



2010: A TREE ODYSSEY

24th Annual
Think Trees Conference

JANUARY 28-29, 2010
HILTON ALBUQUERQUE
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

FEATURING:

Arthur "Butch" Blazer
NM State Forester

James Urban
Author of "Up By Roots"

Dr. Laurence R. Costello
UC Cooperative Extension

ALSO STARRING

Dr. Gary Johnson Dr. Tess Grasswitz
Dr. Steve Windhager Dr. Jamshid Ashigh
Eric Duchinsky Melissa Barker

CEUs Offered: 13 ISA, 4 NMDA

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A **tree odyssey**, our journey as we select, plant, and maintain trees from the nursery to the brush chipper. The journey includes managing the trees and landscape to provide a more sustainable environment. This year's Think Trees' program will help us continue on our journey to manage and preserve these resources.

A familiar face will be missing: mentor, guide and friend Frank Feather. We are grateful for his wisdom and friendship and dedicate this year's program to his memory... we miss him.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 28

- 7:15 - 8:00 Registration
- 8:00 Welcome: Katherine O'Brien, President, Think Trees
- 8:30 Keynote: Butch Blazer
Sustaining Our Urban Forests
- 9:00 Eric Duchinsky: Who Pays?
Arboriculture and Sustainability
- 9:30 Break
- 9:45 Jim Urban: Soil Science and
Tree Biology
- 11:00 Dr. Larry Costello: Avoiding
Tree-Infrastructure Conflicts
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Melissa Barker: Fundamentals
of a Safety Program
- 2:00 Dr. Jamshid Ashigh: Herbicides
and Managing Weeds in the
Landscape
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Dr. Steven Windhager:
LEEDS and the Sustainable
Sites Initiative

Friday, January 29

- 8:00 Announcements:
Katherine O'Brien
- 8:30 Dr. Larry Costello: Pruning,
a Structural Approach
- 9:30 Break
- 9:45 Jim Urban: Practical Soil
Applications
- 11:00 Dr. Gary Johnson: Fertilization
and Keeping the Landscape
Green
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Dr. Tess Grasswitz:
Beneficials, Finding Them
and Feeding Them
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 ISA Exam Check In
- 2:45 Dr. Gary Johnson: Watering,
What's the Secret
- 4:00 New Trees: An Introduction
- 4:30 Closing Remarks and
Fund Raiser

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

www.thinktreesnm.org

For Information Call The Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Office (505) 243-1386

REGISTRATION

REGISTER NOW! THIS IS YOUR ONLY MAILING!

The first 75 people to register will be placed in a drawing to receive a **FREE** registration!

Registration is due by January 12, 2010, and will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

No refunds after January 12; \$10 will be deducted from refunds for early cancellations.

Fees include: 2-day conference and 2 lunches.

- \$135 Registration (before January 12)
- \$60 Students with valid I.D. • \$160 Registration at the door (no discounts)



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SPEAKERS

Arthur "Butch" Blazer, Director of the Forestry Division of the State of New Mexico's Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department. As a member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, Mr. Blazer is the first Native American to have been appointed as "State Forester" for New Mexico.

James Urban, author of "Up By Roots" is a landscape architect and arborist with over 30 years experience in urban development and planting trees in urban sites. He collaborates with leading arborists and researchers to develop new planting systems and soil innovations.

Dr. Laurence R. Costello, an Environmental Horticulture Advisor with the University of California Cooperative Extension in the San Francisco bay area has been conducting an education and applied-research program in landscape horticulture and urban forestry. In 2009 he received the Alex Shigo Award for Excellence in Education from the International Society of Arboriculture.

Dr. Gary Johnson has been a professor of Urban and Community Forestry at the University of Minnesota since 1992. Much of his research has focused on planting practices, construction damage and abiotic stresses of trees.

Dr. Steve Windhager has directed the Landscape Restoration Program at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center at the University of Texas since 1999. Most recently, he has directed the development of the Sustainable Sites Initiative (www.sustainableites.org),

a joint project with the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and the United States Botanic Garden to develop "green building" standards for landscapes.

Eric Duchinsky is the Director of Membership for the International Society of Arboriculture and serves as the Executive Director of the Society of Commercial Arboriculture. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and a Master's Degree in Technology with a concentration on Training and Development from Eastern Illinois University.

Dr. Tess Grasswitz was born in England and completed a BS degree in Zoology and a Master's Degree in Entomology at the University of London before moving to Riverside California to undertake her doctoral research. Tess joined NMSU in October, 2008 as an urban/small farm IPM specialist based at Los Lunas Agricultural Science Center.

Dr. Jamshid Ashigh, an Extension Weed Specialist/Assistant Professor, joined the faculty of New Mexico State University Department of Extension Plant Sciences in April 2008. His research interests include development and implementation of integrated weed management systems for field and horticultural crops.

Melissa J. Barker is a Compliance Assistance Specialist with the New Mexico Occupational Health and Safety Bureau (NM OSHA). Ms. Barker is one of the coordinators of the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), a Discrimination Officer/Investigator and an Alliance and Partnership Coordinator for the Bureau.



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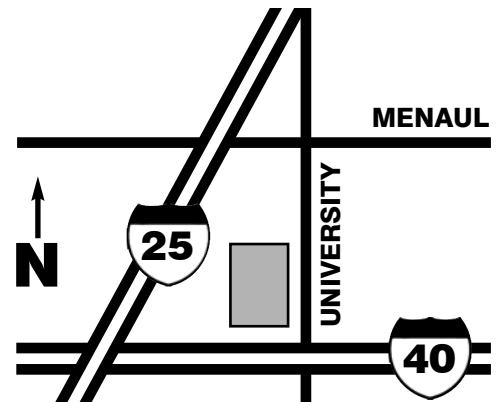
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NEW LOCATION!

Our new conference location means
new and improved accommodations.

The Hilton Albuquerque is centrally located on
University Blvd, where I-40 and I-25 meet.



Certification exams for the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) will be held on Friday, January 29, starting at 2:45 check in.

Locations will be announced and posted at the conference. Application deadline for ISA exam is January 13, 2010.

For more information or to register for the ISA Certification Exam, go to www.isa-arbor.com



If you are an individual with a disability who needs auxiliary aid for service to participate in this meeting, please write to Think Trees or call (505) 243-1386 by January 13, 2010.