

66th Annual Shade Tree Conference

January 12-14, 2022- Hotel Topeka at City Center, Topeka, KS

WEDNESDAY ADVANCED ARBORISTS TRAINING WORKSHOP

Registration opens at 7:30 am with the workshop beginning at 8:00 am. Lunch will be provided at noon and there will be breaks in the morning and afternoon. A social with exhibitors at 5:00 includes a tally bar and hors d'oeuvres.

7:30		Registration opens – Sponsored by:
8:00-9:00	1hr 3A	Kevin Chase – Invasive Species to be on the Lookout for
9:00-9:15		Break
9:15-10:30		Emmett Muennink – How to build a successful PHC program
10:30-10:45		Break
10:45-12:00	1hr 3A	Cory McCurry – A Complexity of Oak Health - Stresses Impacting these Legacy Species
12:00-1:00		Lunch Provided and Sponsored by:
1:00-2:00	1hr 3A	Kevin Chase – Incorporating Beneficial Insects into Your PHC Program
2:00-2:15		Break
2:15-3:30		Luke Scheberl – Soil Assessment for Urban Trees
3:30-3:45		Break
3:45-5:00	1 hr Core	Pesticide Regulations (Core Hour) – Kansas Department of Agriculture
5:00		Social with Exhibitors – Sponsored by:

THURSDAY SHADE TREE CONFERENCE

7:30		Registration Opens – Sponsored by:
8:00-8:15		Welcome – Jesse Kirk, President KAA
8:15-9:15		Ed Gilman – Advanced Pruning Techniques
9:15-9:30		Introduction of Exhibitors –
9:30-10:15		Ed Gilman – Advanced Pruning Techniques
10:15-10:30		Break
10:30-11:30		Ed Gilman – Advanced Pruning Techniques
11:30-12:45		Lunch on your own
12:45-1:45		Bob Rose—Champion Trees of Kansas
1:45-2:30		Kansas Arborists Association Business Meeting
2:30-3:15		Tim Boswell – Evergy
3:15-3:30		Break
3:30-4:15		Tim Boswell – Evergy
4:15-5:00		Tim Boswell – Evergy
5:00-7:00		Social with Exhibitors – Cash Bar

FRIDAY SHADE TREE CONFERENCE

8:00		Registration Opens –
8:30-9:30		Ed Gilman – Root development and management in the urban landscapes
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10:30-10:45		Break
10:45-11:45		Ed Gilman – Root development and management in the urban landscapes
11:45-1:00		Lunch on your own
1:00-2:00		Andy Huckaba – Truly Human Leadership
2:00-3:00		Andy Huckaba – Truly Human Leadership
3:00-3:15		Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Credits toward Pesticide Applicator Recertification
KDA Pesticide Regs Update 1 core hour
3A/3B credits will be available

ISA CEU'S will be available and
announced for each session

2022 KAA - Shade Tree Conference - Speaker Biographies

Edward F. Gilman, Ph.D. – was on the faculty since 1986 as professor at University of Florida. He received honorary membership in ASLA in 2016. Ed wrote “Illustrated guide to pruning” in its third edition. He received Authors Citation Award in 1999, Educators Award in 2003, research award in 2007, and the Award of Merit (ISAs highest award) in 2016 from the International Society of Arboriculture. He has published more than 120 scientific peer reviewed journal articles on roots, planting, and pruning trees in 35 years in academia and industry. Ed has conducted more than 800 presentations to professional groups throughout his career world-wide. He now conducts training, writes specifications, and consults for companies on arboriculture related issues.

Cory McCurry – an ISA certified arborist (Midwest Arborologist) for Rainbow Ecoscience where he provides plant healthcare protocol training and support for Rainbow’s clients nationwide. He has years of practical tree care experience and conducts field research trials throughout the U.S. He holds a B.A. in Biology from Fort Hays State University with a minor in chemistry, along with his pesticide operator’s certification in the state of Illinois.

Emmett Muennink – Arborjet- South Central Technical Manager: Emmett holds a B.S. in Agronomy and a M.S. in Crop Science both from Texas Tech University. His career in arboriculture began in 2010 and he has performed nearly every job in the tree care industry: from dragging brush, climbing, grinding stumps, pesticide applications and sales. In 2017, his passion for arboriculture led him to achieve the designation of Board Certified Master Arborist. Emmett’s role with Arborjet allows him to help other arborists and landscape professionals grow their PHC programs and fine-tune their treatment protocols.

Kevin Chase – research entomologist with the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratory. He received his BSc from Shippensburg University in ecology, his MSc from Mississippi State University studying forest entomology and his PhD from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand where he combined his passion for ecology and forest entomology. He also did a post-doc at the University of Minnesota studying bark beetles. Kevin has worked at the Penn State Fruit Research and Extension Center, the United States Department of Agriculture – APHIS, and as a utility arborist with Arbor Metrics Solutions.

Andy Huckaba – President of Huckaba & Associates, a management consulting firm focusing on strategy, leadership, and management. His clients range from multi-billion-dollar for-profit companies to start-up, government sector and not-for-profit organizations. He is a founding member of the Ad Astra Coach Alliance. He is a Certified Civic and Community Leadership Coach and provides leadership coaching through the Ad Astra Coach Alliance, the Kansas Leadership Center, the Healthy Community Leadership Academy, and independently works with a number of ongoing coach clients.

Luke Scheberl – has field experience as a soil scientist and ISA Certified Arborist in South Eastern Wisconsin. He recently began working as a full-time arboriculture instructor for Mid-State Technical College. He received a B.S. degree in Urban Forestry and an M.S. degree in Soil Science from UW-Stevens Point.

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