



FIRST QUARTERLY PROGRAM AND STATEWIDE ARBOR DAY EVENT

- The 2017 Mayors' Symposium
- Tree City, Tree Line, and Tree Campus USA recognition

February 14, 2017 - Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center, Atlanta GA

100 in attendance for educational program and Arbor Day event.

SECOND QUARTERLY PROGRAM

Invasives in the Urban Forest

With Liz Moss, Dr. Rebecca Benton,

May 12, 2017 – Valdosta City Hall Annex

33 registered.

THIRD QUARTERLY PROGRAM

Continuing the Conversation: Trees as Green Stormwater Infrastructure

With Karen Firehock, Executive Director, Green Infrastructure Center, Charlottesville, VA

Shane Carpani, GreenBlue Urban, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

August 10, 2017 – Norcross Community Center

72 in attendance.

COLLEGE CANOPY CONFERENCE

Scheduled for September 12, but cancelled due to weather concerns.

To be rescheduled for September 11, 2018, Clayton State University, Morrow GA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AWARDS PROGRAM

November 8-9, 2017 Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain GA

Soil Health and Sustainable Urban Tree Planting

With Dr. Larry Morris & Dr. Mac Callaham of UGA, Author Jill Jonnes, and other noted speakers

111 total in attendance for conference & awards program.

10 awards presented to individuals and organizations at 26th annual awards program.

5 scholarships provided for annual conference.

ARBORIST REVIEW CLASSES:

March 22 & 23, Macon GA: **24** attendance

May 16 & 17, Richmond Hill, GA: **15** in attendance

September 19 & 20 Grayson, GA: **24** in attendance

RAMBLE: Honey Creek Woodlands / Green Burial Ground

April 25

Conyers, GA

12 in attendance

GEORGIA RELEAF grants distributed to Georgia communities for tree planting in 2017: a total of \$13,420 to **City of Statesboro (\$5000)**, **Jekyll Island Authority (\$5000)**, and **Town of Thunderbolt (\$3420)**.

Other programming and projects:

- Four issues of electronic **Tree Talks Newsletter**
- Annual issue of **Shade magazine - electronic and printed**
- GUFCA continues to manage the nation-wide **American Grove** website, including administration, upgrading, troubleshooting, hosting, and domain renewal. GUFCA presented the third annual “Great American Tree Competition” on American Grove.

Fundraising efforts:

- Raised \$765 for GUFCA operations on Georgia Gives Day.
- Raised \$12,000 in corporate donations (**Georgia Power, Georgia Pacific, Weyerhaeuser**) for Georgia ReLeaf in 2017
- Raised \$11,575 in sponsorships for Annual Conference (\$825 more than 2016)
- Raised \$8167 in membership dollars

Additional activities in 2017:

- The Seven Mile Bend Oak in Richmond Hill and the Thomasville Big Oak were added to the **Landmark & Historic Tree Register**.
- GUFCA represented at **Arbor Day Proclamation at State Capitol** in February
- GFC and GUFCA placed full-page educational ad in **Atlanta Braves/SunTrust Stadium 2017 Yearbook**.
- GUFCA attended **Partners in Community Forestry Conference in Tulsa, OK** Nov. 15-16, with a booth promoting AmericanGrove.org. College interns Morgan Garner and Conner Nations represented American Grove at the Conference.
- GUFCA continued to partner with the Georgia Forestry Commission on the **Community Forestry Assistance Program** (“circuit rider arborists”).
- Technical Forestry Services’ Connie Head completed work on the **Tree Ordinance Construction Zone** website in conjunction with the GUFCA website.
- GUFCA received **recertification** with the **Standards For Excellence** program through May 2022.
- GUFCA updated its mission statement to *The mission of the Georgia Urban Forest Council is to sustain Georgia's green legacy by partnering with individuals, organizations, and communities in raising awareness toward improving and maintaining Georgia's community forests* and its vision statement to *that every Georgia community experiences the many benefits of healthy trees and a strong community forestry program*.
- GUFCA partnered with GFC, Georgia Power, Snapping Shoals EMC, and the Arbor Day Foundation on the **Energy Savings Tree Program**
- GUFCA worked with GFC on **fundraising video for Georgia ReLeaf** following the Albany storms.
- GUFCA worked with GFC on helping **Albany** connect with the Arbor Day Foundation in obtaining trees for replanting.
- GUFCA worked with GFC on Urban and Community Forestry **Five Year Plan** Meetings
- GUFCA worked with GFC on the **Community Forestry Assistance Program** and with the circuit rider arborists.