

TREE TALKS

Georgia Urban Forest Council



FALL 2011

ARBORIST CERTIFICATION REVIEW CLASS

Date and Time: October 1, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: The Kistner Center, 2689 Lenora Road, Snellville, GA 30339

A short intensive study and review of the ISA Arborist Certification taught by Nancy Lovingood, a certified arborist. The class will cover the ten content areas of the test. It's a good refresher course, too! 3 ISA CEUs offered. \$20 members, \$30 non-members. Register at www.gufc.org.

COLLEGE CANOPY CONFERENCE

Doing More With Less: Managing the Resources of your Campus Urban Forest

October 11, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Math and Science Building, Emory University, 400 Dowman Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322

This conference is for all who know the value of maintaining healthy trees on their campuses. \$50. Lunch included. CEUs: 5 ISA Arborist, 3 SAF Forester hours, cat. 1 and 1.5 hours, cat. 2. Register at www.gufc.org. See page 4.

21ST GUFCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AWARDS PROGRAM

Managing the Fear Factor: Trees, Pests, Storms, and the Law

November 2-3

Location: James Madison Conference Center, 240 W. Washington Street, Madison, GA 30650

More information at right and on page six.

Enjoy GUFCA's 21ST Annual Conference and Awards Program in beautiful Madison, Georgia

Voted #1 Small Town by Travel Holiday magazine

Join us in historic **Madison, Georgia** for GUFCA's 21ST Annual Conference and Awards Program, "**Managing the Fear Factor: Trees, Pests, Storms, and the Law.**"

In response to this spring's devastating storm-related tree damage and the rising number of forest pests, we've gathered together the experts to help us understand and prepare for these challenges of the urban forest. **Dr. Kim Coder**, Professor, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia will discuss **Why Trees Fall Down: The Mechanics of Catastrophe** and **Randall S. Stamen**, Attorney at Law, and ISA Certified Arborist, will lead us through **Understanding and Preventing Arboriculture Lawsuits**.

Additional sessions include *Falling Trees, Chain Reactions (A Panel Discussion), Lightning and Tree Damage; Urban Tree Risk Management Plans, Disaster Planning and Response; a Forest Pests Update; and ANSI Standards for Pruning and Risk*. We'll also enjoy a guided tour of Madison's Round Bowl Spring Park trails and plantings, an outdoor reception under the stars at Town Park, a bike ride and tree planting, the Georgia Urban Forest Annual Awards Luncheon, and exhibits by sponsors with urban forestry products and services.

Date: November 2 and 3, 2011

Location: The James Madison Conference Center
240 W. Washington Street, Madison, Georgia 30650

Registration fee: \$99 **Register at www.gufc.org.**

CEUs available: 8 ISA Arborist CEUs and 7 SAF Forester hours will be available. Certificates of Attendance for all.

See page six for a detailed agenda and lodging information.



*Hunter House, one of the many historic sites in Madison
Photo by Cara Pastore, courtesy of Madison CVB*

President's Letter



Well, it is hard to believe that this will be my last president's letter. The time has flown by this year, but the old saying "time flies when you're having fun" has never been more true. It seems like yesterday that I had agreed to serve as President for another term. What started out as more of a necessity has turned into an eventful year that I have thoroughly enjoyed. I have been able to do many of the things that I am passionate about and have more scheduled for this fall as well. Two things that I really enjoy are working with children and trees, and I will get to do both this October and November.

Due to the natural disaster that struck parts of our state on April 27, 2011, I have been helping to organize a large scale tree planting for Ringgold, GA. There is a large group of local volunteers that have planned a tree planting for October 27th and 28th and I also have been asked to help with a Youth Tree Planting Workshop for Saturday October 29th.

There will be another large scale tree planting that both the Georgia Urban Forest Council (GUFC) and Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) will be participating in for Ringgold that should be scheduled for sometime in November where a focus will be to plant trees on public sites. During my time as president, I had hoped to put some attention to tree planting workshops for children and adults to educate them on the proper way to plant trees and maintain them correctly. While this devastating event in Ringgold and other parts of the state took numerous lives and destroyed hundreds of acres of urban forest, it will allow the GUFC to spread the message on the need for our urban forest and ways to protect what you have as well as rebuild what you have lost.

Along with actual hands-on tree plantings scheduled for this fall, your GUFC, in partnership with GFC, has started the Georgia ReLeaf program. While the kinks are still being worked out at this time, this program is being designed as a possible source of financial assistance where communities might be able to receive grant money to help rebuild their urban forest after natural disasters like the one back in April. The idea for this program came from the desire to want to help these communities and the lack of funds available from other programs. Whether it is due to the economy or just signs of the times, there are very few programs currently available for assistance in replanting trees. We are all very hopeful that this new and exciting program will become a long-term solution to this problem.

With that said, we are looking for corporate sponsorships to make this program a self-sustaining and ongoing source of aid. If anyone knows of persons, corporations or associations that might be willing to help fund the Georgia ReLeaf program, please let us know. Think of this as "life insurance" for your urban forest. While you think you may not need it now, your own community might be the one in need of replanting as tornados and hurricanes do not show prejudice in where they strike.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your President for a second term. I have learned a great deal from you all and have made what I hope to be lifelong friendships with avid tree enthusiasts. I look forward to seeing you all at the GUFC conference to be held in beautiful and historic Madison, GA. If you have never been to this town, try and plan an extra day to stay and tour many of the historic homes and sites in this great town. For more information on the tree planting in Ringgold, see the website www.trees4ringgold.com. We can always use more volunteers with shovels in hand. If you know of possible sources to help fund the Georgia ReLeaf program, please send the information to Mary Lynne Beckley at marylynne@gufc.org. Keep checking the GUFC website, www.gufc.org, for more information on the Georgia ReLeaf program and more ways that you can help. I will be turning over the reins to Ms. India Woodson at the November annual conference and will serve as past-president next year. As usual, if I can ever be of assistance to any of you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rusty Lee

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Tree of Merit – ‘Sarah’s Favorite’ Crapemyrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica* ‘Sarah’s Favorite’)

By Bill Haws, Forestry Administrator
City of Savannah Park and Tree Department

Crapemyrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*) originated in China/Korea and grows in USDA Hardiness Zones 7A to 10B (Gilman), with a mature size of 20-25’ height by 15-20’ width. Crapemyrtle blooms best in full sun and tolerates a wide range of soil conditions with very limited space. This small tree species offers a long bloom from summer into fall, drought tolerance, and handsome fall color.

I’ve often heard urban foresters comment that crapemyrtle trees are over-planted. While that may be true to an extent, it is hard to find a more durable and tolerant species for planting in tough, urban sites, with limited space. The variety of different crapemyrtle cultivars available in nurseries offers a range of choices in color, size, and form to succeed in hostile sites where other small tree species may be prone to fail. Although crapemyrtles are most commonly grown as a multi-stem, many nurseries grow high quality standard form (single-stem) crapemyrtles that work perfectly in narrow sites where visibility must be maintained for pedestrian and traffic safety. ‘Sarah’s Favorite’ Crapemyrtle is a white bloomed cultivar that deserves special consideration in restrictive sites due to superb characteristics and performance.



Sarah’s Favorite blooms



Plantings at Rousakis Plaza along River Street in Savannah

In the southeast, ‘Natchez’ Crapemyrtle has been preferred for decades as the white-flowering cultivar of choice by nurserymen and landscape professionals. While ‘Natchez’ indeed has many fine qualities, including cinnamon colored bark, snow-white blooms, aphid/mildew resistance, and orange fall color, its form and branch habit resemble an umbrella. When planted within a park, median or wide tree lawn, ‘Natchez’ is a fine selection; however, in a narrow, more limited site, it requires a high level of pruning to maintain clearance and visibility.

Similar to ‘Natchez’ Crapemyrtle, the ‘Sarah’s Favorite’ cultivar has attractive cinnamon colored bark, resistance to aphids/mildew, and white flowers, but offers a longer bloom period. In Savannah, Georgia, ‘Sarah’s Favorite’ has continued flowering as late as December. It also has foliage which is darker green and more lustrous than ‘Natchez’, with an upright branch habit and more open form that requires less maintenance pruning. Fall color of ‘Sarah’s Favorite’ can be quite striking; when the right weather conditions have occurred, it has locally displayed beautiful hues of orange and yes, even red! ‘Sarah’s Favorite’ Crapemyrtle is clearly a great choice for urban areas.

Mark your Calendar for GUFUC's

2011 College Tree Canopy Conference

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Math and Science Building, **Emory University**, 400 Dowman Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322

Doing More with Less: Managing the Resources of Your Campus Urban Forest

GUFUC's College Canopy Conference, now in its 2nd year, is for college and university physical plant managers, landscape directors, grounds managers, staff, and administrators who know the value of maintaining healthy trees on their campuses. This year's conference will address campus urban forestry concerns relevant to these challenging economic times. Session topics include:

- Technology and techniques for preserving and maintaining campus trees
- Innovative Service Learning Programs and Fundraisers
- How Do We Do More with Less? (Panel Discussion)
- Using a Consulting Arborist on Projects
- Tree Preservation on Construction Sites
- Emory's No Net Forest Loss
- Tree Campus USA
- Optional End-of-Day Guided Tours to Lullwater Forest, the Emory Quadrangle and Baker Forest



Photo courtesy Emory University

Registration Fee: \$50 per person. Register at www.gufuc.org. Lunch included. 5 ISA Arborist CEUs available, 3 SAF Forester Hours, category 1, 1.5 SAF Forester Hours, category 2. Certificates of Attendance.

Sponsorships Available – call 404-377-0404 or e-mail marylynne@gufuc.org

How Does a College become a Tree Campus USA?

The Tree Campus USA program recognizes college and university campuses that effectively manage their campus trees, develop connectivity with the community beyond campus borders to foster healthy urban forests, strive to engage their student population utilizing service learning opportunities centered on campus and community forestry efforts. Colleges and universities across the United States can be recognized as a Tree Campus USA college by meeting **five standards** developed to promote healthy trees and student involvement. Applications are due December 31, 2011. These five standards call for a college seeking Tree Campus USA status to have a:

- Campus Tree Advisory Committee
- Campus Tree Care Plan
- Campus Tree Program with Dedicated Annual Expenditures
- Arbor Day Observance
- Service Learning Project

Currently, Georgia has six Tree Campus USA Colleges: Georgia Tech, Emory University, University of Georgia, Gwinnett Tech, Albany Tech, and Macon State College. To learn more about how your college/university can join that list and become a Tree Campus USA, visit <http://www.arborday.org/programs/treecampususa/about.cfm>.

Tree Day at Post Oak Tritt

By Richard Voss, Post Oak Homeowner's Association Board of Directors

It was a chill gray morning. Sixty two stalwarts went out to do battle with the bare landscape and ugly naked guardrail. The shovels were laid out in neat rows; the picks and the auger lay in readiness to be used as backup. The trees were ready, the volunteers were ready....it was GO TIME.

Over two years ago, as the Post Oak Tritt Roadway Construction Project in Marietta was still underway, I made contact with Gwen Baldwin, Director of Keep Cobb Beautiful (KCB). Keep Cobb Beautiful is a nonprofit organization created for the purpose of "assisting the County and Board of Commissioners in establishing, promoting and maintaining a countywide policy for improved environmental and waste management." Their mission is "promoting stewardship of our communities through litter prevention, beautification, recycling and environmental education."

In discussing the problem of having many of our mature trees taken out because of the road construction, I asked Gwen if there was any way to have KCB provide replacement trees. Because of budget issues at the time, Gwen was unable to give an immediate answer, but promised that she would look into, and work on obtaining suitable material. After many phone calls, e-mails, and personal meetings, it was determined that Cobb Trees (a division of Keep Cobb Beautiful) could indeed provide some appropriate trees. Gwen put me in touch with Scott Tubbs, the Cobb County Landscape Director, and I met with Scott several times on the site. Scott was generous with his time and expertise in suggesting the type, number and placement of the trees to give reasonable cover to homeowners and at reasonable cost to Keep Cobb Beautiful.



As a result of the ongoing discussions, 80 Virginia Pines were obtained at no cost to Post Oak Homeowners Association or to Post Oak Recreation Association, whose facility received 30 of the trees to replace trees removed during construction. The remainder of the trees were spaced along Post Oak Tritt from Tritt Springs Trace to Mitchell Road which will provide homeowners with a sound and visual buffer, as well as to provide an attractive alternative to the aforementioned 'naked' guardrail.

At 8 a.m. on that cold Saturday morning (in November), using the Post Oak Recreation area for a gathering and staging area, 62 volunteers comprised of Post Oak community residents, volunteers from Keep Cobb Beautiful, and a group of young people from Hightower Middle School received a quick lesson in proper hole digging, tree planting and mulching from Scott. Fortified with coffee and biscuits donated by Chick-fil-A, we picked out shovels and went out to dig, plant and mulch.

With the exceptional effort of the volunteers, the entire roadway was planted with the 80 trees much faster than expected, prompting Scott to say that he had never seen a project like this go as quickly or smoothly. Scott stated that Cobb County would water in the new trees a few times over the winter to ensure that they take proper root and give them every opportunity to thrive.

The entire community will benefit from this effort to beautify our neighborhood and protect and maintain our property values. Sincere thanks go to Gwen Baldwin of Keep Cobb Beautiful, Scott Tubbs of Cobb County, and especially to the hardy volunteers who braved the cold weather, the mud and the steep slopes to plant the trees and improve the beauty of the entire Post Oak Community.

GUFC Annual Conference

MANAGING THE FEAR FACTOR: TREES, PESTS, STORMS, AND THE LAW, November 2-3 at James Madison Conference Center, 260 W. Washington Street, Madison, Georgia

Conference Speakers Prepare Communities and their Urban Forests for Storms and Other Challenges

Wednesday, November 2:

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Bike ride and tree planting (Contact neil@gufc.org)

Noon-1 p.m.: Check-in/Registration

1:00 – 1:10 p.m.: Welcome from GUFC & Madison City Mgr David Nunn

1:10 – 2:10 p.m. Opening General Session



Dr. Kim Coder, Professor, Community Forestry and Tree Health, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, The University of Georgia: **“Why Trees Fall Down in Storms: The Mechanics of Catastrophe”**

2:10 – 3:00 p.m. **“Falling Trees - Chain Reactions: A Panel Discussion”**

What happens after trees fall down? Information about insurance coverage, citizen reactions.



Photo courtesy Madison CVB

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Break with Exhibitors

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Concurrent sessions (2)

- Dr. Kim Coder: **“Zapped!: Lightning & Tree Damage”**
- Dudley Hartel, Center Manager, Urban Forestry South, USDA Forest Service: **“ANSI Standards for Pruning and Risk”**

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. **Guided tour** of Madison’s Round Bowl Spring Park trails and plantings

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. **Outdoor Reception** at Town Park (across from Conference Center)

Restaurant Dine-Around in Madison

Thursday, November 3:

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.: Check-in/Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.: General session:



Attorney and ISA Certified Arborist Randall S. Stamen: **“Understanding and Preventing Arboriculture Lawsuits”** *Randall Stamen will discuss the most common and most recent lawsuits and statutes which concern trees, arborists, public entities, and property owners. Mr. Stamen will discuss the facts of each lawsuit, applicable statutes and court decisions, and how each lawsuit could have been prevented. Easy and inexpensive risk management steps will be discussed so that the audience may decrease the chances of being involved in costly and time consuming lawsuits.*

10:00- 10:30 a.m.: Break with Exhibitors

10:30 – 11:40 a.m.: Concurrent Sessions (2)

- **“Forest Pests Panel - Updates:”** UGA’s Dr. Kamal Gandhi; Bill Kauffman, State Plant Health Dir., USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service; Scott Griffin, Forest Health Specialist, Georgia Forestry Commission *Current tree pests in GA and those on the horizon.*
- **“Tornado Recovery Panel:”** Monica Callahan, Planning Director, City of Madison; Beryl Budd, Community Forester, Georgia Forestry Commission, for City of Newborn. *We’ll learn how small towns are implementing plans and recovering when storms strike their urban forests.*

The 2011 GUFC Annual

Conference will be in beautiful **Madison, Georgia**. Learn more about fun things to do in historic Madison, *the town Sherman refused to burn*, at www.madisonga.org.

Need lodging for the conference? Find a lodging option that fits your budget at www.madisonga.org/accomodations.htm. This list includes the Hampton Inn (706-342-9003), the Comfort Inn (706-342-3309), the Brady Inn (706-342-4400 - a downtown Bed and Breakfast), the James Madison Inn (706-342-7040), and many others.

Need Continuing Education credits? This conference offers a total of 8 ISA Arborist CEUs and 7 SAF Forester hours. A certificate of attendance for 8 hours will be available for other professionals who need a record of their continuing education.

\$99 for all – Register at www.gufc.org. Scholarships for tree boards and 501(c)3 nonprofits available.

Conference schedule continued on next page

(GUFC Annual Conference Agenda, continued)

11:40 – noon: Break with exhibitors

Noon – 1:30 p.m.: **Georgia Urban Forestry Annual Awards Luncheon**

Recognizing individuals, organizations, businesses, elected officials and others around the state that have contributed to healthy urban forests

1:30 – 2:00 p.m.: Break with exhibitors

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.: General Session

“Urban Tree Risk Management Plans, Disaster Planning and Response”

Rachel Barker, Project Manager, Natural Resource Consulting, Inc., Tallassee, AL and Dudley Hartel, USDA Forest Service

3:00 p.m. Adjourn/CEU sign-up

Register at www.gufc.org.

URBAN FORESTRY NEWS

Tree City USA – Applications Due December 31, 2011



TREE CITY USA®

In 2010, more than 135 million American citizens were able to call their city – a Tree City USA community. In Georgia, 137 cities were certified.

You may now begin the renewal process for your 2011 Tree City USA recognition. Again this year you have two options to complete your renewal application - the online application or the paper application. The online renewal application was offered for the first time last year and almost half of the communities around the country took advantage of this new, easy way to renew their Tree City USA status. Please visit www.arboday.org/treecity to preview the online application and participate in training sessions at your leisure.

If you entered your 2010 Tree City USA application online last year, you will be happy to know that the contact, tree board and ordinance information you entered was saved and will automatically be entered in your 2011 application. You will be able to edit this information as needed. This time saver is one benefit of submitting your application online.

While you are encouraged to submit your application electronically, paper applications will still be accepted. You should have received the following items by mail from the Arbor Day Foundation:

- Instructions for submitting your application online
- 2011 Tree City USA Recertification Application
- Tree City USA Growth Award Application – report how your community is taking its forestry plan to the next level with the Tree City USA Growth Award. This award is designed to recognize environmental improvement and encourage higher levels of tree care in communities throughout the United States.

Please submit your application in advance of the **December 31, 2011**, deadline. This allows applications to be processed efficiently so that materials are distributed in time for your Arbor Day celebration on February 17, 2012. Cities that send applications in late are not guaranteed to receive their materials on time.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring your community is a greener, healthier environment for all your citizens. If you have any questions, contact the Arbor Day Foundation at treecity@arboday.org or call 1-888-448-7337 or contact **Susan Granbery**, Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator, Georgia Forestry Commission, 678-476-6227, sgranbery@gfc.state.ga.us.

The deadline also applies to the **Tree Campus USA** and **Tree Line USA** programs.

Tree Board University

This unique online training will help you learn more about trees, about people, and about serving in a citizen advisory role in your city, town, or village. There are eight courses you can take at your own pace. Each course includes videos, multi-media presentations, reference documents, and online links to additional information. Upon completion of the eight courses, you will be able to join an online social networking community, where you can post questions and interact with other like-minded Tree Board members from across the USA. To learn more about enrolling, visit <http://www.treeboardu.org>.



Congratulations to Tim Womick, named ISA True Professional

Seven professionals have been selected as the International Society of Arboriculture's (ISA's) 2011 class of "True Professionals of Arboriculture." These outstanding arborists are forging new ways to save the urban tree canopy, partnering with innovative tree planting programs, and teaching children around the world about the science of tree care.

Among a diverse group of True Professionals chosen for 2011, **Tim Womick** was selected. Although from North Carolina, Tim "The Tree Guy" holds a special place in the heart of Georgians. The Georgia Forestry Commission has hosted his high-energy *Trail of Trees* performances at schools and in communities to celebrate Arbor Day across the state for more than 20 years.



Tim Womick

The 2011 class of True Professionals of Arboriculture also includes:

- Richard Adkins (Phoenix, Arizona)
- Casey Combs (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
- Mike Galvin (Washington, D.C.)
- Gordon Mann (Auburn, California)
- Carl Mellinger (Pacific Palisades, California)
- William Spradley (Kirkwood, Missouri)

According to ISA Past-President Tim Gamma, diversity is among the many traits of this year's True Professionals. "Each of these arborists is a consummate professional, and it is my belief their actions can serve as a best practices guide for our industry," says Gamma. "The winners offer a unique approach to their trade, often enriching their communities and educating thousands about the importance of trees and proper tree care."

Profiles and case studies of the True Professionals will be featured on the ISA website (http://www.isa-arbor.com/events/resources/events_True_Professional_Recipients_2011.pdf) and highlighted in future ISA publications such as *Arborist News*. Short biographies of each winner are available now.

American Grove Update

The American Grove (www.AmericanGrove.org), which started here in Georgia, is gaining momentum nationwide. The social networking site for trees had more than 2,000 visitors in the past month. Nine more states recently joined (Ohio, Nevada, Wyoming, Kansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, West Virginia, Delaware and the U.S. Virgin Islands), bringing the total to 41 Groves.



You can play a big part in helping the site stay active and reach new audiences by posting photos, videos and blogs or following on Twitter @PlantYourLegacy.

Find out how well you know your Grove by participating in the "Seek and Find" contest. The winner will receive an Amazon Kindle e-reader (value \$139.00) and a \$60.00 gift card for purchasing eco-friendly books on Amazon.com.

Georgia Certified Arborist For Hire List

If you are a Certified Arborist and would like to be placed on the Georgia Forestry Commission "for hire" list, go to www.gufo.org and download, fill out, and send in the information form to Joe Burgess at the Georgia Forestry Commission. This list will be updated once a year in July, and will be available to citizens on the Georgia Forestry Commission website (GaTrees.org) by December 1.



The Partners in Community Forestry National Conference November 15-17

The 2011 Partners in Community Forestry National Conference heads to Central Florida, November 15–17, 2011, at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. This unique, annual event now serves as a strategic gathering of leaders across urban forestry's many diverse groups and seeks to promote best practices in urban forest management by:

- Promoting sustainable partnership models.
- Connecting many organizations that impact the health of our community trees.
- Encouraging innovation in programs and projects through traditional and non-traditional partners.

Past Attendees Include

- Municipal & commercial arborists
- Utility foresters & vegetation managers
- Planners & landscape architects
- Non-profit environmental & tree planting groups
- State & federal urban forestry leaders
- Students & educators
- Elected officials & community advocates
- Wildlife & watershed groups



For more information visit <http://www.arborday.org/shopping/conferences/brochures/pcf/2011/>.

A Walk in the Forest for Boy and Girl Scouts

On Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., a free, one-day event is being held by the Chattahoochee Chapter of the Society of American Foresters to help Girl and Boy Scouts earn the Forestry Merit Badge, Webelos Forester Activity Pin or Earth Connections Badge. Scouts work with professional foresters at nine educational stations - Tree and Wildlife Identification, Forest Health, Urban Forestry, Products and Wood Samples, What Do We Get From Trees?, A Nature Walk Through A Managed Forest, Intro to Watersheds, Forest Fire Equipment, Maps and Safety, Careers (including arboriculture and tree climbing) - to learn about the benefits of trees and forests and the forestry profession. This year, more than 300 pre-registered Webelos, Boy Scouts and Junior Girl Scouts will attend. This event is sponsored by Plum Creek Timber Company, Forest Investment Associates, International Forest Company, RMK Timberland Group, Cellfor, Timberland Investment Resources, Wells Real Estate Funds, Georgia Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee, Georgia Forestry Association, Downey Trees, Michael Kelly, Tom Trembath, and grants from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and The Foresters' Fund. The Georgia Forestry Commission is a partner on this event, and the Georgia Urban Forest Council is supporting by volunteering.



Landscape Architect Gretchen Musser conducts an educational session at the 2010 Walk in the Forest.

ARBORIST CERTIFICATION REVIEW CLASS

Saturday, October 1, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: The Kistner Center, 2689 Lenora Road, Snellville, GA 30339

This G UFC course will provide a “Cliff Notes” intensive study and review of the ISA Arborist Certification. Taught by Nancy Lovingood, a certified arborist, the class will cover the ten content areas of the test. Through videos and discussion students will become knowledgeable about tree care, tree culture, pest diagnosis, and proper management. Class discussions assist with the course content. **Registration:** \$20 G UFC members, \$30 non-members. The optional text (*Arborist’s Certification Study Guide*) is from International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).

Need this class as a refresher course? 3 ISA Arborist CEUs will be available.

Did you know that PDF files of many of G UFC’s educational presentations can be found at www.gufc.org/resources/presentations? Most recently added are the presentations by our instructors at “Planting Native Trees and Battling Invasives,” held in Athens in August.



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Many thanks to the Georgia Forestry Commission for funding and for partnership on educational programs throughout the year.

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