

2014 Report

In February, 2014 the TUFC organized a tree board workshop for 24 tree boards. The one day workshop was made possible through a matched grant from the TN Division of Forestry and was a great success. We hope to offer another workshop again in 2015 to both equip tree boards and to encourage them to share ideas.

The TUFC also received a matching grant to create a book that showcases the notable, champion, landmark, historic and heritage trees of Tennessee. This book, entitled Trees of Tennessee is now available for purchase on our website. The book is \$35 and can be shipped for \$5. Please consider buying several as Christmas gifts.

As you are well aware, we had a great conference. Dr. Edward Gilman was our keynote speaker and inspired new thoughts concerning urban forests and pruning techniques. If you would like to look over Dr. Gilman's power point presentations or print his fact sheets, they are available on this website-<http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/index.shtml> We are grateful to all the speakers that shared their expertise to those in attendance. Thank you also to those that contributed and bought items in the silent auction. We were able to raise about \$800. Please consider donating to the silent auction next year.

Our arboretum program is growing. We now have 90 arboretums throughout the state. Please check our website to learn more about them and also to make plans to visit them. If you are interested in creating an arboretum, our website has guidelines for developing one. Also the TN Division of Forestry offers TAEP grants that can be used to purchase trees and signage for an arboretum. Information packets are annually available the end of May. Contact Brian Rucker at Brian.Rucker@tn.gov for more information.