

2016

WESTERN FIELD DAY

AUGUST 25 & 26 SCOTTSBLUFF & GERING, NE

Presented by:



Plant Health Care: From the Ground Up

Soils, weather, environmental stresses, insects and disease are some of the many challenges of growing trees on the high plains. The past six years have been one weather extreme or another. From flooding, historic drought, a flash freeze, Mother's Day Blizzard(s) to flooding and heat again, western Nebraska is a tough place to be a tree. Enjoy two days in scenic western Nebraska as you network and learn from industry professionals on caring for trees from the ground up. Come early for pre-conference tours at our host nursery, Aulick's TLC and other local nurseries. An alternative to nursery tours is the Scottsbluff Downtown Arboretum tour which demonstrates raingardens and bioswales along with biodiverse landscapes. Picnic to follow at the home of our hosts: the Aulick's.

Friday will be a day of engaging with other industry professionals in a casual learning environment. Morning sessions will be hosted at the Gering Civic center and will feature Lucinda Mays, Chadron State College Horticulturalist, focusing on how successful plantings begin with knowing your soils and creating a hospitable growing environment for trees and landscape plants. Lightning round sessions will follow featuring ISA certified arborist Tom Wiens with Modern Arboriculture featuring an assortment of defective root samples that he has collected through the years. Brian Byers from Great Plains Nursery will follow some of the new growing systems solutions that they are using to prevent root girdling and circling. Finishing off the lightning rounds will be Justin Evertson with the Nebraska Forest Service. As our climate changes, the need for tough trees will even greater. Justin will discuss the need to focus on selecting environmentally adapted trees for the High Plains. Featured speaker for the morning will be Micaela Truslove, Urban Forestry Technician with the City of Boulder and Forest Management graduate student at Colorado State University. Micaela is part of the Colorado Emerald Ash Borer Response for the city of Boulder, Colorado, and has lead the charge to educate communities and industry professionals on how detect EAB. She will share her experiences and advise on how communities can prepare in advance for the looming threat of EAB in western Nebraska.

Morning sessions will wrap up with a Nebraska Forest Service update from Jennifer Morris, Forest Health Specialist with the Nebraska Forest Service. Jennifer will focus on the many issues that have affected our western Nebraska trees. She will also talk on the recent findings of EAB in Omaha and Pine Wilt in the panhandle.

Following lunch, get ready for hands-on learning! Oregon Trail Park in Gering will be the location of the field tours. There will be four different learning stations on the tour and the group will tour each station all together.

Structural Pruning of Young Trees

NAA certified arborist Jason Mosel with Arbor Pros will walk through the pruning process to properly develop young trees for strong structure which will reduce the chance of failure and reduce management cost in the future. He will also discuss how to incorporate structural pruning into your business plan.

Hotel Information

Monument Inn & Suites
1130 M Street
Gering, NE

(308) 436-1950

Rate: \$82 + tax

The room block expires August 16.
Indicate you are with the Western Field
Day group.

Ash Tree Dissection: This session will feature a struggling ash tree. As a group, we will assess the tree. Tree roots will be exposed with an airspade, the tree will then be felled and Micaela Truslove will demonstrate branch peeling techniques to look for EAB and investigate other issues that may have led to the decline of the tree.

Tree Planting Demonstration: Industry professionals will demonstrate and discuss the tree planting techniques they are using to help trees establish more quickly and prevent girdling and circling roots. Several techniques will be demonstrated and trees will be planted in the park as a way for the industry as a service project.

Environmental Effects on Trees: Jennifer Morris with NFS will lead an investigation on how the drought of 2012 is still affecting trees.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

3:00 - 5:00
3:30

Registration at Aulick's TLC
Tour of Aulick's TLC & Peaceful Prairie Nursery
OR

3:45
5:30
6:30
Downtown Arboretum Tour
Social Hour - Annette & Shane Aulick's Home
Dinner & Presentation, "The History of Trees on the Great Plains" - *Justin Evertson, NE Forest Service*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

7:00
7:30 - 8:00
8:00 - 8:45
8:45 - 9:30

Exhibitor Setup
Registration at Gering Civic Center (1050 M Street, Gering)
Success in the Soil - *Lucinda Mays, Chadron State College Horticulturist*
Lightning Round Sessions
Root Defects - *Tom Wiens, Modern Arboriculture*
Production Systems - *Brian Byers, Great Plains Nursery*
Selecting Environmentally Friendly Adapted Trees - *Justin Evertson, NE Forest Service*

9:30 - 10:00
10:00 - 11:00
11:00 - 11:30
11:30 - 12:15
12:15

Break & Visit with Exhibitors
Emerald Ash Borer - *Micaela Truslove, City of Boulder & Colorado State University*
Plant Health Update - *Jennifer Morris, Nebraska Forest Service*
Lunch, Visit with Exhibitors & Networking
Leave for Oregon Trail Park (17th Street, Gering)

12:30 - 1:30
1:30 - 2:30
2:30 - 3:30
3:30 - 4:00
4:00

Structural Pruning of Young Trees - *Jason Mosel, Arbor Pros, NAA Certified Arborist*
Ash Tree Dissection - *Micaela Truslove, City of Boulder & Colorado State University*
Tree Planting Techniques - *Anita Gall, Anita's Greenscaping*
Environmental Effects on Trees - *Jennifer Morris, Nebraska Forest Service*
Wrap-Up



Connect with other tree,
nursery and landscape
professionals from
across the state

August 25-26, 2016

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To register, complete the registration form & mail to Nebraska Arborists Association, 6 fax to 402.761.2224 or email: tfougeron@youraam.com. Questions? Call (402) 761-2219

Name(s) _____

Company _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone () _____ Email _____

Please check which day(s) you plan to attend:

- Thursday Friday
- \$65 for Members NAA NNLA \$ _____
- \$55 for Students & Instructors \$ _____
- \$75 for Master Gardeners, NSA Curators, Tree Board Members & ReTree Ambassadors \$ _____
- \$130 for Non-Members \$ _____
- \$10 fee assessed for any registration that is postmarked after August 18, 2016 \$ _____
- Sponsorship/Donation: Gold \$300, Silver \$200, Bronze \$100 \$ _____
- Exhibitor Table (1 representative registration + table) \$100 \$ _____

(Exhibit time scheduled for Friday, August 26)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please indicate any dietary or special needs below:

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction. When we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as the same day we receive your payment, and you will not receive your check back from your financial institution.

Please return registration form & payment to:

Nebraska Arborists Association, PO Box 10, Milford, NE 68405 or email to: tfougeron@youraam.com

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Send check, payable to Nebraska Arborists Association, to:
 NAA, PO Box 10, Milford, NE 68405 or:
 Please bill my VISA MASTERCARD for the total of \$ _____
 Name as it appears on card: _____
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Join us for a great event while enjoying time in Western Nebraska!

3 Ways to Register

1. FAX registration with credit card info to 402.761.2224

2. EMAIL registration to tfougeron@youraam.com

3. MAIL registration with credit card info, check or money order (checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank in U.S. funds)

Registrations via telephone will not be accepted.

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