

68th Annual Shade Tree Conference

January 17-19, 2024

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn®. Manhattan, KS 66502

410 S 3rd Street

WEDNESDAY (Jan 17) 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	Derrick Martin- Improving Safety and Efficiency: Work planning and tool selection.
9:00-9:15	Break
9:15-10:30	Derrick Martin – Improving Safety and Efficiency: Better work positioning.
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00	Derrick Martin – Improving Safety and Efficiency: Other tools and techniques
12:00-1:00	Lunch Provided and Sponsored by:
1:00-2:00	James Komen – Case Illustrations from Kansas Tree Law
2:00-2:15	Break
2:15-3:30	James Komen – Case Illustrations from Kansas Tree Law
3:30-3:45	Break
3:45-5:00	James Komen- Case Illustrations from Kansas Tree Law
5:00	Social with Exhibitors – Sponsored by:

THURSDAY (Jan 18) SHADE TREE CONFERENCE

7:30	Registration Opens – Sponsored by:
8:00-8:15	Welcome – Ryan Rastok, President KAA
8:15-9:15	Craig Bachman- Can You Be Rescued?
9:15-9:30	Introduction of Exhibitors –
9:30-10:15	Derrick Martin – Anchor Systems for Climbers
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	Craig Bachman- Rethinking Leadership
11:30-12:45	Lunch on your own
12:45-1:30	The History of the KAA- to know where you're going, you must know where you've been
1:30-2:15	Kansas Arborists Association Business Meeting
2:15-3:15	Cory McCurry- Spotted Lanternfly 101: What to Expect When It's Found in Your Area
3:15-3:30	Break
3:30-4:15	Derrick Martin- Lanyard Techniques for Better Work Positioning
4:15-5:00	Cory McCurry- Sizing Up Tree Injections: A Scientific Approach to Macro & Micro Best Practices
5:00-6:30	Social with Exhibitors – Cash Bar
6:30	KAA Banquet

FRIDAY (Jan 19) SHADE TREE CONFERENCE

8:00	Registration Opens –
8:30-9:30	James Komen- Wielding the A300 Standards: The Shield and the Sword (
9:30-10:30	James Komen- White Hat Hacking the TRAQ
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:45	Gary Johnson- Community Gravel Beds as Cost-effective Options for Tree Planting Projects
11:45-1:00	Lunch on your own
1:00-2:00	Gary Johnson- Challenges of Establishing New Planted Trees
2:00-3:00	Pesticide Regulations (Core Hour) – Kansas Department of Agriculture
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

Cory McCurry is 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.

Craig Bachmann is the founder and lead arborist of Tree133 LLC, a tree preservation company based in Seattle, WA. Craig is a Certified Arborist, an ISA-Qualified Tree Risk Assessor and a head technician for the International Tree Climbing Championship. He is also a member of the TCI Magazine Editorial Advisory Board. Craig founded Tree133 in 2017 with the mission of "Preserving Trees. Empowering People." His team of professional arborists specializes in the care of large trees with risk mitigation pruning, structural support systems and cultural improvements. They strive to empower tree owners with science-based guidance that considers both the risks and benefits of trees. In early 2020, Craig's wife, Joanna Bachmann, joined Tree133 to manage daily operations. Her expertise has been essential to the success of the business. Craig and Joanna enjoy living and working in the North Seattle community.

Derrick Martin is a professional arborist, competitive tree climber based out of central Pennsylvania. He has been in the industry for over 19 years. Derrick is currently self-employed as a contract tree climber but has worked as a general foreman in charge of safety and training. You can catch Derrick competing at regional and national climbing competitions as well as instructing at ArborFest Expo as well as TCIA Expo.

Gary Johnson has been a professor at the University of Minnesota, Department of Forest Resources for 31 years, specializing in urban and community forestry. His research, teaching, and publishing has included reducing construction damage to trees, predicting and preventing tree losses in wind loading events, best tree production and planting practices, and using community gravel beds for cost-effective reforestation projects.

James Komen is a consulting arborist in California specializing in risk assessment and tree appraisal. He helps clients make informed management decisions for individual trees and for tree inventories. His work has been published in Arboriculture & Urban Forestry, Arboricultural Consultant, Palms, Ontario Arborist, and Western Arborist. He is an ISA TRAQ instructor and has taught workshops on tree appraisal around the U.S. and Canada.

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