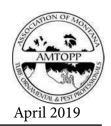


AMTOPP Spring News



AMTOPP Winter Conference 2019

By: Lydia Heser AMTOPP Director Another successful AMTOPP Annual Winter Conference at Fairmont Hot Springs saw

many changes this year. An irrigation tract with Lynda Wightman and Dan Devore on Monday was a great addition. This opportunity brought new people to the conference and added a positive element. The workshop set up was also very different this year. Instead of concurring arborist and turf/pesticide tracts there were more diverse green industry topics available. Many of the workshops covered CEUs for ISA, MT Dept. of Ag, and Urban IPM credits all at the same time. There were also some very helpful and educational demonstrations including: lift truck inspections, crane demonstrations, sonic topography and resistography, and hands on disease diagnosis on woody ornamentals.

Two amendments to the By-Laws were voted on and passed at the conference.

- 1. The first amendment was to reinstate the original language that was replace with the adoption of the Amendment dated December 15, 2006. The wording will now be: No firm, partnership, or corporation shall be eligible for Regular Membership if fifty percent or more of its control is owned by one or more existing Regular member(s) of the Association. Passed by majority votes- 21 votes cast with 20 for and 1 against.
- 2. The second amendment was to allow Associate and Corporate Members to serve on the Board of Directors, each have a vote on any matters which the board is voting on, and no more than a total of three combined Associate and Corporate Members may serve at one time. Passed by majority- 18 votes cast with 16 for and 2 against.

Six new AMTOPP members were voted to serve on the Board.

They will serve a three year term as Directors. Once these members have served at least one year on the Board they will be able to serve on the Executive Board. Dudley Marburger who is a past president is an exception to this. The new members are:

Tom Molitor of Big Twig Tree Care, Belgrade
Dudley Marburger of Dudley's Tree, Kalispell
Chris Galanti of Galanti Lawn & Landscaping, Missoula
Craig Stensby of TruGreen Billings
Stephen Pulley of the City of Missoula
Lydia Heser of Heser Tree Service, Forsyth
Dudley Marburger was voted on by the Board to serve
as the Secretary/Treasurer for 2019.

AMTOPP had a great turnout with 136 total in attendance which includes speakers, exhibitors, and companion meal guests. The Trade Show was well represented and a great value to all who attended having plenty of time for visiting. The lucky winner of the MS271 Chainsaw donated by STIHL and RDO Equipment of Missoula was Jon Kellogg with Nitro-Green Helena. The other lucky winners of the raffle were: a computer tablet won by Bud Boisvert of Missoula; a night at Fairmont with a \$50 gift certificate was won by Bing Cherry of Miles City; a Henry .45-70 Govt Steel Lever Action Rife was won by Cooper Elwood of Missoula.

According to the feedback on the evaluations the conference was successful. Some comments from the evaluation were, "Very good", "Excellent food, presentation, organization", "10++++++", "Good venue/relaxing atmosphere. Not extremely expensive", and "Great awesome lectures".

Next year's conference is a week earlier than in the past, so mark your calendars for January 19-21, 2020 at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort.

Hope to see you there.



Cooper Elwood was the lucky winner of the gun.



Bing Cherry took home the winning ticket for a night at Fairmont Hot Spirngs with a \$50 gift certificate



Dan Devore won the 50/50 and graciously donated it back to AMTOPP, minus his \$40 he spent on purchasing his tickets. THANKS DAN!

President's Message



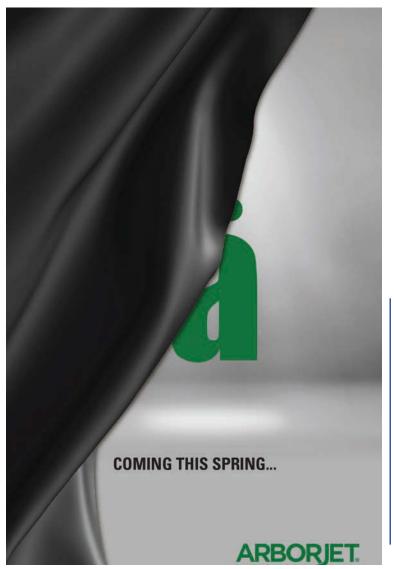
Here we are again waiting for old man winter to fall back asleep. The winter has been long, cold, and snowy. Since AM-TOPP's winter conference there has been only a handful of days anywhere near the freezing point, let alone above it. Hopefully, everyone was able to use this time to get prepared for the upcoming work season.

In addition to preparing for the upcoming work season, AMTOPP's board members have been working on next year's annual Winter Conference. The board is hoping to have the agenda out by early summer. The board's goal is to provide the best possible agenda for all our members. AMTOPP's membership includes pesticide applicators, arborists, turf specialists, irrigation professionals, city foresters, educators, and suppliers who supply us with the products, tools, and supplies we need to do our work. With that in mind, it is important that our membership gives the board some feedback on what they would like to see in future conferences. Some members did fill out their conference evaluations and provided some suggestions for presentations they would like to see. However more ideas are always welcome, so feel free to call any of the board members with your ideas.

Next year's conference will include an expansion of the irrigation tract, board member Steve Jonas is working hard to develop the irrigation track. He is working with the Irrigation Association to provide a course that will certify attendees. In addition to irrigation certification, the board is working on chipper operator certification through the TCI. Moreover, Dr. John Ball will be instructing an 8 hour EHAP class. Participates will receive a certificate of completion for this class as well.

In closing, I would like to thank all the speakers, sponsors, and suppliers for their support and dedication to making AMTOPP's conference a success. Also, I would like to thank Past Presidents Sam Strickland and Robert Worden for their many years of service on the AMTOPP board. The board will miss you guys.

Jason Stringer President of AMTOPP



Mark Your CALENDAR

April 12 - Quarterly Board Meeting - 10AM Perkins Restaurant -825 N

Perkins Restaurant -825 N 27th Street, Billings

May 17 - Quarterly Board Meeting - 10AM

Location to Be Determined **August 9** - Quarterly Board

Meeting - 10AM

Montana Veterans Home Columbia Falls

August 10 - Summer Field

Day - More information coming soon!!

Montana Veterans Home -Columbia Falls

September 18 - Saluting Branches- 7:30AM

Fort Harrison, Helena

November 1 - Quarterly Board Meeting - 10AM

MSU Bozeman - Location to Be announed later





Secretary/Treasurer's Message



The members of AMTOPP are a special breed of business person. Most professional organizations are made up of a generic set. All tree trimmers, all landscapers, all irrigation types, you get the point. AMTOPP bucks the trend with the diversity of the membership, vendors and advisors. We come from so many different, and yet similar, professional walks of life. I can safely say from each meeting I

walk away with more knowledge.

Being asked to once again serve on the Board of Directors makes me feel honored. Starting this role on the Executive Committee is a leap of faith as I have a bit of catching up to do. There have been several changes in the function of the board as I have been away from the board for a couple of years. The makeup of the current board is strong and this is going to be a fun path to follow. I take this service

seriously and will do my best to serve the people and businesses that make up AMTOPP.

We have money in the bank, we are attracting both new members and new sponsors. As a board under Jason and the board's leadership we are more transparent than ever. As an organization we are moving forward and continue to ride the crest of the information wave.

As we work towards the next conference in the year 2020 we should commit ourselves with four simple tasks. Recruit one new member. Invite one new sponsor. Bring one item for the silent auction. Bring 100 pounds of canned goods for the food drive.

If we all accomplish just one of each, think of where we will be next conference.

Thank you, W Dudley Marburger Executive Secretary/Treasurer.



Joh Kellog (2nd from left) Winner of the chainsaw, donated by STIHL and RDO Equipment of Missoula. Shan Jones (L) RDO Equipment; Danny Lamb, STIHL; and Jason Stringer, President AMTOPP



New Board Members for 2019: Back left to right: Stephen Pulley; Dudley Marburger; Craig Stensby; Tom Molitor; Front left: Lydia Heser; Chris Galanti



A Great Way To Help Out Your Association - Secure A Sponsor This Will Help Provide Quality Speakers For The Conference.

When you are dealing with any of the many suppliers that you use to maintain your business, ask them about becoming a sponsor for AMTOPP's conference.

This sponsorship can be as little as \$100, and does not have to be green industry related. So What's In It For The Sponsor? Plain and simple - It is advertising!

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Their company name and contact information will be listed in the Conference Program, listed in the first newsletter after the conferenceand will be listed in the Membership Directory

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So What's In It For You, The Amtopp Member? (applies to Regular and Associate Members only)

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AMTOPP Joins The Irrigation Association

By: Steve Jonas AMTOPP Direcor The AMTOPP membership is made up of companies who either -hold a pesticide license and/or a certificate from the International So-

ciety of Arboriculture (ISA), thus making it the Association of Certification. So it makes since to add another certification affiliation, the Irrigation Association, to the mix. For a few years, the evaluations from the conference, have requested information on irrigation so this past conference the board was able to follow through on the request. While it may not have been as extensive as the rest of the classes, it was a starting point and went over very well.

Reading the purpose of AMTOPP, our goals are similar and align well, with the Irrigation Association. As stated in the By-Laws, it says: to promote high standards and ethics, in the pesticide industry, to educate members and the public for the betterment of each, and to promote comradery within the turf, ornamental, and pesticide application industry through social interaction in order to unite our industry for the purpose of better serving the public. Let's face it, without water to irrigate; there would not be as much of a need for the pesticide industry.

AMTOPP is now an affiliate of the Irrigation Association. So what does that mean? AMTOPP is joining 48 other organizations in promot-

ing the efficient use of water; one of these organization is the National Association of Landscape Professionals "NALP" which AMTOPP is currently a member. The Irrigation Association works collaboratively with these green industry associations for the benefit of our combined membership. The goal of the IA is to:

Improve industry proficiency and professionalism

Define best practices for effective water management

Promote efficient irrigation and sound water management

Influence public policy at the local, state, regional, and national levels

Looking forward the AMTOPP board is planning to build the irrigation workshop classes for our annual conference, in January 2020. Rest assured that we are not eliminating any turf, ornamental or arborist classes to provide this new addition. We are expanding the number of tracts available.

We are looking to meet the needs of some of our existing members as well as reaching out to potential new members.

As you go through the year, please get the word out that AMTOPP is the place where irrigators meet. The more companies that join and get involved will equal bigger and better informative classes that will benefit all, including the customers we serve.

Container Recycling Schedule

Pesticide Container Recycling Program starts May 2019! Start collecting pesticide containers now!

The 2019 Season Schedule for the Montana Department of Agriculture Pesticide Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Truck will be posted here soon. For more information, contact program administrator Carli Davis at 406-465-0531, email Carli.Davis@mt.gov

Preparing Containers for Recycling

ALL CONTAINERS MUST BE FREE OF PESTICIDE RESIDUE (TRIPLE RINSED OR POWERRINSED BY THE OWNER)

Triple Rinsing Containers: Empty all pesticide into the spray tank, allowing the container to completely drain. Container must be rinsed immediately. Fill the container partially full of water. Replace the cap onto the container. Vigorously shake the container to rinse all inside surfaces. Remove cap from the container and pour the rinsate from the pesticide container into the spray tank. Allow the center to completely drain (30 seconds). Repeat the process three times or until container is completely free from pesticide residue.

Power Rinsing Containers: Empty all of pesticide into spray tank including any product remaining in the handle. Container must be rinsed immediately. Force the top of a rinse nozzle into the container and hold container so that opening can drain into the spray tank. Turn nozzle to ensure coverage of all container sides and handle.

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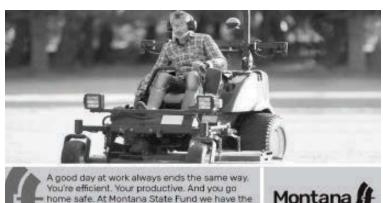




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From Our Affiliates

Spring into Action: Join the Montana State University Urban IPM Certification Program

By: Dr. Eva Grimme MSU Extension Pest control in the urban landscape is a never-ending challenge for green industry professionals as well as private horticulture enthusiasts. The

development of pest issues depends on several factors, including the environment. Unfortunately, we do not have control over the weather, but we can focus on the adoption of integrated pest management (IPM) practices to prevent or solve plant problems while safeguarding the environment.

The Montana State University (MSU) Urban IPM Certification Program is focused on educating professionals in the fields of arboriculture, landscape, nursery and lawn care. Integrated pest management is not about the eradication of pesticides. It is about utilizing current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment to apply successful and economical control methods with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment. The Urban IPM Certification Program was designed to supplement practices that are already in place, giving professionals the tools they need for serving an ever-changing client population.

The benefits of becoming a certified Urban IPM professional are substantial. Certified professionals are provided with relevant, up-to-date and scientifically based information on pests and how to control them. Once certified, a professional will have an official certificate issued by MSU, verifying that one is serious about ones profession. Certified individuals will also be listed on the MSU Urban IPM website (http://urbanipm.montana.edu). This will assist the growing population of

environmentally aware clients in finding individuals and businesses that have been trained in IPM principles.

Urban IPM certification may be gained through various venues. A participant in the certification program will need to receive 12 credits over a three-year period to achieve certification. Certified Urban IPM professionals need 12 credits every three years to maintain certification. Credits may be earned by participating in workshops, conferences, digital offerings available through the MSU Urban IPM page, signing up for Urban Alerts (https://mturbanalert.org), or participating in online surveys and quizzes. Workshop opportunities will coincide with statewide conferences when possible.

Save the date: The Urban IPM Certification Program will be hosting a hands-on workshop September 11, 2019, in Bozeman MT. The "Trees to Turf 2019" workshop will feature key speaker, Dr. Raymond Cloyd, from Kansas State University. His presentations will focus on insect pest identification and management. The workshop will also offer a session on weed identification and control (Dr. Tim Seipel), a tour of the MSU campus hosted by various specialists during which current pest problems will be discussed, and a hands-on session on disease diagnosis of woody ornamentals (Dr. Eva Grimme).

For questions regarding the Urban IPM Certification Program, please contact Eva Grimme (eva.grimme@montana.edu; 406-994-5150) or visit us online: http://urbanipm.montana.edu.

A New Turfgrass Resident?

By: Dr. Laurie Kerzicnik MSU Ext. - Schutter Lab A brown patch of grass is always frustrating to diagnose. In the Helena region, a bug has been infesting several areas of turfgrass. Some of these

infestations are significant. Although the bug is yet to be identified, one possibility is the chinch bug, Blissus sp., (Fig. 1). It is common in many surrounding states and feeds on turfgrass.

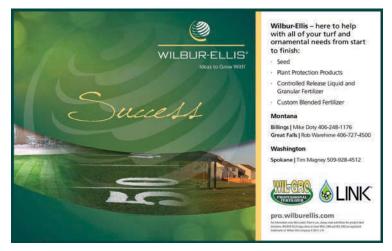
Adults are very small, reaching about 1/10" long. The bugs will pierce the grass tillers with their piercing-sucking mouthparts and will prevent water from getting to the roots. The grass will turn yellow then reddish brown. Additional water to these areas will not show any improvement. Under severe drought and heat, some populations can

reach up to 300 per square foot. They have up to two generations. They overwinter in clumps of turfgrass surrounding buildings and around sidewalks.

To scout for the bugs, pull back grass stems and look within the thatch layer with a hand lens. Collect in a vial or crush-proof container and bring it to your local extension office for identification. They look similar to many other insects, including many beneficial insects, so professional identification is important.



Blissus leucopterus Photo by Graham Montgomery.



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AMTOPP Working with Montana Urban Forestry Coalition

By: Patrick Plantenberg

The dream of a united urban forest-

ry group planning training events in Montana is becoming a reality. The formation of a coalition has been talked about for years at AMTOPP winter conferences at the ISA-RMC breakfast round table to coordinate training needs in Montana. The International Society of Arboriculture, Rocky Mountain Chapter (ISA-RMC), the Montana Urban and Community Forestry Association (MUCFA), and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Urban and Community Forestry (DNRC-UCF) Program, have developed a cooperative program loosely called the Montana Urban Forestry Coalition to fund urban forestry training for citizens, tree boards, and arborists about all things trees over the past few years.

In 2018, 11 events were partially funded by these organizations:

- •Montana Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA) Green EXPO in January
- •Association of Montana Turf, Ornamental, and Pest Professionals (AMTOPP) Winter Conference and Trade Show in January
- •Growing Greener Communities Tree Board Retreat in Lewistown in March
- •Montana Tree Worker Academy in Bozeman in April
- Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) and Requalification in Helena in May
- •AMTOPP Summer Field Day for Veterans in Miles City in August
 - •Saluting Branches in Helena in September
- Aerial Rescue Training in Great Falls with WesSpur and AMTOPP in September
- •Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT) Annual Conference in Butte in September
- •Northern Rockies Tree School (NRTS) in Cody, WY in October 2018; and
- Montana Trails, Recreation, and Parks Association (MTRPA) Annual Conference in Helena in October

Montana tree workers have access to quality

education in Montana largely in part because of ISA-RMC, MUCFA, and DNRC-UCF. On November 2, 2018 the Northern Rockies Tree School (NRTS) committee agreed to fund arborist training in Montana and Wyoming out of their surplus budget. Montana and Wyoming will each have \$5,000 to help fund training opportunities starting July 1, 2019.

In other good news, AMTOPP President Jason Stringer is meeting with representatives from MUCFA and ISA-RMC to coordinate additional AMTOPP training events with the coalition in 2019. Also, NorthWestern Energy Company, the leading private company funding arborist education and urban forestry programs in Montana, has also stepped up and is funding more urban forestry events in 2019. Finally, Montana Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA) member, Gardenwerks of Helena will be leading a proper tree planting training session in Helena in April at the State Veteran's Cemetery and VA HealthCare facility. This cooperation among organizations is exactly what Montana needs to continue to advance the professionalism of arboriculture in Montana.

Events planned and/or partially funded by the coalition in 2019 to date include:

- •Montana Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA) Green EXPO in January
- •Association of Montana Turf, Ornamental, and Pest Professionals (AMTOPP) Winter Conference and Trade Show in January
- •NorthWestern Energy Company Saluting Branches Tree Planting at the State Veterans Cemetery and VA Healthcare Facility in Helena in April
- •AMTOPP Summer Field Day for Veterans in Columbia Falls in August
- •Montana Tree Worker Academy this summer in Helena
- •Aerial Rescue with WesSpur and AMTOPP this summer in Helena
- •Electrical Hazard Awareness Program (EHAP) training in Bozeman August 23
- •Saluting Branches in Helena on September 18

•Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT) and Montana Trails, Recreation, and Parks Association (MTRPA) Joint Conference October 2-4 in Billings

•TCIA Chipper Certification with AMTOPP; date to be determined, and

•Northern Rockies Tree School (NRTS) in Bozeman October 7-9 including written ISA Exams as well as Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist® and Certified Tree Worker Aerial Lift Specialist® field exams.

Upcoming Events

NorthWestern Energy Company Saluting Branches Tree Planting

Volunteers will be planting 20 bareroot trees at the State Veterans Cemetery and VA Health-care Facility in Helena in April. Northwestern Energy has provided a \$2,000 grant -\$1,000 to be used for trees and \$1,000 to be used for irrigation improvements for the trees. Gardenwerks of Helena will conduct a proper tree planting training for the cemetery and VA crews and volunteers in the morning. Many of the young trees at the sites have not been properly planted or cared for in the past. Then the groups will divide up and plant the 20 trees. Gardenwerks will return to install the irrigation improvements once all tees have been planted. Plan on helping at the event to improve the beauty of the sites.

Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ)
Course and Requalification Course

Vince Urbina will teach a TRAQ Requalification Course April 30 and a TRAQ Full Course May 1-3 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The registration deadline for the courses is March 29. I misreported in the last issue of the RM Arborist that many of the Montana TRAQ graduates will be due for requalification in 2019. The Montana graduates will be due for renewal in 2020.

AMTOPP Summer Field Day

The coalition will be helping with the AMTOPP Summer Field Day again this year at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls





on Saturday, August 10. The Montana Veterans Home is an assisted living facility for over 100 veterans. Volunteers will spend a day maintaining the grounds, landscaping, and caring for trees to help beautify the site for the residents.

Montana Tree Worker Academy

Plans are developing for a Montana Tree Worker Academy to be held in Helena, MT this summer. The event will offer 12 hours of beginning climbing and rigging and 8 hours of advanced climbing and rigging. Watch the RM Arborist for future updates.

Aerial Rescue with WesSpur and AMTOPP this summer in Helena AMTOPP is planning another aerial rescue class in 2019 with WesSpur to be held at the Montana Veteran's Administration (VA) Health Facility in Helena. The event may be joined with the Montana Tree Worker Academy if possible. The VA and Helena Fire Departments will also participate in the event. Watch the RM Arborist for future updates

Electrical Hazard Awareness Program (EHAP) Training and Test

The 8-hr EHAP training is planned in Bozeman Friday, August 23rd with John Ball. I have applied for an Arborist Safety Training Institute (ASTI) Grant to help reduce the cost of the training. The event will be jointly sponsored by ISA-RMC, MUCFA, and AMTOPP. Members of these organizations will get a 20% discount to attend. Local partners helping organize he event are NorthWestern Energy Company and the City of Bozeman Urban Forestry Department. When you complete the course you will leave with your certificate and 8 CEU's! Watch the ISA-RMC Calendar of Events for updates.

Saluting Branches in Helena The third annual Saluting

Branches event will be held in Helena again this year on September 18 at the State Veterans Cemetery and VA Healthcare Facility. The event has grown every year. Plan on attending. Many of the older trees are in desperate need of pruning.

 $\begin{aligned} & Northern \ Rockies \ Tree \ School \\ & (NRTS) \end{aligned}$

The 10th Annual Northern Rockies Tree School is planned for October 7-9 in Bozeman. The theme is "Collaboration" -something Montana is doing very well! Plan on attending. Watch the ISA-RMC Calendar of Events for registration information. Tony Kirkham, is the keynote speaker.

He is the Head of the Arboretum and Horticultural Services at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew which is just 30 minutes from London. He cares for and develops 10,000 woody trees in the collection. He is the author of four books and ran the 'Treeathlon' to support the Trees for Cities campaign for more trees in urban areas in the UK. He is also an avid fly fisherman and is looking forward to fishing for Montana trout while visiting for the Tree School.

For updates, check out the NRTS Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/northernrockiestree-school and the new NRTS website at: https://sites.google.com/wyo.gov/northern-rockies-tree-school

Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT) and Montana Trails, Recreation, and Parks Association (MTRPA) Annual Conferences

Contacts are being made to plan urban forestry tracks again this year at the MLCT and MTRPA joint conference in October.

TCIA Chipper Certification with AMTOPP

Plans are being discussed with AMTOPP for a TCIA Chipper Certification Class to be held this year. One idea is to potentially tie it in with a pre-conference session at the NRTS in October. More later in the upcoming edition of the RM Arborist.

Montana Tree Climbing Competition (TCC)

Montana has a rich history of tree climbing competition alone or in conjunction with NorthWestern Energy Company's Lineman's Rodeo. AJ Bowers has stepped up to help potentially redevelop the event in 2019. He will need lots of assistance. If you want to help please contact me at 431-4615.

ISA Exams and Practical Skills
Tests

ISA exams will be offered at the Northern Rockies Tree School in October and at the AMTOPP Annual Conference and Trade Show in January 2020.

Other Potential Events

We would like to sponsor aerial lift and tree climber practical skills tests in Kalispell, Great Falls, and Missoula. Let me know if you can help or want to coordinate a training or testing event in your area to get your employees certified. Without you stepping forward we cannot get these regional events completed.

We also need more proctors for the exams in Montana. If you are interested in becoming an exam proctor so we can get more people certified, please contact me at m2andp2@mt.net.

Montana Urban and Community Forestry Association Update

MUCFA continues to grow and sponsor more training events in Montana. They also started a grant program in 2018. MUCFA is an advisory group to the MT DNRC-UCF Program. MUCFA prepared a 2018 State of the State Urban Forest letter for the new DNRC State Forester. They gave five awards in 2018 for:

•Outstanding Urban Forestry Project. This award went to the City of Bozeman Urban Forestry department for its Lott' O Trees Project.

•Outstanding Urban Forestry Leader/Volunteer. This award went to James Prchal of Good Earth Works of Billings, MT for his continued leadership in promoting new tree species for Montana and his work with MNLA and the Northern Rockies Tree School. •Outstanding Urban Forestry Community. This award was given to the City of Great Falls for their efforts to rejuvenate their urban forest after major losses from Dutch elm disease and winter storms.

•Outstanding Urban Forestry Corporate Sponsor. This award was given to Tree Amigos Tree service in Great Falls for their continue leadership and support of AMTOPP, Saluting Branches, and other arborist events in Montana.

•Outstanding Media Award. This award went to the Big Timber Pioneer for its coverage of a new Planting Partners Program in Big Timber and series of following articles written by Big Timber Tree Board members on urban forestry issues in Big Timber.

Finally, Montana Urban and Community Forestry Association and One Tree Planted are excited to announce that Fort Belknap Reservation Extension Office and Petroleum County Conservation District have each won a \$500 grant to help plant trees as part of Earth Day & Arbor Day this spring.

Please join MUCFA for 2019 at http://mucfa.com/get-involved. Get involved and let's see what committed people can accomplish for trees in Montana. Check out the MUCFA website and Facebook pages at: http://mucfa.com/ and www.facebook.com/MontanaUrbanForestry.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Patrick: m2andp2@mt.net or call: 1-406-431-4615



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