



Summer Quarter 2007

# 16th Annual Urban Forestry Conference

Mark your calendars now! The 16th Annual Urban Forestry Conference, "Building Great Communities," will be held together with the American Planning Association, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the US Green Building Council and the Urban Land Institute. The conference will be held Thursday, September 6 and Friday, September 7 at the Memphis Hilton. Pre-conference tours and an opening reception will be Wednesday, September 5. ISA and Pesticide Points will be assigned. **For hotel information and to register, see [www.buildinggreatcommunities.org](http://www.buildinggreatcommunities.org).**



## Conference Program Highlights:

- Trees and Woody Ornamentals for the Landscape
- The Art and Science of Arboriculture
- Plants and the Insects that Love them
- Insects, Management and Treatments on Urban Trees
- Planning Tools for Quality Communities – Including Urban Forestry Greenprinting
- Trees and Construction: What it takes to be Successful
- Avoiding Infrastructure Bankruptcy: The Natural Infrastructure Solution – Including trees as part of the solution
- The Big Chill: Impact on Tree Physiology, Arbor Care and Nursery Production
- Natural Resources: Quality Growth and Development, Lakeland Model – Including urban forestry
- Landscape and Tree Ordinances – What is on the Horizon?
- The Greening of Wal-Mart
- Parking Lot Design

9th Tennessee Tree Climbing Championship  
Memphis Botanic Garden  
Saturday, September 8

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## GNAR Nashville Tree Planting

Officials with the Greater Nashville Association of Realtors® (GNAR) joined with the Metro Beautification Commission to beautify the city by planting new trees.

One key step related to this commitment was the planting of several Yoshino Cherry trees at Riverside Drive and Carter and Porter Avenues in East Nashville on March 29. GNAR members also helped to distribute more than 2,000 tree seedlings free of charge to new and current home owners this spring. Additionally, members volunteered their time to assist the Metro Beautification Commission hand out 6,000 tree seedlings at the Nashville Lawn & Garden Show.



The seedlings distributed by the Realtors and Metro Beautification included dogwoods, redbuds, sycamores and sweetgums. They were wrapped in plastic bags with complete instructions for planting and growing.

“It’s just our way to beautify the urban canopy of Nashville and invest in our city,” said Richard Courtney, GNAR president. “Buying a home is the largest single investment most people ever make. Trees are a small improvement that you watch grow into a bigger improvement to your property every year. Trees are also a wonderful addition to our communities because they do so much to help the environment.”

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## Karla Kean Returns to State

Karla Kean, former city forester for Clarksville and TUFC board member returned to Tennessee from a job in Missouri and is working at the Montgomery County Extension Office as a Horticulture Extension Agent. Already she is involved with the Clarksville Tree Board and the TUFC. We are lucky to have Karla back in our state. Karla may be reached at (931) 648-5725 or [kkkean@ext1.ag.utk.edu](mailto:kkkean@ext1.ag.utk.edu).

## Notable Trees of Tennessee Note Cards For Sale

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The price will be \$8.00, \$6.00 for TUFC members, tax included. For more information see [www.tufc.com](http://www.tufc.com).





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## Arbor Day, Morristown Style

Arbor Day was celebrated in Morristown on March 28 during a ceremony at Alpha Elementary School. Anne Doka, Chair of the Tree Board, welcomed the guests and Dr. Julia Price, Principal, spoke on the environmental programs her students participate in. Mannie Bedwell from the local UT Extension office spoke on behalf of Keep America Beautiful. Debra Williams, General Manager of the Morristown Chamber of Commerce and a Tree Board member, spoke about the Tree Board. Barbara Garrett, a certified Master Gardener, spoke on the merits of trees and gardening.

Rick Martin, from the Tennessee Division of Forestry, awarded prizes to the winners of the poster contest. Paul McQuade, of the Natural Resources Conservation District, awarded prizes to the winners of the poetry contest, a new feature, and the winners read their poems during the ceremony.



Rick Martin with poster contest winner Jason Spoon

Morristown was recognized for the fifth time as a Tree City USA community and Morristown Utilities was recognized for the fourth time as a Tree Line USA utility. Also, the city earned the Growth Award for 2006. It is a distinctive honor for Morristown to receive all three awards for the second consecutive year. Over 150 attended the celebration held in the gymnasium at Alpha Elementary. The school choir entertained the crowd.

Arbor Day 2007 was presented by the City of Morristown and the Morristown Tree Board. The event was coordinated by Todd Morgan, City Planner and Tree City USA Coordinator for Morristown.

## The Beauty of Trees in Our Lives

*By Austin Bow, 8th Grade*

*All Saints Episcopal School, Morristown*

*Do you see that tree standing like a giant in the park?  
It has been there for years and experienced so much.  
It has seen the rebirth of life in the spring.  
And has felt the gentle warmth of the sun in summer.*

*Its leaves have been swept away in the fall.  
Yet it still endured the harsh blizzards in winter.  
It has survived severe rains.  
Along with long periods of drought.*

*It has witnessed war and destruction.  
As well as peace and calmness.  
It has watched playful children turn into serious adults.*

*While it has grown from a small seed into a mighty oak.  
It has observed the construction of this park.  
And now it stands for all to see its beauty.*

## Letter from the President

Hello and Happy Belated Arbor Day! I hope everyone planted a lot of trees in your communities for Arbor Day. With increased public interest in global warming and the US Conference of Mayors' Cool Cities Initiative, people are becoming more aware of the benefits of trees and that they are part of the answer to a healthier and sustainable community, and that they should be considered equally in the design of our urban environments. The TUFUC is taking the lead in Tennessee in promoting putting trees and green spaces in our cities across the state, and I am very proud to be at the helm of this effort. We are very involved in many programs and partnerships this year and I would like to highlight several.

First, we are partnering with four other organizations in Memphis, in September, for our annual conference and tree climb with a theme of "Building Great Communities." Our partners are the Tennessee Chapters of the American Society of Landscape Architects and American Planners Association again as well as two new partners, the US Green Builders Council and the Urban Land Institute. The TUFUC has always had a core group of arborists, city foresters and technical experts, and we are proud to be able to educate our other conference partners on our extensive knowledge, especially through our annual tree climbing championship to be held at the Memphis Botanic Garden.

We are also getting to roll out our new series of Urban Forestry workshops in August with our partner, the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) through UT in hopes that we will educate the policymakers on the value of having an urban forest in their cities. At our recent board meeting, a dry run of the workshop was presented to the board that received great reviews. Also, we are working closely with Tennessee Department of Transportation to initiate a new memorial and honorarium tree grove program that will have plantings at four welcome centers throughout Tennessee in memory or honor of loved ones, that the TUFUC will be administering. For specified donations, you can either request a shade tree, small flowering tree or assorted bulbs to be planted.

Additionally, many of our board members and individual members are involved in their own efforts to green up our urban communities. Board member Jeff Gill, with Middle Tennessee Electric, has initiated a tree education program for grade school kids in his service area and is working to reach out to other electric cooperatives to get on board. Board member Heather Langford has recently accepted a position with the Tennessee Environmental Commission as their new science director. Board member Dr. Bridget Jones is getting to release a new handbook in a ten county area around Nashville called "Quality Growth Toolbox" that gives a holistic approach to community planning and will be a session topic at our joint conference. Board member Jerry Jeanson is getting ready to send a series of targeted membership letters statewide asking people to join the TUFUC and get involved in our programs and progress. Board members Wes Hopper and Susan Murray, along with our local chapter, are actively working in West Tennessee to help bring the City of Memphis on board as our newest Tree City USA community. I thank each of you for making Tennessee a better place to live.

Active members are one of the keys to the success of this organization. One person can make a difference as demonstrated by my personal recognition of several board members. However, funding is just as important to the survival of this organization, and we CANNOT operate or survive every year without sufficient funding. If you believe that trees and green spaces need the same importance to the overall infrastructure of a community as do streets and water, then get involved in the TUFUC. Dig into your pockets and join us. The TUFUC is also working with several state representatives and senators to spread our message and get them to sponsor legislation that would annually fund the TUFUC in our continued efforts. I also challenge each existing member to make an annual pledge to TUFUC to keep our programs functioning at their current excellent levels. We cannot assume that grants and other government funding will always be accessible to us and that we will have to raise the difference ourselves. Thank You and God Bless!

*Patrick Haller*

## Memphis Moving Forward

On April 10, 2007 the Memphis City Council passed the Resolution to establish the Memphis Tree Advisory Committee. The Resolution was sponsored by Councilman Scott McCormick and cosponsored by Dedrick Brittenum. Many of the appointees are members of the West TN Chapter of the TUFUC. "It is great that Memphis is moving forward in officially recognizing the importance of properly maintaining their existing tree canopy and the many wonderful benefits that trees provide to our community and surrounding areas," stated Susan Murray, President West TN Chapter of the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council.



A few folks were on hand for this historic event at Memphis City Hall. Pictured from left to right are: Andree Glenn, Dr. Susan Roakes, Councilman Dedrick Brittenum Jr., Susan Murray, & Jan Castillo. *Photo by Steve Gadbois.*

Appointed Tree Advisory Committee: Shawn Posey, Mark Follis, Wes Hopper, Don Richardson, Susan Murray, Jan Castillo, Stan Meyers, Burk Renner, Dale Skaggs, Richard Beckwith, Andree Glenn, Ken Munson, Councilman Scott McCormick, Susan Roakes, Cyndy Grivich, and Keith May.

# Ten Stages of the Tree Life Cycle

An article based on the works of Dr. Pierre Raimbault and Dr. Francis Halle.

By Bill Hascher, Arboriculture

Excellent tree care requires an appreciation and understanding of the tree system and life cycle. A good perspective to use when caring for trees is to recognize the phases and stages of a tree's life cycle. It is helpful to think about the tree in three phases and ten stages. It is a general model that was presented by Dr. Raimbault at an International Arboriculture Conference several years ago that I have found useful for understanding and caring for trees. I hope this provides a new way for you to look at trees. Enjoy.

Phase 1 is the *development phase*, which encompasses Stages 1-4. In the development phase most of the tree's energy is used for growth. This is the accumulation phase that begins with stage one. It starts with emergence from the earth and trunk development with no branches. The key to the stages is apical dominance where the leading shoot exerts dominance and subordinates other growth units. Apical dominance fades and exerts less influence in the later stages.

Phase 2 is the *mature phase* that encompasses Stages 5-7, and Phase 3 is the *decline phase*, which encompasses Stages 8-10.

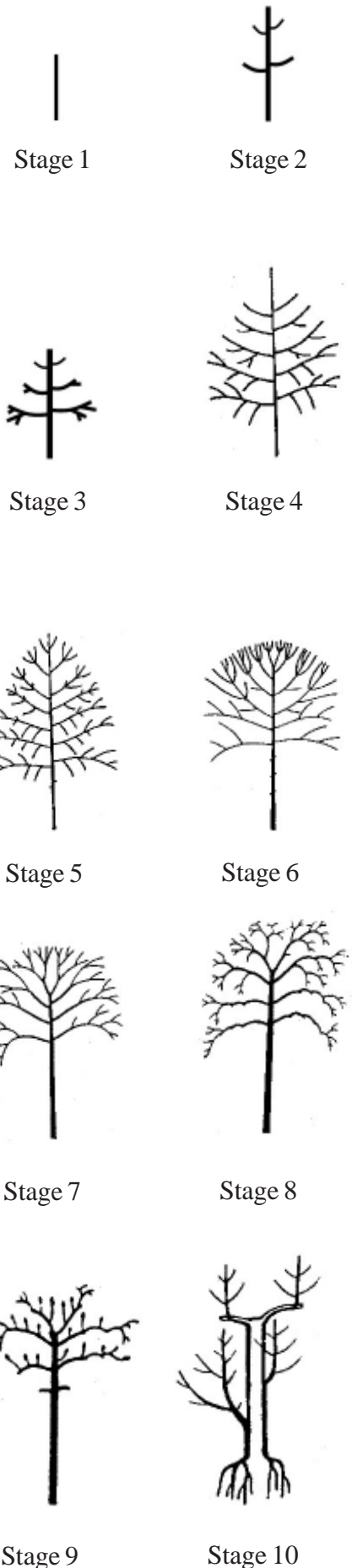
In stage two, the branches develop under the dominance of the leader and their growth is mostly horizontal. At stage three branching occurs preferentially on the undersides of the initial branches. At the end of stage three, all branch orders have been elaborated. At stage four, the last stage of the development phase, the lowest branches and the bases of the higher branches escape apical dominance, and the dominance of the central terminal leader begins to disappear. All the branching to this point is considered part of the temporary crown.

Phase 2 is the mature phase that encompasses Stages 5-7. Now begins phase two which is the mature phase. During this phase numerous repetitions of phase one development result in a superstructure. Optimum crown size is reached and food production becomes mostly constant.

Stage five is the beginning of the mature phase. The central leader is still visible and temporary crown is still present on most of the trunk. Branches begin their independence from apical dominance and branches develop equally on all faces of the initial branches. During stage six the crown becomes rounder. As the trunk is progressively shaded, the lowest branches of the temporary crown decline and fall off. At the base of the scaffolds, the branches on the bottom face lose their vitality. Stage seven is the stage of full maturity. The temporary crown has shed and many interior branches are shedding. Branches renew themselves from existing or recently formed branches on the upper faces of the main scaffolds.

Phase 3 is the decline phase, which encompasses Stages 8-10. During this phase the superstructure begins dismantling from the extremities inward. There is crown dieback and decreasing leaf area. Branches begin to sag under their own weight. New twigs and branches arise primarily along the upper faces.

At stage eight, the slow degradation of the root system weakens the aerial portion. Branches renew partially, not at the extremities but from the interior areas. We see epicormic shoots or water sprouts. By stage nine in the decline phase; the tree can't maintain the volume and superstructure it has attained in the previous phases. Mortality in the crown has surpassed the capacity for renewal and this is affecting more and more of the peripheral branches. The mortality is preceded by generation of increasingly larger shoots developing on increasingly interior portions of the crown, and then on the trunk. Stage ten is the final stage of the decline phase where the tree is shedding major branches and collapsing on itself. Strong shoots appear along the trunk. These shoots become progressively independent from the tree by initiating separate cambium columns in the trunk and generate their own root system in the soil.





## City of Clarksville Hires New Urban Forester

The City of Clarksville is pleased to announce that Jeremy Meyer is their new urban forester who will be working within the Street Department (public works). with a degree in urban forestry, Jeremy most recently was Woody Plant Collections Crew Leader at the renowned 700 acre Morton Arboretum near Chicago. Previously he had experience with tree management and inventory and public programming, all of which will be part of his Clarksville position.


In coming to Clarksville, Jeremy felt there were “great people and organizations which are dedicated to improving the city.” Tapping into their energy and focus, he wants to finish the tree inventory and develop a tree management plan. Also he would like to develop a public education platform against tree topping and work towards developing tree standards for arboriculture practices within the city. Contact Jeremy at (931) 645-7464 or [jmeyer@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:jmeyer@cityofclarksville.com).

The cultivation of trees is the cultivation of the good,  
the beautiful and the ennobling of man.

-- J. Sterling Morton

## TUFC Nominations Accepted

*Nominations are being accepted for the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council's Board of Directors. Self-nominations are encouraged. For more information and to make a nomination, please contact committee chairman Sam Adams by June 15th at (865) 522-0533 or [sam@corteseetree.com](mailto:sam@corteseetree.com).*



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## The Big Chill: Plant Damage

The cold arctic air that made its way across Tennessee in early April left a trail of damage through native woodlands, home landscapes and made a major impact on small fruit and tree fruit growers. So, what will happen to the trees over the next few months and what can we do to help them recover?

- First, whether the plant will survive or not is often an unanswerable question. It depends on the species, the growth stage, the actual low temperature and the duration of the low temperature.

- Do not get overly ambitious and severely prune too soon. Remove only what is dried up and dead.

- The best remedy for this type of damage is water, water, water!

- Shoots with split stems may die within the first few weeks or may survive for several months. We are still in the wait-and-see stage.

- Trees are recovering! As of May 1st, I have seen new growth emerging on crapemyrtle, Japanese maple, as well as the larger shade trees.

*Karla Kean*

*TSU-Montgomery County Extension*

## Tennessee Shines at Southern Tree Climb

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) hosted their Tree Climbing Championship in Little Rock last March. Event Chair Wes Hopper of Memphis noted that a “high level of skill was displayed and there were several newcomers to the competition.” The TUFC’s sponsored Brian Nicholls of the Giving Tree (Nashville) to represent the state as he had won their competition last fall. Other Tennesseans who did well were Rob Bramlett and Ben Poteet of Poteet Tree Service (Nashville) who came in first and second respectively. Additionally, B.J. Absher of ABC Tree Service (Chattanooga), Joshua Ferrell of Ferrell’s Tree Service (Memphis) and Keith Pancake of Poteet Tree Service all participated. There was a lot of excitement as the winner goes to the national competition in Hawaii!

## Tennessee Ag Tag

Tennessee offers this specialty license plate to promote agricultural and forestry awareness education and marketing programs. Find more on the web at [www.picktnproducts.org](http://www.picktnproducts.org).



# Calendar of Events

## June 5, 12, 19 and 26

Trees and Urban Forestry Course, Nashville Civic Design Center, 5:15-6:45 pm, Heather Langford Instructor, 615-248-4280, on the web at [www.civicdesigncenter.org](http://www.civicdesigncenter.org).

The importance of trees and urban forestry is increasingly on the national radar screen. More cities are introducing ambitious urban reforestation plans, often partnering with tree-planting groups and nonprofit organizations devoted to urban ecology. Los Angeles, for example, has embarked on a program to add one million new trees throughout the city. This course will introduce urban trees and their role as a vital component of civic design. It will incorporate guided walking tours in downtown Nashville and on the Vanderbilt campus to promote tree observation, identification and the discussion of tree management issues. This will set the stage for discussion at the Civic Design Center on managing Nashville's urban forest, in terms of best practices and benchmarking goals for the urban tree canopy.



## TBA

Upcoming Notable Trees of Tennessee Exhibit, Morristown. Interested in hosting the exhibit in your community? Contact Jennifer Smith at 615-352-8985 or [tufc@comcast.net](mailto:tufc@comcast.net).

## June 8-10

2007 Annual Tennessee State Master Gardner Conference, Kingsport. On the web at <http://tnmgc2007.net>.

## June 29

Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System and Assessment Workshop, Southeast exotic Pest Plant Council, Chattanooga, on the web at <http://www.se-eppc.org>.

## July 19

TUFC Board Meeting in Morristown. For more information on the Town Hall Luncheon, please call 615-352-8985.

## July 28 - Aug 1

International Society of Arboriculture, 83rd Conference and Trade Show, Honolulu, HI. See <http://www.isa-arbor.com/conference>.

## August

Municipal Urban Forestry Workshop. The UT Municipal Advisory Service (MTAS) will conduct urban forestry workshops approved for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) at seven statewide locations in August. MTAS and TUFC have partnered to increase awareness of this topic in local government. Urban Forestry transcends Public Works, Parks and Utilities. One of the goals is to educate municipal and tree board members and city employees in the basics of urban forestry. Discussions among participants will increase awareness of urban forestry issues. Topics include the benefits of urban forestry, starting a program in your community, roles of tree boards and staff, identification of community stakeholders, technical assistance providers and best management practices. The fee is \$25 for municipal officials and \$55 for all others. For the 2007 Course Registration Form, call 865-974-0411. Find more information on the web at <http://www.mtas.tennessee.edu>. Time is 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on the following dates:

Aug 1 - Johnson City

Aug 2 - Knoxville

Aug 17 - Collegedale (Tentative Date)

Aug 23 - Franklin

Aug 24 - Cookeville, Aug 28 - Bartlett, Aug 29 - Jackson

## August 21

Tennessee Green Industry Field Day, Williamson County Expo Center, Franklin. New location for 2007! TUFC will host an educational exhibit. On the web at <http://www.tnla.com>.

## October 13-16

Tennessee Chapter of the Public Works Association Annual Conference, Clarksville, 865-803-4721. [tcapwa@comcast.net](mailto:tcapwa@comcast.net).

## Thank You New & Renewing Members!

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## Tennessee Groves, New Program to be Launched

The new Tennessee Groves is expected to be launched this summer. It is a partnership between the TUFC and the Tennessee Department of Transportation through the Roadscapes initiative.

The TUFC will serve as administrators and through the program, trees and bulbs will be planted at welcome centers, rest areas and other locations. These plantings may honor or memorialize loved ones, commemorate birthdays or anniversaries, or simply contribute to the natural beauty of the state. As the program kicks off, it will be featured on [www.tufc.com](http://www.tufc.com).

## Share This Idea With Your Mayor - The Los Angeles Way

### *Los Angeles Mayor Plants tree on His First Day in Office*

On the morning of his first day in office, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa planted a tree. Then he joined hundreds of city residents to water, mulch and prune 30 gold medallion trees in a local neighborhood.

This inaugural event demonstrated Villaraigosa's commitment to make Los Angeles the cleanest and most eco-friendly city in the United States. "The dirtiest big city in America had the opportunity to be the greenest," he said. The mayor's goal is to make an environmental model of the metropolis known for smog, freeways and its concrete-lined namesake river. Since taking office in July 2005, he has tackled air and water pollution, expanded city parks and public transit systems, and launched a waste-to-energy program.

The heart of Villaraigosa's environmental campaign is Million Trees L.A., an initiative to plant one million trees throughout the city during his term. Over 5,000 new trees were in the ground within his first 100 days. On the web at [www.californiareleaf.org](http://www.californiareleaf.org).

## Urban and Community Forestry Awards of Excellence

Due June 30th! Go to [www.tufc.com](http://www.tufc.com) for a nomination form and category descriptions. Categories are: Builder/Developer, Citizen Activist, Government Employee, Green Industry, Media, Private Professional, and Tree Board Award. For more information, contact Awards Chair Jenny Steinle by phone at 865-081-2399 or email at [jenny.steinle@state.tn.us](mailto:jenny.steinle@state.tn.us).

## West Tennessee Chapter News

The new Memphis Tree Advisory Committee met on May 29th at the Memphis Botanic Garden.

The City of Lakeland is holding a tree survey workshop on June 1st from 1pm - 5 pm. It will be at Lakeland City Hall, 10001 US Hwy 70. Contact Eric Bridges at 901-867-2717 or [ebridges@lakeland.tn.org](mailto:ebridges@lakeland.tn.org).

The WTN Chapter board Meeting will be held in June. Date TBA. Contact Susan Murray at 901-757-9043 or [susanmurray\\_uf@msn.com](mailto:susanmurray_uf@msn.com).

Chapter President Susan Murray represented the organization at a Memphis Clean Air Coalition event in May. The group is working to improve air quality in the region.

## Tree Party Honors Contest Winners

Tree lovers gathered at Mount Olivet Cemetery April 27 to celebrate the winners of the Nashville Tree Foundation's twentieth annual Big Old Tree Contest.

Twenty-five trees were named 2007 champions, including five at the 150-year-old cemetery. The biggest tree nominated this year was a 137-foot sycamore at 4817 Catskill Drive in Old Hickory.

Local businessman Martin Brown received the Victor Johnson Award, which honors Nashvillians with a special reverence for trees. Brown, who co-chaired the Foundation's million-dollar ReLeaf Nashville project, has been a mentor and financial supporter of the Tree Foundation since 1986. For more information, visit [nashvilletreefoundation.org](http://nashvilletreefoundation.org).



Nashville Tree Foundation board members George Cate Jr. and Betty Brown flank Mark Hackney, who nominated five 2007 champion trees. Photo by Jan Stinson



## Nashville Named Tree City USA

At Nashville's Arbor Day celebration, March 2, Nashville was named a Tree City USA for the 12th straight year.

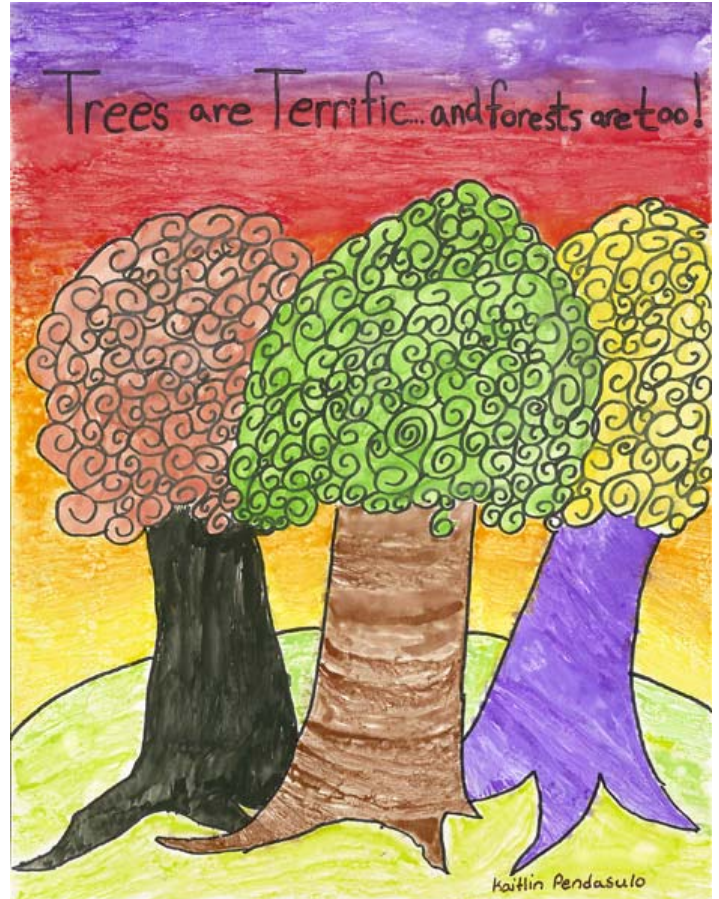
The designation is given by the National Arbor Day Foundation to a city that spends \$2 per capita on trees and has a tree board, a tree ordinance, and an Arbor Day ceremony.



Metro Public Works director Billy Lynch, city urban forester Stephan Kivett, Tree Foundation board member Alice Ann Barge, and Metro Tree Advisory Committee chair Christopher Armour receive the Tree City USA flag at Nashville's Arbor Day celebration. Photo by Gary Layda.

## State 2006 Arbor Day Poster Contest

The winning Tennessee Arbor Day Poster was drawn by fifth grader Katlin Pendasulo of Croft Middle School in Nashville. Her poster has been submitted to the National Arbor Day Foundation's contest as Tennessee's entry. The Department of Agriculture Forestry Division thanks the TUFC, International Paper and the Frist Foundation for the Visual Arts for their sponsorship of prizes.



1st Place: Katlin Pendasulo, Croft Middle School, Nashville



2nd Place: Caroline Tipton, Home Schooled, Franklin



3rd Place: Paul Estep, Midway Elementary, New Tazewell





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#### Newsletter Committee:

Dr. Douglas Airhart, Dr. Chris Catanzaro, Dottie Mann and Jennifer Smith



The Tenn. Dept. of Agriculture, Div. of Forestry, and the TUFC work together to enhance urban forestry statewide.

## Chattanooga's Coolidge Park Elm

Last August, a strong thunderstorm twisted and split the massive old Coolidge Park Elm. City Forester Gene Hyde closely inspected the tree several days after the storm and made the determination that he could keep the tree alive but not make it safe. Other consulting arborists agreed and after much deliberation it was decided to remove the tree. This was particularly painful for Hyde who had originally evaluated the tree before the building of Coolidge Park and had recommended that the tree be kept as a desirable feature. As a result the circular walkway which traverses the open field was designed around this tree.



Upon consultation with City Hall a decision was made to salvage as much of the wood as possible. All of the trunk and most of the large branches were saved and later given away to local wood carvers and turners in a special lottery. One small section of wood was given to the local wood carver, Bill Hassel, who will produce a piece that will pay tribute to the venerable old elm. This display is scheduled to be placed in the newly renovated Chattanooga Outventure Building.

An oft-asked question is what will go back in place of the elm. Hyde devised a plan to provide for a replacement of the elm and will also honor our existing Sister Cities. The plan is to plant a tree in honor of Chattanooga's five Sister Cities that are broadly indigenous to Hamm, Germany; Wuxi, China; Givatayim, Israel; Nizhnii Tagil, Russia; and Gungneung, Korea. Our Twinning Cities of Swindon, UK, and Ascoli, Piceno, Italy will be similarly honored. In addition, a stone marker in both English and the native language of the country will be installed close to each tree. This grouping will be known as the Peace grove and was officially dedicated during a special ceremony on Arbor Day, March 2, 2007.

Tennessee's official Arbor Day Celebration in Clarksville at Dunbar Cave State Natural Area was hosted by the Clarksville Tree Board on March 2. The tree was planted in honor of the 101st Airborne. Many TUFC members were present including president Patrick Haller who noted the policy of the Tree Board who receives the Urban Forestry Tree Board Award of Excellence, has the honor to host the state's official Arbor Day Ceremony the following year. Other officials were Tree Board president, Dottie Mann, State Urban Forester, Bruce Webster, Mayor Johnny Piper, Agricultural Commissioner Ken Givens, State Forester Steve Scott and TUFC Director Jennifer Smith.

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