

Front Range Urban Forestry Council  
September 18, 2008

**Introductions – Dave Flaig, City of Littleton**

**Notable Trees of Colorado – Kathleen Alexander, City of Boulder**

Kathleen discussed the factors that help determine what makes a tree notable. She then presented a virtual tour of many notable trees across Colorado, including the Iles Tree Grove, Ute Council Tree, the state champion Pinyon Pine, and Sand Creek Massacre 'Witness Trees'. Come see Kathleen's talk on more notable trees at the upcoming ISA-RMC conference in Colorado Springs.

**Break**

**Committee Reports**

**Insect and Disease – Ralph Zentz, City of Fort Collins**

The last pest meeting and season wrap-up is next Wednesday, September 24, 11:30am at the Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins. Everyone is invited, please come and bring samples if you like. An update on the Thousand Cankers Disease of black walnut: this disease is devastating and is wiping out the black walnut in Boulder, with approximately 400 trees condemned as of this year. This disease works fast and is hard to detect, with no viable control options to date. The fungus-twig beetle association looks to be a natural occurrence within their native range of Arizona but the fungus doesn't affect the native walnuts like it does on black walnuts here in Colorado. This disease complex has also been found in Oregon, and concerns the disease will spread to English walnut production in California persist, though none has been detected yet. As for the mountain pine beetle hits on Scotch pine and a few Ponderosa pines in Fort Collins, they are still collecting data on hits in communities across the Front Range. August 20 seems to be the targeted hit date for Scotch pine in Fort Collins. Perhaps the hardest hit trees may succumb, but they have seen many successful pitch-outs and pitch-ins. They should have more definitive results of additional monitoring in a month or so, and for now there is no cause to panic.

**Select Tree – Tim Buchanan, City of Fort Collins**

Lacebark pine, *Pinus bungeana*, is an interesting species he is trying out in Fort Collins. Native to China, it is a three-needle pine with distinct light-medium green foliage and pronounced lacy bark. Lacebark pine seems to be fairly drought tolerant once established, with a mature size ~35'-40', which makes it a good alternative to the typical Austrian or Scotch pines. In addition, they seem to transplant well, and he hasn't lost any so far. Fort Collins Wholesale will offer a limited supply of Lacebark pine for next season, so contact them early if you're interested in trying these out.

**Hazard Tree – Bill Cassel, City of Edgewater Independent Consultant**

Nothing to report.

### **Program/Membership – Keith Wood, CSFS-Broomfield**

Keith not present, next meeting location and date to be decided.

### **C.T.C. – Tom Wells, City and County of Broomfield**

CTC Calendars will be available at the ISA Conference October 2-3. CTC Board Meeting is in Salida on September 27, contact Ralph Campbell or Keith Wood for more information.

### **I.S.A. – Scott Grimes, South Suburban Parks & Recreation**

Many upcoming events:

RMC chapter elections, ballots due by September 19 and election results announced October 3 at the conference.

Casino Night in Aurora, September 24

2008 Annual Conference in Colorado Springs, October 2-3

2008 RMC Tree Climbing Championship in Colorado Springs, October 4

Champion Tree Classic Bike Ride in Colorado Springs, October 4

\*\*For more information or to sign up, go to [www.isarmc.org](http://www.isarmc.org).

## **Community Reports/Other Business**

### **Trees Across Colorado – Gertie Grant, TAC/CTC**

This year TAC will offer 36 types of shade trees, including a few new varieties to spice things up! Both B&B and bare root (BR) are available with sizes varying from 1.5"-2" caliper and prices varying from \$25-\$45 per tree. This is a fundraiser for CTC and orders are due to Gertie by December 10. Sooner is best so you get best species selection, especially if you need considerable quantities. BR trees must be ordered in multiples of 5. Gertie will be sending the list out to everyone on her email list within the next week. If you're not on her list and want to be, send her an email at [gertiegrant@estreet.com](mailto:gertiegrant@estreet.com).

Want more information on the program, go to

<http://www.coloradotrees.org/programs/2008TreesAcrossColoradoPPT.ppt>.

### **Notable Tree Tour of Fort Collins – Tim Buchanan, City of Fort Collins**

#### **Attendance**

Ben Zomer	City of Evans
Ryan Moore	IES
Louis Linn	Fort Collins Wholesale Nursery
Zac Hall	City of Fort Collins Forestry
Amanda Bucknam	CSFS
David Wallace	City of Fort Collins
Tim Abbott	City of Fort Collins
Tye Garner	City of Golden
Mike McGill	Town of Erie
Tom Wells	City of Broomfield
Michelle Cadena	Fort Collins Wholesale Nursery
Shawn Springer	City of Golden
Chuck Gehringer	City of Broomfield
Brad Hoy	City of Fort Collins Forestry
Del Bernhardt	City of Fort Collins Forestry
Cathy Thiltgen	Boulder County Parks & Open Space

Ken Kawamura  
Ben Gratton  
Gertie Grant  
Brian Sereduke  
Ralph Zentz  
DeNae Cameron  
Tim Buchanan  
Dave Sexton  
Dave Flaig  
Jennifer Hrobar

Town of Windsor  
City of Fort Collins Forestry  
Colorado Tree Coalition/Trees Across Colorado  
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City of Littleton  
South Suburban Parks & Recreation

**See you in November!**