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UF scientists aim for more tree varieties to ensure urban canopy survives pests, diseases

[Brad Buck](#), UF/IFAS Communications

If you plant a wider array of tree species in urban areas, you might avoid your forest being wiped out by a single pest or disease, say University of Florida scientists.

“When cities are dominated by only a few species, new infestations of pests and diseases from overseas can just move through with dramatic results,” said Andrew Koeser, a UF/IFAS associate professor of environmental horticulture.



Andrew Koeser, left, a UF/IFAS associate professor of environmental horticulture, conducts research on urban trees. Credit: Deb Hilbert.

A diverse canopy is important everywhere, but particularly in Florida, where about 90% of the state’s 21.7 million residents live in cities. Urban dwellers need trees for shade, oxygen

and more.

In addition to the benefits humans derive from trees, canopy diversity can make urban areas better habitats for wildlife like birds, pollinators or butterflies, said Koeser, co-author of a new study that examines factors that impede tree diversity.

Deborah Hilbert, a doctoral graduate of the UF/IFAS College of Agricultural and Life Sciences who studied under Koeser’s supervision, led the study.

Researchers conducted focus groups with tree producers, landscape architects and municipal arborists around Florida.

Tree growers cited market demand, sales and other business-related production issues as impediments to offering a more diverse selection of trees. Landscape architects and city tree professionals mentioned ordinances and setback rules.

Many urban streets and residential areas are lined with a single type of tree – which can look beautiful, but the practice runs counter to ensuring a longer-living canopy.

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The Trees Florida Conference is upon us! I hope to see many of you in Cape Coral for an excellent educational opportunity as well as the chance to network with others in our industry. If you missed the registration deadline, do not despair – we can take walk-in registrations (some limitations on what is still available).

Our lineup of social events includes our usual welcome reception, pub crawl and the Tuesday night social. (Some surprises are afoot!) Plus, the Wednesday



awards presentation, student/early career arborist networking, and the Giving Tree at the Fundraising Table. I've chosen the Florida State Park Foundation as the recipient of all funds raised at the "Tree". Stop by and buy a leaf!

Our transition to the new Chapter leadership continues smoothly. In between prepping for the conference, incoming executive, Lori Ballard, and new staff member, Samantha Fougere (Sam), are learning the ropes of not only the conference, but of the daily workings of the Chapter. Both plan to be at Trees Florida, so say hello to them! Lori and Sam are there to listen to questions and comments!

The Florida Chapter looks forward to seeing you at Trees Florida!

Ali Summersill
President, Florida Chapter ISA



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“Some people love the look of uniform street plantings, and professionals design these to meet that need,” said Koeser, a faculty member at the UF/IFAS Gulf Coast Research and Education Center in Hillsborough County. “The problem is math.”

For example, if you have one or two tree species in your neighborhood, and a noxious pest comes in that that can kill that type of tree, it will likely kill 50% to 100% of those trees.

“In addition, there are regulations from HOAs – which can limit homeowners’ selections — and local governments that advocate for certain species,” Koeser said. “This could be a list of a few dozen or as few as three species.”

As potential solutions, several professionals from the focus groups suggested educating policymakers about tree species diversity, how it relates to climate change and the threat of devastating diseases and pests.

“Some types of trees will do better than others in harsher climates,” Hilbert said. “We don’t know yet which trees will thrive in the future, so planting a variety increases the chances that at least some of them will still be around in the next 30-plus years.”

Other strategies suggested by the study:

- Re-examine approved lists of species produced by tree growers and bought by tree professionals.
- Incentivize the use of less-common trees. For example, give credit for planting underused species.
- Avoid the temptation to want to plant an “instant landscape” with big nursery trees, as this tends to favor already-common species. ❖





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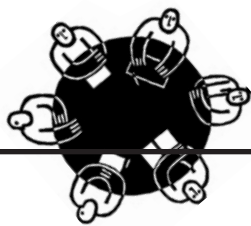
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Florida Chapter Board Updates

BOARD SHORTS:

CHAPTER TRANSITION UPDATE



Florida ISA continues the transition process as the executive position shifts to Lori Ballard. Meet new staff at Trees Florida! Stop and welcome Samantha

Fougere (Sam) when you see her among the familiar faces at the Trees Florida check-in desk! She is going to be a great asset to the Chapter! Sam will be greeting many of you over the phone when the office moves to its new location in mid-summer. Watch for announcements with a new address and office contact information. Norm Easey will continue in his position and finalize the transition at the end of September when he retires.



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Florida's arboriculture/urban forestry industry or a related field by providing financial assistance for undergraduate, post-graduate or other advanced education programs. [Visit the Florida ISA for application.](#)

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Have you ever wondered what the Florida Chapter ISA (Chapter) Board of Directors (Board) does? I used to wonder what they were doing and how they were working to improve the arboriculture industry in Florida. At times, it seemed they were not making any positive changes and it was easy to assume that they were just meeting for the free lunch. I would think to myself, “Why are they not doing this or why are they not doing that?” I would see the same names rotate off and back on the Board and it seemed like nothing was ever changing. I wondered why this small group of industry professionals were the only people that were ever on the Board. It was easy for me to be critical of what I didn’t know and what I didn’t take the time to find out.

That all changed in 2020 when a colleague and friend was elected to be the president of the incoming Board. He asked me to serve as one of his two at-large members which each incoming president appoints. I quickly accepted, thinking this was my chance to finally see why nothing was getting done and decide for myself how good that free lunch must be.

At my first Board meeting I looked around the table and saw many faces that looked familiar to me; however, not many of them knew me. I quickly realized I knew them from their association with the Chapter and they didn’t know me because I hadn’t made myself known to them. At this meeting, the topic to be discussed was making another attempt at licensing our industry in the state. As you can imagine that topic created a very strong debate. The meeting started at 9:00 in the morning and ended somewhere around 3:00 or 4:00 that afternoon. On my way home from the meeting I spent the time reflecting on what I had just been a part of and the experience. I had just watched a group of twenty or so people spend the entire day volunteering to debate each

other on what was or wasn’t good for our industry. It amazed me how passionate, organized, and professional each person was and the respect they showed one another. Just to set the record straight, lunch was just OK.

Since that year on the Board, I have remained active with the Chapter and have really come to see what goes into making it run. The Chapter is a successful not-for-profit run by volunteers with the help of Chapter staff. Each volunteer puts in hundreds of hours a year making sure Chapter members, as well as non-members, are benefiting from the decisions that are made at the Board table. In addition, there are many dedicated volunteers that serve on 24 committees that support the Board in carrying out the Chapter’s mission. Collectively, these volunteers support the Chapter’s success by ensuring that 80 percent of the Chapter’s revenue is allocated to support arboriculture research. Plan and organize up to 25 educational opportunities a year including Trees Florida which continues to be an overwhelming success. Hosts one of the best tree climbing championships in the country. Most importantly that we have a voice in Tallahassee that enables the Chapter to be proactive regarding issues that could potentially affect the arboriculture industry.

In closing, I realized that every question I had about what the Board and Chapter were doing were easily answered by exercising my right as a member to attend the Board meetings and ask questions. I also now understand that I can voice my concerns about the industry and the Board will at the very least listen to me and discuss it.

Ronnie Simpson
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TREE FUND NAMES DR. PAUL PUTMAN AS ITS NEW PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) is pleased to announce the selection and hire, following an extensive national search, of its new President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Paul Putman, who will take the reins at the Naperville, Illinois-based nonprofit organization effective July 1, 2023.

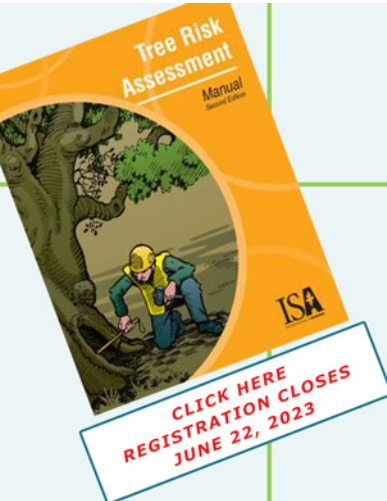
Philanthropy departments for nearly 15 years. As a Program Officer with the Community Responsive Grantmaking team, Paul facilitated grantmaking across multiple sectors by focusing on efforts to strengthen nonprofit organizations and improve access to services for underserved populations. In the Philanthropy department, Paul served as a Donor Relations and Technology Officer, and most recently, as Senior Director of Philanthropic Services, leading a team of professionals in working with individuals, families, and nonprofits throughout greater Cleveland to help them achieve their philanthropic goals. Prior to joining the foundation, Paul spent a decade leading the Center for Leadership and Service at Cleveland State University (CSU).

“TREE Fund’s Trustees are truly excited to have Dr. Putman joining the organization as our new President and CEO,” says Dr. Arnold “Beau” Brodbeck, who chairs TREE Fund’s Board. “Paul brings a unique set of fundraising, communication, and leadership skills that will help advance TREE Fund’s mission of funding research and education to support the professions of arboriculture and urban forestry.”

“I am thrilled to join TREE Fund’s team,” says Dr. Putman, “and I look forward to working with the board, staff, partners, and volunteers to continue the stellar track record of research and education for professionals and others caring for and living with trees in our urban communities. I’m excited to turn a personal passion into professional purpose.”

Dr. Putman will be coming to TREE Fund from Cleveland Foundation, the world’s first community foundation, where he has served in both the Grantmaking and Philan-

About TREE Fund: TREE Fund is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the discovery and dissemination of new knowledge in urban forestry and arboriculture. ❖



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2023 FLORIDA TCC EVENT A BIG SUCCESS!

The Florida Chapter ISA congratulates the following competitors for earning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place during the March 11th Florida TCC climbing event that was held in Winter Garden, FL. The event was better than ever! A special thank you to outgoing TCC chair, Adam Jackson for the many years of guiding the event with many improvements through the years and creating an exemplary event for other chapters to look up to.

EVENT WINNERS

Aerial Rescue

Men

1st: Jesse Bouchard-Nestor
 2nd: Justin Cantrell
 3rd: Taylor Passetti

Women

1st: Alisha Amundson
 2nd: Mackenzie St. Croix

Belayed Speed Climb

Men

1st: Ethan True
 2nd: Joseph Vibonese
 3rd: Jason Gerrish

Women

1st: Mackenzie St. Croix
 2nd: Alisha Amundson

Open Ascent

Men

1st: Paul Lloyd-Jones
 2nd: Ethan True
 3rd: Taylor Passetti

Women

1st: Mackenzie St. Croix
 2nd: Alisha Amundson

Throw Line

Men

1st: Cory Wilson
 2nd: Forrest McCullough
 3rd: Bailey Sumner

Women

1st: Alisha Amundson
 2nd: Mackenzie St. Croix

Work Climb

Men

1st: Paul Lloyd-Jones
 2nd: Forrest McCullough
 3rd: Jesse Bouchard-Nestor

Women

1st: Alisha Amundson
 2nd: Mackenzie St. Croix

WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers without whom this event could not happen. Thanks to the chair and co-chairs, judges, timekeepers, scorer, team managers and kids' activity organizer.

FLORIDA CHAPTER TCC SPECIALTY AWARDS

The Florida Chapter congratulates the recipients of our two specialty award categories. The sportsmanship award is decided on by vote of all the competitors and is presented to the person who exhibits the highest degree of sportsmanship and support of fellow climbers during the event. The Bruce Smith Pay-It-Forward award represents Bruce’s personal philosophy of giving back to the industry that gave him so much. The recipient is someone who represents this philosophy, giving back to the Florida ISA climbing community with their time, energy and expertise. A special congratulations to these two recipients.

Specialty Awards

Sportsmanship

Forrest McCullough

Bruce Smith Pay-It-Forward

John Freeman

MASTERS CHALLENGE RESULTS

Seven competitors (five men and two women) participated in the Master’s Challenge that was held on Sunday March 12th.

MASTER’S CHALLENGE (in alphabetical order)

Men

Justin Cantrell
 Paul Lloyd-Jones
 Forrest McCullough (winner)
 Taylor Passetti
 Ethan True

Women

Alisha Amundson (winner)
 Mackenzie St. Croix

Congratulations to Alisha Amundson and Forrest McCullough on their wins at Master’s! Both winners are the recipients of the ArborMaster Prize Package that will be used in preparation for the International Tree Climbing Championship that will take place in August in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Best of luck in August, Alisha and Forrest!



2023 ARBORMASTER TCC PRIZE PACKAGE

Florida Chapter ISA is pleased to showcase the 2023 ArborMaster TCC Climbing Kit Prize Package that has been provided to the Florida Tree Climbing Champions (male and female) during our 2023 Tree Climbing Championship (TCC) event that was held in Winter Gardens in March this year.

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ANSI Standards Review

By Andrew Wimmel, Texas ISA

Every tree, job and job site are unique. However, there are basic principles that apply to every situation. Today, we are going to take a look at Traffic Control.



Working in and around vehicular traffic presents a unique challenge and hazard

In the March 2020 edition of *Arboriculture & Urban Forestry*, Dr. John Ball, Tim Walsh and Shane Vosberg state, “Transportation Incidents accounted for about 40% of all fatal occupational incidents in the United States during 2016”. Also, “The Pedestrian Vehicular Incidents subcategory includes workers struck by passing traffic. This was the source for 26 fatal (3.0%) and 11 nonfatal (2.5%) injuries.”

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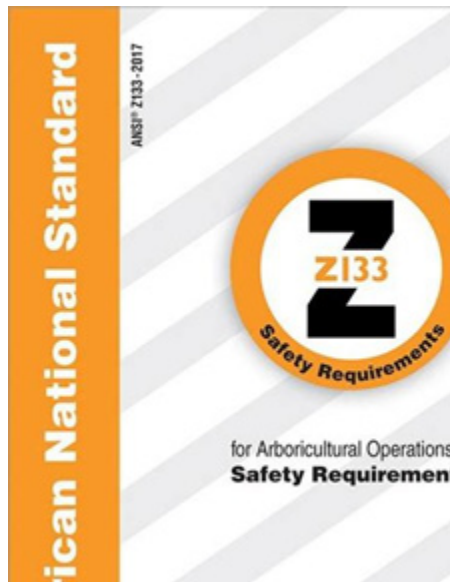
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ANSI 3.5.1 states, “Traffic and pedestrian control around the worksite shall be established prior to the start of all arboricultural operations.”

Traffic control can be as simple as setting up a visible drop zone and having a ground worker designated to manage traffic flow (pedestrian or vehicular). ANSI 3.5.2 states, “Arborists and other workers having specific temporary traffic control zone responsibilities shall be trained in temporary traffic control techniques, device usage and placement, and how to work next to traffic in a manner that minimizes their exposure.”

You and your company can hire a contractor to design, setup and manage the temporary traffic control zone. Our company uses this process in high traffic areas or near major roads.

Even if your company outsources this your team still needs to be trained on how to work in these areas. ANSI 3.5.4 states, “The temporary traffic control zone should impede the flow of vehicular traffic as little as possible. Arborists and other workers should use the



necessary devices that get the road user’s attention and provide positive direction in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).”

Many states have their own MUTCD. The temporary traffic control zone must be designed, set up and managed in accordance with the MUTCD. Local municipalities may require permits or police officers present to manage traffic. Check with your local authorities on this.

Not every company works in high traffic areas. However, this hazard is present on many worksites. What are you doing to protect yourself, your fellow tree workers and the general public? ❖

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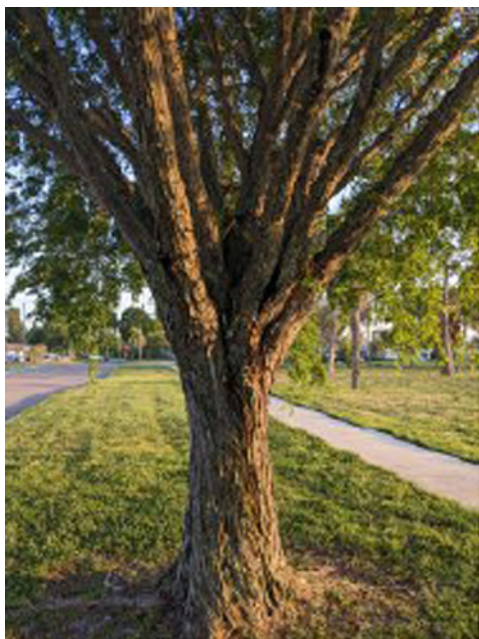
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UF study: Some tree “defects” don’t predict whether a tree will fall in a hurricane

[Brad Buck](#), UF/IFAS Communications

Just because a tree looks a bit odd or damaged, that doesn’t necessarily mean it’s going to topple during a tropical storm or hurricane, [new University of Florida research](#) shows.



When assessing trees, arborists normally examine dozens of visual defects to determine which trees pose an unacceptable risk of “failure” — for example, falling or uprooting.

A tree with visible defects does not necessarily

mean it will fall during a hurricane, says Andrew Koeser, a UF/IFAS associate professor of environmental horticulture. Courtesy, Andrew Koeser.

For the new study, UF/IFAS researchers surveyed trees with three defects — just two weeks after Hurricane Ian in 2022.

Scientists studied branches that stick out beyond the rest of the crown, trunks that split into two equal size stems and multiple branches that connect to the trunk all at the same point.

These growth patterns tend to be seen as weaknesses by tree care professionals, but few studies have assessed if they are too weak to survive a storm.

“We looked at past research (including our own) and noticed these defects never predicted failure. This surprised us, so we decided we would only look at these three conditions when the next hurricane hit,” said [Andrew Koeser](#), a UF/IFAS associate professor of environmental horticulture.

That next hurricane struck Florida on Sept. 28, 2022. Koeser, a faculty member at the [UF/IFAS Gulf Coast Research and Education Center](#) and his team started examining trees in Hillsborough County parks.

By the time it swept through Hillsborough County, Ian’s strength had lessened to a tropical storm with top winds of 60 mph – a wind speed you would expect a sound tree to be able to weather.

Researchers surveyed 1,518 trees and found the storm broke branches on only 14 trees, or less than 1%.

No trees fell or were uprooted.

This mirrors some of Koeser’s prior research. In a survey of the Naples area after Hurricane Irma in 2017, he led a team that [found about 75% of trees sustained no damage](#).

Despite these data, people should protect against potential tree damage when a tropical storm or hurricane is approaching, Koeser said.

“Our study was conducted in managed areas in a county park system, so the spacing of the trees and their care were very similar to what you would likely see in a residential setting,” he said.

Furthermore, some defects like dead branches, big holes in the trees’ trunks and recently uprooted trees that lean have been tied to tree failure in hurricanes, said Koeser.

“Those defects are the ones people should look out for,” he said. ❖



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Urban Forest Management: A Primer to Strategic Planning for Municipal Governments

Robert Northrop, Michael Andreu, and Wayne Zipperer

Urban planners and city administrators face daily challenges in managing complex urban environments, such as maintaining sufficient levels of clean water, clean air, energy, housing, and green spaces, as well as addressing conflicts of interest related to land use. More than ever, they must rise to the challenge of ensuring that their cities are economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable. Well-designed and managed urban forests are integral to meeting this challenge: urban forests can make significant contributions to the sustainable development, economic viability and livability of cities. In an urban environment, healthy and thriving trees, woodlands, and parks require careful planning, design, and management to achieve their full economic, social, and ecological potential.

Our experience suggests that in the current environment, urban forest management tends to involve short-term decision-making reacting to immediate needs (safety, tree hazards, etc.), principally driven by rapid land-use change and local economic concerns. It tends to address the symptoms of the problem rather than the problem itself (reactive vs. proactive). As a result, decisions and actions are often redundant, inefficient, and sometimes have to

be completely redone as other priorities are identified later. What is needed is a longer-term perspective that puts forest management within the broader context of the city's infrastructure and does not leave it as an afterthought.

Decision making has

short-term and long-term implications. In the short term, the implementation of urban forest management on a project-by-project basis often meets the immediate needs of citizens and their government leaders. However, in the long run, a focus on immediate objectives and outcomes often misses the opportunity to address the resilience of the urban forest system and its capacity to adapt to the pressures of urban densification, expansion, and climate change.

An effective and sustainable urban forest management program must address three major components: social systems, governance systems, and the ecological systems. The social component provides the justification for the plan by demonstrating value to the people that live and utilize the forest. The governance component provides guidance to responsible entities on how, when and where management activities will occur. The ecological component addresses the dynamic nature of the system, which is the reason this process is different than simply managing other infrastructure such as transportation systems, sewer systems or electrical grids. As you might expect, the social and governance components add a level of complexity to the planning process not often encountered when developing an urban forest management program. Ideally these three components are integrated throughout the plan to inform government department procedures, policies, and other activities.

We wrote *Urban Forest Management: A Primer to Strategic Planning for Municipalities* to assist in the organization of strategic plans for urban forest management. The Primer was written specifically for use by people responsible for the initiation, or redesign, an urban forest management program. The methodology is flexible, adaptable and appropriate for town, city, county and state urban forest management program development. It was initially developed for use in the State of Florida.

Vision, goals, guiding principles, elements, performance indicators and objectives provide a framework for

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August 14-16, 2023

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The ISA 2023 Annual International Conference offers a forum for participants to learn and network with others in the arboricultural profession. This event provides a lineup of keynote speakers and educational breakout sessions led by industry leaders from around the globe, sharing their thoughts and views about research, practice, and technology.

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defining a sustainable urban forest management program and assessing progress toward efficient and effective operation and delivering public services.

A strategic plan for urban forest management identifies a series of practical and quantifiable steps that guide activities and resources to accomplish predetermined outcomes, the time frame for implementation, and the responsible agency or partnership. By establishing clear lines of responsibility and measurable objectives tied to reasonable timelines, the city can measure successes and identify programmatic areas in need of further attention. The plan itself is best seen as a long-term process, a living and adaptable plan of action, and not a static or short-term product.

The ultimate aim of the Strategic plan is to promote improved place-based urban forest management over time, and to further the development of a healthier and more productive urban forest to support a healthier human community.

Urban Forest Management: A Primer to Strategic Planning for Municipalities is available as a free PDF download at: <https://ffgs.ifas.ufl.edu/urbanforestmanagementbook/> ❖



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Florida Chapter ISA - 2023 Education Schedule

*The schedule below is tentative and subject to changes.

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Date	Seminar/Class	Location (s)	Open for Registration
July 25, 2023	TRAQ Renew 1- Day	Palm Beach	REGISTER ONLINE
July 26-27-28, 2023	TRAQ 3-Day Class	Palm Beach	REGISTER ONLINE
August 2023	Emerging Pests and Biotic Threats	Gainesville	TBD
August 2023	Emerging Pests and Biotic Threats	Wimauma/Tampa	TBD

Welcome!

New Florida Chapter Members

Below are the individuals that joined the Florida Chapter during the first quarter of 2023. If you see a name from your area of the state, look up their phone number online* and give them a call. Introduce yourself and find out what aspect of arboriculture the new member is involved in. Let's make the Florida Chapter friendlier.

We're all working in different ways for the same goals. Get to know other Chapter members! You might make some helpful connections for the future.

We would like to also thank our renewing members throughout the past year. We sincerely appreciate your support of the Florida Chapter.

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Arborist Certification Committee Report

By Norm Easey, Florida Certification Liaison

[Click here to view all scheduled exams](#); clicking on the “state” column will group all Florida exams together for easy searching. Relatively few in-person exams are currently scheduled; look into taking your exam at a Pearson Testing Center.

See the [ISA International](#) website for more information about the various ISA arborist credentials and how to earn them.

Florida Chapter currently has 2185 Certified Arborists.

The Florida Chapter would like to congratulate the following 35 Florida or Florida Chapter individuals for earning their certifications during the 1st quarter of 2023 as Board Certified Master Arborist, Certified Arborist, Municipal Specialist, Utility Specialist as well as TRAQ Qualified:

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Nathan Haynes, Saint Augustine, FL
Clifton McClintic, Alva, FL

Kevin Schaivone, Boynton Beach, FL
Matthew Shirakawa, Cape Coral, FL
Laura Ureta, Ormond Beach, FL
Duron Williamson, Branford, FL

Certified Arborist

Benjamin Baker, Winter Haven, FL
Jeff Blakey, Largo, FL
Clayton Breneman, Deltona, FL
Joseph Buczko, Tarpon Springs, FL
Luke Carleton, Groveland, FL
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Jamie Clay, Orlando, FL
Tyler Doll, Pace, FL
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Raul Mondragon, Palmetto, FL
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Aaron Philpot, Port Richey, FL
William Redding, Largo, FL
Mason Reiter, New Smyrna Beach, FL
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Krystee Van Den Bosch, Ridge Manor, FL

TRAQ Qualifications

Paul Brueggeman, Mills River, NC
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