takes away from the Tree Tag marketing process some positive results. Council membership has grown through the exposure received and overall urban forestry has received recognition it would not have otherwise.

Letter From the President

Dear TUFC Friends,

Recently, my hometown experienced a tornado that took down hundreds of 100+ year old trees. Upon hearing this news, I found myself wondering and hoping that their state's urban forestry council is as strong as the one we have here in Tennessee. The loss of our large, historic shade trees is one of the greatest threats our urban forests face. Whether it is a tornado or topping or unplanned development, it deeply impacts the health of the urban forests and thus the health of our communities. Through programs such as the annual conference, arboretum certification, and town hall meetings, the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council works hard to promote protection, planning, and planting across the state.

I am honored to be serving as President of the Council in 2010. We have many challenges ahead of us, but we also have a strong and skilled community of TUFC supporters out there. This year, more than ever, we will need your help. We are currently drafting a 5-year strategic plan for the Council, and we need to hear from you what you think our priorities should be. We are also going to need your financial support - we learned in January that due to restructuring of US Forest Service funds, our supporting grant will decrease over the next two years before ceasing altogether.

We are busy identifying new funding sources, but to keep the work of the Council flowing we will need even more support through membership dues and donations. Please be sure to renew your membership for 2010, and please consider making a larger donation. We are here to serve our members and work to ensure that Tennessee has healthy urban forests for generations to come.

Thanks for listening,

Heather Langford
TUFC Board President, 2010



**Helping to Build Healthy
Communities With Trees**

Help make a difference in your
urban forests tomorrow--join
TUFC today!

www.tufc.com



TUFC Director Jennifer Smith presents a certificate of appreciation to Patrick Haller who was rotating off the Council Board of Directors. Patrick's tenure included serving two stints as president.



Shelby Smith joined Backfield in Motion to plant a tree as part of Nashville's ReLeafing Day. Cumberland River Compact filmed the tree planting process for an educational project promoting tree planting for water quality and conservation.

TUFC 2010 Board

EAST TENNESSEE

Kim Davis - Knoxville Tree Board Chairman
Liz Hannah - SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, Utility Forester, Knoxville Utility Board
Todd Morgan - Program Director, Morristown Community Development Corporation
Jon Nettle - Arborist & Landscape Consultant, Chattanooga
Warren Nevad - Mgmt Consultant, UT Municipal Tech Advisory Svc.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Dr. Nathaniel Appleton - Postdoctoral Research Associate, TN State Univ.
Dwight Barnett, Area Forester
Zach French - FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, Arborist, Tree Solutions Consulting, Nashville
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Heather Langford - PRESIDENT, Sustainable Solutions Group, Nashville
Derrick Lynch, Environmental Systems Supervisor
Middle TN Electric Membership Corp., Murfreesboro
Robert Parrish - Urban Environmental Superintendent, City of Murfreesboro
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Todd Snackenburg, Arborist, City of Franklin

WEST TENNESSEE

Karen Davenport - SECRETARY, Kaja Farms, Landscape Designer
Jimmy Ferrell - TREASURER, Arborist, Ferrell's Tree Service, Memphis
Susan Murray - West TN Chapter, TUFC

ONE YEAR APPOINTMENTS

Nicole Hampton-Cardwell - Walter State Community College, Community Service
Chris Clark - Steve Clark and Associates, Nashville
Frank Mrema - Interim Extension Forestry and Agroforestry Specialist, Tennessee State University
Betsy Porter - Groundskeeper, City of Jackson
John Wasmer - ACRT, Operations Manager

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New and Renewing Membership

West Tennessee Chapter

Terran Arwood
Karen Davenport
Wes Hopper
Mary Beth Sheppard
Kevin Smith
Bruce Webster
Jim Volgas

Non-Profit

Cumberland River Compact
Dixon Gallery and Gardens
Signal Mountain
Tenn Nursery & Landscape Assn
Town of Rogersville

Individual

Burkley Allen	Marti Foster	Larry Mizel
Avery Ashby	Ann Frogge	Stan Myers
Terran Arwood	Elisa Fuller	Blair Parker
Beth Babbit	Thomas Garner	Tracy Puett
Dwight Barnett	Kevin Guenther	Steve Scott
Dwight Beard	Jon Hetrick	Tom Simpson
John Bohonis	Wes Hopper	Kevin Smith
Tom Brasher	Tracy Jackson	Randall Smith
Phillip Brown	Karla Kean	Jim Volgas
Mark Calko	Lewis Kearney	Mary Wade
David Cole	Lisa Limza	Bruce Webster
Karen Davenport	Noah Long, Jr.	Richard White
Josephine Falcone	Lloyd Lynd	Bill Wyatt
Wendy Fish	Robert Mayer	

Government

City of Chattanooga	City of Morristown
City of Cleveland	City of Pulaski
City of Johnson City	Gerald D. Coorts Memorial Arboretum
City of Harrogate	Metro Nashville Beautification and Env
City of Kingsport	Tennessee Department of Agriculture
City of Knoxville	University of Memphis
City of McMinnville	

Business

A J's Tree Service	\$250
Arbor Art Tree Care	Cortese Tree Specialists
Arbor Care of East Tenn	Peter Rausch
Bristol Tenn Essential Services	Seelbach and Company
Druid Tree Service	
Dyersburg Electric	\$500
GroundMaster	Fulgham's Inc./National
Let It Grow	Tree Preservation
Page / Duke Landscape Architects	
Quality Tree Surgery	
Ragan-Smith Associates	\$1000
Sevier Co Electric System	Wolf Tree
Steve Clark and Associates	
The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Co.	
The Ornamentor	Donation
Volunteer Energy Cooperative	Atticus Trust

TUFC is the only statewide nonprofit dedicated solely to promoting and improving our urban forests. Your membership strengthens our effectiveness as a forum and liaison for urban forestry issues, statewide and beyond, and helps support its programs and services. Thank you new and renewing members!

Tree Giveaway Details (Continued from Page 1)

Over The tree species are all indigenous and grown in Tennessee: Nutall Oak, Overcup Oak, Sawtooth Oak, Shumard Oak, Swamp White Oak, Tulip Poplar (the State Tree), Shortleaf Pine, and Bald Cypress.

The trees are bare rooted whips, 24-48” tall. They will be delivered in batches of 100. They fit in the size of a large lawn refuse bag.

Go to: www.sca-nr.com for tree order form, distribution locations and to sign-up to volunteer.

The TUFC has offered itself as an advisory board for this project. Steve Clark and Associates looks forward to writing history with you and the state of Tennessee.

Forever Green Tennessee: Restore Real Estate Transfer Funds

Do you care about wetlands, state land acquisitions, local parks and recreation, or agriculture resources conservation? These funds help to keep our state green.

In 1991 a bill was passed that set aside a SMALL portion of the real estate transfer fees for land conservation. Over the years, the transfer funds have set aside approximately \$20 million per year — money that has successfully purchased, improved and conserved areas in Tennessee.

In 2003 and in 2008 these funds were pulled from the intended purpose and put into the General Fund in order to balance the budget. In 2010 these dedicated funds are set to be returned to land conservation. They are not a new tax. The Governor has put it in his budget. Now it is time to write your State Representative and State Senator and let them know these are important to you for clean waters, abundant wildlife, prolific farmland, and urban and wild parks – Forever Green!



How You Can Help?: Go to <http://forevergreentn.wordpress.com/>

Tennessee Renewable Energy and Economic Development Council

TUFC Board Member – Founding Director Warren Nevad

TUFC board member Warren Nevad of the University of Tennessee’s Municipal Technical Advisory Service, is the founding executive director of the Tennessee Renewable Energy and Economic Development Council. Founded in 2009, they work in smaller cities to implement green practices and employ renewable energy, as the state turns to biofuels and solar energy on the economic development front.

Following a biofuels conference held by Governor Phil Bredesen in 2007 Warren notes “they were really charged up and wanted to see what they could do to help promote renewable energy and bring this type of development to small communities.” Warren also has credited the organizational structure of the Urban Forestry Council as a model for his new organization. University of Tennessee President Emeritus Dr. Joe Johnson is the Chairman of the Advisory Board. A Middle TN meeting will be held in Franklin on June 8th. Warren can be reached at warren.nevad@tennessee.edu

Urban Forestry Awards of Excellence

Awards chairman Todd Morgan presented the 2009 Urban Forestry Awards of Excellence at the eighteenth annual statewide conference, Greening Your Community, held at Lipscomb University in Nashville. The awards are cosponsored by TUFC and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry. The following individuals and organizations were recognized for their outstanding leadership, education efforts and urban forestry activities:

Frank Abbott (Morristown) received the Private Professional award. Mr. Abbott, the owner of Lakeway Tree Service, was recognized as a dedicated member of the Morristown Tree Board and for his volunteer efforts as a leading community advocate for proper tree care.

Askew, Hargraves, Harcourt, & Associates, Inc (Lakeland) received the Green Industry award. A2H was noted for their work with the city of Lakeland to create a median landscape plan for Canada Road which utilized native plant species and a high efficiency drip irrigation system.

The Citizen Tribune (Morristown) received the Media award. The Lakeway Publishers newspaper was recognized for its partnership with the local Tree Board and coverage of tree care workshops, Earth Day and for printing a series of educational articles.

Maple Grove, GP (Lakeland) received the Builder/Developer award. Maple Grove worked with S & R Consultants to develop the “The Grove at Lakeland” which is a conservation based residential development where over 42% of the land was designated as open space.

Laurie Williams (Memphis) received the Government Employee award. Laurie is the Adult Education Manager at the Memphis Botanic Garden and was recognized for her achievements with area arboretums, Forest Faire and Project Learning Tree.

The **Chattanooga Tree Commission** received the Tree Board award. The Commission was noted for their implementation of the “Take Root” tree planting program which planted 600 new trees in the downtown area of Chattanooga using donations and matching grants.

Jim Volgas (Memphis) received the Citizen Activist award. Jim assisted in the development of Tennessee’s first Master Urban Forestry program in Shelby County and works extensively with area tree planting projects, education programs and TUFC Champion trees.

Liz Didier (Knoxville) was presented the TUFC President’s award. As the Team Lead Utility Forester for Knoxville Utilities Board, Liz was recognized for her tree and vegetation management skills as well as her work on the proposed TUFC Tree auto tag.

A complete history of award winners can be found at www.tufc.com.

Next Branching Out Issue: Be looking for our new electronic newsletter format.

Note of Interest

The Oregon State University is offering an on-line urban forestry course

Visit <http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu>

Tennessee Arbor Day

Always the first Friday of March - 3/5/2010

Make plans to celebrate and plant a tree!

Tree Planting Honors 101st

News from Clarksville

Fort Campbell, KY is the home base to the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division, otherwise known as the Screaming Eagles. Clarksville, TN is the home of many of Fort Campbell's soldiers, and is Clarksville's largest employer.

To recognize Fort Campbell's importance to the Clarksville Community, Clint Patterson, Clarksville City Forester, developed a tree planting plan to honor the 101st. The plan was to take a large open area at a highway intersection, and plant trees to form the U.S. Army's 5 point star within a circle. "It's hard to see from the ground," says Patterson, "but will be easily visible by the pilot's from the air, especially when the trees have a chance to grow over the next 5 years."



Clarksville's planting was accomplished with assistance from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division's, TAEP tree planting program. TAEP, or Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program, has funds to cost share tree plantings in cities and towns across Tennessee. This state funded program has already planted 57 projects and over 5,500 trees in its first two years. Bruce Webster, State Urban Forester for Tennessee, oversees the program, and likes the progress he sees in helping communities plant the canopy for the future. Regarding Clarksville's project, Webster says it was one of the most creative ideas for planting trees he had seen in several years. "When I read their proposal, I liked it immediately," says Webster. The planting can be seen at the intersection of 101st Airborne Division Parkway Blvd and State Highway 374.

Tree Planting Grants for Tennessee

The Tennessee Agriculture Enhancement Program is funded by the State from tobacco taxes. The program is designed to help Tennessee farmers with a variety of programs, from hay and grain storage to livestock herd improvements. The Forestry Division participates in TAEP as well, including cost sharing forestry practices for landowners and community tree planting projects. However, the community projects are required to buy trees from Tennessee nurseries, so even if the funding goes to Memphis or Bristol, the funding still support Tennessee agriculture. For more information contact state staff urban forester Bruce Webster.

Sustainable Tennessee Agenda 2010

The Urban Forestry Council was a founding member of the Sustainable Tennessee coalition which was founded in 2007. The coalition's goal was to develop a statewide Sustainability Agenda which includes the input of a broad group including citizens, conservation groups, environmental policy experts, elected officials, and representatives of private businesses, industry, educational institutions and more. The coalition focuses on issues related to land, air, water, energy, and quality growth & development.

The Sustainability Agenda includes the contributions and support of over 460 individuals and 230 organizations statewide over a three year period. The coalition meets throughout the year to develop and implement the Agenda which the Urban Forestry Council has taken an active role, and each November the group comes together for the Annual Summit for a Sustainable Tennessee.

Sustainable Tennessee is a project of the Tennessee Environmental Council in association with Tennessee Conservation Voters.

One of the 2010 Top Five Priority Actions for Individuals and Organizations:

Plant Trees - Plant and care for one native tree in the fall of each year. Plant a deciduous tree on the east, south or west of your home to save on cooling cost during the summer. Plant a row of evergreens on the north to block the cold wind.

Calendar of Events

March 1-4

Arboriculture Instruction Series: Tree Maintenance, Inspection or Removal, Cornelia, GA, Northeast area of the state. North American Training Solutions. (888) 652-9116. On the web at www.northamericantrainingsolutions.com.

March 4

West TN Chapter of the TUFC meeting, 12 noon - 3 pm, Shelby Farms Visitor Center.

Chapter Highlights:

- Donated an Eastern Redbud to the Memphis Jewish Home for the celebration of Tu B'Shvat on January 29th.
- President is representing the Chapter as a member of the Citizen Oversight Committee for the Woodland Restoration Project and Shelby Farms Park.
- At the Master Gardeners Spring Fling, March 26-27, Chapter will be selling trees and shirts. The Master Urban Forester Class is ongoing with 15 students. This program lends major support with local urban forestry projects with trained volunteers.
- A Chapter representative will address a meeting for non-industrial private forest landowners at the Agricenter, February 13th.
- Chapter President: Nick Bridgeman: nbridgeman@lakelandtn.org.

March 4-7

21st Nashville Lawn and Garden Show, Artistic by Nature, State Fairgrounds. Presented by Horticultural Association of Tennessee, www.nashvillelawnandgardenshow.com.

March 5 (See TN's Arbor Day Artwork/logo)

State Official Arbor Day Ceremony, 11 am, Chattanooga, Coolidge Park, Hosted by the Chattanooga Tree Board and the TN Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry. Note: The tree board, who is awarded the Tree Board of the Year Award, has the honor to host this official ceremony the following year.

March 25

Nashville Arbor Day, 11 am Centennial Park. Features: 15th consecutive Tree City USA award, students reading their winning essay on trees, George Cate Award presentation and trees planted in memory or honor of local citizens.

March 27-30

68th Annual Conference and Trade Show, International Society of Arboriculture, Southern Chapter, Tree Climbing Championship March 28, Concord, NC, www.isasouthern.org

April 10

Arbor Day celebration, City of Lakeland, 11 am, City Hall

May 26

2010 Convening the Region Summit, Cumberland Region Tomorrow, Hear from policy makers, elected leadership and business leaders. Discussion on policy shifting, unveiling the draft Nashville Regional Transportation Plan and a Call to Action. www.cumberlandregiontomorrow.org

May 31

Deadlines: Landmark and Historic Tree Register nominations, Urban Forestry Awards of Excellence nominations and the Arboretum Certification Application deadlines.

Get Involved with the Tennessee Tree Project

Presented by the Tennessee Environmental Council

GOAL: To plant 1 million trees by 2020 and to engage as many Tennesseans as possible in the process

NEEDED: Community Partners – Businesses, Schools, Churches, Neighborhoods and Non-Profits

To learn more, sign-up and to register the trees you plant, go to:

www.tectn.org/display_headline.php?id=51



Small Business Tree Planting Program Reintroduced

The Alliance for Community Trees (ACT) today commended Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-OR) for introducing H.R. 4509, the Small Business Environmental Stewardship Assistance Act of 2010. This legislation recognizes the critical role that the built environment- including green infrastructure- plays in order for small businesses to be able to create jobs, promote energy efficiency, and provide positive customer experiences. By reauthorizing the Small Business Administration's (SBA) National Small Business Tree Planting Program, this legislation would provide timely assistance to beautify retail storefronts and rental housing and parks, turn Main Streets into Green Streets, and jump-start many municipal tree canopy initiatives.

"Urban greening groups around the country stand ready to work with government and business on these types of smart growth, greening initiatives that engage citizens to transform their communities through landscaping and tree planting and promote workforce development in places where people live and work," said Shannon Ramsay, Executive Director of Trees Forever. **Now we need you to take action!**

1. Contact your U.S. Representative(s) and ask them to co-sponsor H.R. 4509, the Small Business Environmental Stewardship Assistance Act of 2010. Sample Letter: at <http://actrees.org/site/stories/sba.php?tag=news>

2. Contact your U.S. Senators and ask them to introduce a similar measure in the Senate. Download a Sample Letter at <http://actrees.org/site/stories/sba.php?tag=news>

We have until the end of the year to get this passed before it dies in Committee, so please follow-up with them frequently.

Alliance for Community Trees (ACT) is the only national organization solely focused on the needs of nonprofit and community organizations engaged in urban forest protection. Our work is improving the environment where 86% of Americans live: our cities, towns, and villages. The TUFC is an ACT member.

Old-Growth Forest - Saved

TUFC contribution to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity

Friends of Warner Parks has raised \$10.8 million to buy 324 acres adjacent to the Warner Parks that include an old-growth forest. When outstanding pledges are paid, the land will be conveyed to Metro Nashville to become part of the Warner Parks.

In recognition of this unique urban forest, the Urban Forestry Council contributed \$2,725 to this effort! View and enjoy these fabulous trees: http://www.friendsofwarnerparks.com/ht_slideshow.html

The TUFC's Arboretum Certification program hosts 53 Arboretums from across the state. To note which ones are near you go to www.tufc.com/tennesseearboreta.htm

New Tenn. Tree Line USA Handbook

Featuring 2010 Standards. Developed By: TN Division of Forestry, East TN Urban Forester, Tom Simpson. See it online at http://tn.gov/agriculture/publications/forestry/treeline_hbook.pdf.

The national Tree Line USA program is a utility award presented by The National Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. The award recognizes utilities that contribute to their local urban forestry communities by following five standards: Complying with the ANSI A-300 standards for tree pruning & maintaining a system of quality tree care, Providing annual worker training, Maintaining an effect community tree planting & public education program, Adopting a tree-based energy conservation program, and Promoting Arbor Day in their local communities.

Several examples of clip art are also included for convenient use by utilities for educational purposes. Additionally, the Tree Line standards and the Tree Line application sheets are included as helpful references.

Tennessee Tree Climbing Championship

Thanks to Chairman Scott Winningham and a host of volunteers, the 11th Annual Tree Climbing Championship was held in Centennial Park in Nashville. Twenty Two contestants from many states participated.

Congratulations to the winners!

Aerial Rescue: Chris Samuels

Belayed Speed Climb: Jesse Hesley

Secured Footlock: Rob Bramblett

Throwline: Aquilino Cruz & Cory Petry

Work Climb: Chris Obryan

Masters' Challenge Contestants

Aquilino Cruz, Rob Bramblett and Josiah Lockard

Josiah Lockard won the Master' Challenge and will represent the state of Tennessee at the International Society of Arboriculture Southern's Tree Climbing Championship, March 28th in Charlotte, North Carolina. The TUFC will sponsor his participation in this competition. The winner of the Southern event has an automatic berth in the International competition.



Tennessee Urban Forestry Council's 11th Annual Tree Climbing Championship T-Shirt



Tree Climbing Championship Organizers, Wes Hooper served as the Head Technician and Scott Winningham as overall Chair.



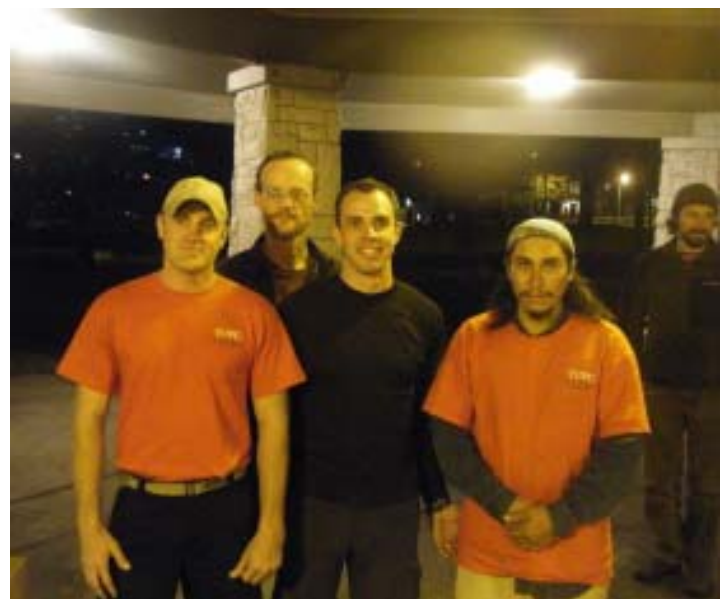
The Sustainable Tennessee Summit participants in the Land Track Section. TUFC Director Jennifer Smith, right, presented a talk on the benefits of urban forestry. Other tracks featured: Stimulus Funding, Pollution Prevention Pays and Water. The Summit is presented by the Tennessee Environmental Council and Jennifer serves on the Summit's organizational committee. A goal of this annual summit is to draft a recommended Sustainability Agenda for our state legislature.



The Tree Climbing Championship's supply trailer



Educational signage prominently located



Participants in the Masters' Challenge with event chair Scott Winningham



The 11th Tennessee Tree Climbing Championship at Centennial Park in Nashville



Tree Climbing Championship Preliminary Winners



Pre-conference Arborist Workshop organized by Zack French.



Pre-Conference Utility Workshop organized by Douglas Airhart. Jim Barnhart of Duck River Electric Membership Corporation was a featured speaker.



The popular conference feature, Tree Board Breakfast, was led by East Tennessee Urban Forester Tom Simpson.



Conference goes Todd Morgan of Morristown and Heather Langford of Nashville. Todd served as the Urban Forestry Awards of Excellence Chairman and Heather as the Conference Chair.



Over 250 volunteers planted 121 powerline-approved trees in Nashville's Inglewood neighborhood during the 8th annual ReLeafing Day sponsored by the Nashville Tree Foundation. NES, one of the sponsors of the annual project, provided 1.5-caliper trees, mulch, and soil amendments. Project Blue Streams of the Cumberland River Compact also donated trees. Beard Landscaping watered each tree that was planted.



Sign-in station for the Nashville Tree Foundation annual tree planting event.



State Forester Steve Scott with conference keynote speaker, Executive Director of the Alliance for Community Trees, Alice Ewen Walker. The TUFUC is an active member of ACT which connects us with other tree organizations across the country and gives us an ear to urban forestry issues with congress in Washington DC



Let's Talk Trees: Public Forum on Managing Nashville's Urban Forest in conjunction of the conference facilitated by Trees Nashville Chris Armour.

Panel Members:

- Randall Lantz - Metro Nashville Parks
- Sharon Smith - Nashville Mayor Dean's Office
- Stephan Kivett - Nashville Urban Forester
- Tom Palko - Metro Water
- Veronica Frazier - Metro Beautification and Environmental Commission/ Public Works
- Gwen Griffith - Cumberland River Compact
- Carolyn Sorenson - Nashville Tree Foundation
- Thomas Solinsky - SoundForest
- Chris Armour - Trees Nashville Founding President



TUFUC Board and Staff at the 2010 Planning Retreat



Chris Clark of Steve Clark and Associates and TUFCC Board Member and Jennifer Smith, TUFCC Director, at the Conservation Educational Day at the Legislative Plaza of the State Capitol.



Trees were dressed up for a downtown Nashville event.



Governor Winfield Dunn address the Forever Green press conference at the Legislative Plaza of the State Capitol as part of the Sustainable Educational Day. The TUFCC hosted an educational booth at this event.



Heather Langford helped facilitate the Nashville Tree Summit. Heather is the TUFCC president.

Chris Armour, president of the new TUFCC Trees Nashville chapter, hosted a Nashville Tree Summit. Attending were representatives of 12 South, TUFCC, West Meade Conservancy, Steve Clark and Assoc., Cumberland River Compact, Nashville Tree Foundation, ReDiscover East!, Tenn. Environmental Council, Land Trust for Tenn. and Seedlings in the City. Bringing them together was very strategic and more meetings are planned.





City of Lakeland Mayor Scott Carmichael, center, with Eric Bridges, Lakeland's Natural Resources Director and Nick Bridgeman, Natural Resources Technician at the Lakeland's Urban Forestry Town Hall meeting hosted by the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council. Nick is the president of the TUFC West Tennessee Chapter.



West Tennessee Chapter members Mark Follis and Terran Arwood show a popular t-shirt the chapter has sold at area events.

West TN Chapter

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

-- Margaret Mead



Attending a West TN Chapter meeting were Robert Mayer, Wes Hopper, Jim Volgas and Jan Castillo. Jan prepared a poster to highlight the many activities of the Chapter in 2009.





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“People appreciate what they understand and save what they appreciate.”

-- John Burkitt, 2002

“You can gauge a country's wealth, its real wealth, by its tree cover.”

-- 500 Year Forest

Notable Trees of Tennessee Exhibit Touring Schedule

March 15 – April 15: Lincoln Museum, Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate Tennessee. In conjunction with this exhibit, Harrogate Tree Board is hosting a Tree Care Workshop on Saturday, March 20th. Contact: Steve Roark, Steve.Roark@state.tn.us

April 16 – 30: Featured throughout the Upper Cumberland Region of Putnam, White, Overton and Jackson counties as part of the Highlands Redbud Celebration. The vision of this celebration is to be a spring countywide educational celebration starring the redbud tree with emphasis on the benefits of trees of all kinds to the communities of Putnam and surrounding counties. www.redbud.org

May 13 – June 9: City of Franklin City Hall. Contact: Todd Snackenberg, todd.snackenberg@franklin-gov.com