

Winter 2017-18

Cityscape

Promoting Stewardship for Missouri's Community Forests



COMING SOON!

26th Annual MCFC Conference, March 12-15,
2018, Columbia Missouri –

"THE DOLLARS & \$ENSE OF TREES"

The 2018 conference will be a broad ranging examination of the idea that trees are valued assets that benefit and support our communities in a myriad of different ways. The conference theme "The Dollars & \$ense of Trees" is a word play on this notion as we explore the innumerable methods we assign value and connect to our urban trees. Examples of topics which will be address include; presentation on trees and human health, Trees & Stormwater mitigation, community food forests, and educational tree climbing. There will also be a special preconference workshop focusing on tree appraisal by renowned Consulting Arborist, James Komen.

The conference tour will have a unique twist in that there will be two concurrent site visits, attendees will need to decide which tour option carries the greatest value for them. The Arboretum option will visit Stephens Lake Park, here attendees will get a tour of various plant collection and learn how the park recently earned arboretum accreditation. The urban ecology tour will visit collaborative stormwater projects along the MKT trail including the 3M wetland, a restoration project on the site of former waste water treatment site. Following the tours, both groups will join for a fun climb demonstration and 5k run/walk at Stephens Lake Park.



Complete Conference schedule with list of all the fascinating presentations will be available on the MCFC Website- <http://mocommunitytrees.org/>

Fun Climb at Music Festival Connects People to Trees

The second *Trees Work* tree climb at Roots n Blues n BBQ (a three day music and food festival) was held this October in Stephens Lake Park, Columbia. Ann Koenig, community forester with the Missouri Department of Conservation, partnered with Central MCFC, Roots n Blues, Bucket Media, Adventure Tree, the Columbia Tree Task Force, Tree Keepers, City of Columbia Parks and Rec, and True/False Film Festival to pull off this two day tree climb with 14 volunteers, 12 climbing ropes, one swing that held four people, one tree and a few hundred participants (we estimated 350)!

Stephens Lake Park Arboretum will be part of the annual MCFC conference tour and Guy Mott from Adventure Tree will be a conference presenter as well, so you can learn more about the site and the program at the MCFC annual conference which will be held in Columbia March 12 -15, 2018. Thank you to Central MCFC for providing volunteers to assist in the Roots n Blues Tree Climb.

Ann Koenig, Community Forester,
Missouri Department of Conservation



SALUTING BRANCHES –

A Day of Service by Arborists for National Cemeteries

Story by Skip Kincaid

Any visit to a cemetery can elicit a number of emotions. Being in the presence of the physical remains of our predecessors makes us think of the past, the future, and our current lives. This is especially true when we visit one of the National Cemeteries in the United States. These resting places are managed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and contain the remains of veterans and their immediate families. Even if you've never visited one, you've certainly seen the images of the seemingly endless and perfectly aligned rows of uniform headstones. The symmetry of the headstones alone creates a sense of awe and reflects the order that exists within the military and the ultimate equality of the deceased.

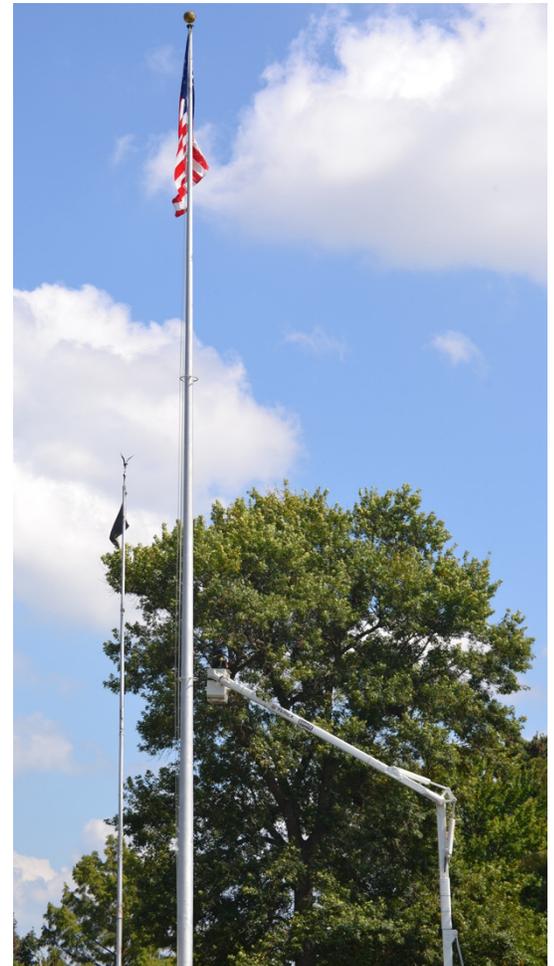
Most of the sites have a population of large stately trees. Some are state and national champions. These sentries keep watch over a group of veterans that served our country and provide a dramatic backdrop for visitors to the sites and a sense of peace and stability. Unfortunately, funding at these sites for tree care struggles to keep up with the needs of the tree population.

Professional arborists are aware of the sacrifice made by those who served our country, and are easily enlisted to sacrifice their time to honor veterans in a way they know best. For the third year, arborists around the country banded together on a single day to provide a day of service to care for trees in 45 national cemeteries around the country. The annual event is organized by the non-profit organization "Saluting Branches", in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration and sponsored by benefactor Rainbow Treecare among other donating partners, associates and individuals.

Saluting Branches 2017 was the largest one day volunteer event in the tree care industry with over 2,200 volunteers representing 467 companies. Volunteers worked at 45 national cemeteries across the country. An estimated 17,600 hours of volunteer time was donated at a value of \$2.2 million dollars.

Missouri arborists did their share of work on September 20th at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis and Springfield National Cemetery in Springfield. ([See photos of both events in following pages](#)) Additional volunteers were at Leavenworth National Cemetery in Leavenworth KS. Approximately 50 arborists worked at each of these three locations. "This is such a great way to honor our veterans, and network and hang out with other arborists", said participant, Chad Hansen, of Hansen's Tree Service in O'Fallon, MO.

Did you miss out on being part of Saluting Branches in 2017? Stay in touch and be sure to volunteer for the 2018 event. The date and locations will be announced soon. You can learn more at www.salutingbranches.org



SALUTING BRANCHES –

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis

At Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis, companies brought their staff, their equipment and their tools for this great day of service and fellowship. It was a brutally hot day, and while a large amount of quality work was performed, there was plenty of time to visit with other arborists during the lunch donated in part by Gamma Tree Experts. Several arborists also found time during the day to visit the gravesites of loved ones. A show of hands in the morning revealed that most of the volunteers had family members interred at the cemetery. Many said they were moved to volunteer to support the memory of their loved ones and to support the sacrifice made by so many veterans and their families.



More photos and information on Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery on following pages

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis

The Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks is one of the National Cemetery Administrations oldest interment sites and has served as a burial place for soldiers from all wars. Jefferson Barracks was built south of St. Louis, MO. on the banks of the Mississippi River in 1826 and became the army's first permanent base west of the Mississippi River. By the 1840s, it was the largest military establishment in the United States. During the Civil War, Jefferson Barracks served as a training post for the Union Army. Today, the post is now used as a base for the Army and Air National Guard.



Skilled arborist volunteering their time to protect and preserve the trees at this hallowed site.



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Many thanks to the St. Louis area arborist who participated in Saluting Branches!

SALUTING BRANCHES – Springfield National Cemetery

Saluting Branches was supported in Springfield MO. by multiple tree care companies and the Missouri Community Forestry Council SW regional group on September 20. An estimated \$40,000 of service was provided, including the removal of several dead trees, and pruning of remaining trees in the Springfield National Cemetery.



Arborist and volunteers sign in and prepare to begin work on Springfield national cemetery's trees

Springfield photos provided by Jon Skinner



The Springfield National Cemetery was established in 1867 and was initially established as the internment site for the Union soldiers who perished in the 1861 Battle of Wilson's Creek. Today, the 18 acres cemetery now contains the remains of veterans from other wars, including the Revolutionary War, Spanish-American War, and World War II. Within the Springfield National Cemetery is a six-acre portion established by the Confederate Cemetery Association in 1871. In 1911 as a result of a congressional amendment, the Confederate cemetery was accepted as part of the Springfield National Cemetery.







Many thanks to the Springfield area arborist and southwest regional MCFC members who participated in Saluting Branches!



To learn more about our National Cemeteries visit <https://www.cem.va.gov/>

Urban Wood Seminar and Workshop Promotes Ideas and Networking opportunity to Reclaim K.C.'s Fallen Trees

A one day, wood utilization workshop was held recently at the Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center on Tuesday, December 12, in Kansas City MO. An event hosted by Bridging The Gap's Green Business Network, it was sponsored by the Kansas Forest Service and aided by Event Partners: Center for Architecture and Design, Missouri Department of Conservation and USGBC Central Plains Chapter.

This free event consisted of two sessions which attendees were welcomed to register for either one or both, depending on their interest. The first session—*“Designing With Urban Wood: A Practical Guide To Telling a Story While Saving The Planet”* was aimed primarily for architects, designers, landscape architects, contractors, and furniture makers.



Presenters described how incorporating “urban” wood into a design project can help set a project apart from the crowd by telling a unique story with ecological significance. The audience also learned more about what urban wood is, where to get it, and how to successfully spec it into an indoor or outdoor design project. Attendees were also able to experience firsthand how a tree goes from log to lumber with an on-site sawmill demonstration by the Kansas Forest Service.

The second session – *“Partnering For Efficiency: Creating an Effective Regional Urban Wood Supply System”*, was focused more toward local governments, sawyers, lumber distributors, conservation specialists and tree service companies. In this session, Dwayne Sperber of Wudeward Urban Forest Products, discussed the advantages, critical components and challenges of creating an urban wood network using his own experience from helping to develop the Wisconsin Urban Wood Network. In this session, attendees also learned how some local municipalities are currently process their urban wood. This informative workshop culminated in breakout sessions that address in a lively group discussion, conceptual ideas toward implementing an effective local urban wood network for Kansas City.



Announcements

Funding Available to Help Restore Urban Waters and Revitalize Communities.

Please visit the link below for information about a request for proposals for the 2018 **5 Star – Urban Waters Restoration Grants** program .The deadline for proposals is January 31, 2018.

<http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2018rfp.aspx>

Do You Want To Move Yourself or Your Urban Forestry Effort To The Next Level?

The Municipal Forestry Institute (or MFI) may be able to take you there! MFI is an exciting, high-level training opportunity educating people in the leadership and managerial aspects of urban forestry. This week-long intensive educational program delivers a challenging opportunity to grow a more successful community tree program. Come learn and master leadership and management tools of program administration, coalition building, strategic thinking, program planning, and public relations by investing a week in your personal growth and development. Sign up now for MFI 2018, being held February 18-23, 2018 in Litchfield, CT

More Pests, Everywhere.

Sobering research suggests - No Saturation in the Accumulation of alien species worldwide For all taxonomic groups. The increase in numbers of alien species does not show any sign of saturation and most taxa even show increases in the rate of first records over time. Read more at:

<https://www.nature.com/articles/ncomms14435#f2>

Midwestern Chapter - ISA 72nd Annual Conference and Trade Show Kansas City - Overland Park, KS January 30 – February 2, 2018

The Annual Conference and Trade Show is open to members and nonmembers alike and is expected to draw over 150 attendees. Conference program and registration information can be found on the MW-ISA Chapter website (www.mwisa.org).

LWCF & RTP Grants Now Open!

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, have announced that the 2018 grant rounds for the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) are now open. LWCF grants are available to cities, counties, public school districts and public universities, to be used for outdoor recreation projects. RTP grants fund public trail-related projects and are available to local and state governments, public school districts, public universities, private schools, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and businesses. For more information about either of these programs, to download the grant applications, and to register for a grant application workshop, visit <https://mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants>

For questions, contact grants management staff at lwcf.rtp@dnr.mo.gov. Deadline to apply is February 16, 2018.