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CTPA Annual Meeting - Thursday, January 16th

On Thursday, January 16, 2025, The CTPA will hold its 103rd Annual Meeting. This is a great opportunity to bring together association members and anyone interested in trees that work and are interested in the green industry from Connecticut and neighboring states.

The day starts with the business meeting. The meeting kicks off with approving the meeting minutes from the 2024 business meeting. After the meeting minute approval, the Board of Directors will present the slate of officers for the 2025 board. The proposed slate is Emmett Shutts – President, Sean Redding – Vice President, Greg Foran – Secretary/Treasurer. In addition to the officers, the directors on the proposed slate are Bud Neal,

Charlie Iselin, Claire Rutledge, Allan Fenner, Michael Almstead, Kevin Wyatt, Carter Peck, Stacey Marcell and Casey Tresp. Following the slate approval, there will be the Treasurer's Report and an open floor discussion about any topic the membership would like to bring before the board.

Additional Business Meeting Talk: Sergeant Devine, Law Enforcement Unit, DMV.

At the end of the business meeting, Sergeant Devine is eager to talk about the violations that are being encountered during an inspection. This 15-minute talk will highlight the issues and if anyone wants to talk further, please visit the DMV booth in the exhibitor ballroom.

The Educational Events: The New

ANSI Z133 Standards: What's New for You?

The first talk of the day will be by Melissa LeVangie Ingersoll, Z133 Committee Representative and Owner/Co-Founder of the Women's Tree Climbing Workshop. Melissa is presenting the recently updated ANSI Z133 Tree Care Standards, which include important changes that all tree care owners, managers, and workers need to be familiar with to ensure their company provides the best tree care services. A comprehensive safety standard written for and by tree care professionals, the Z133 Standards are essential to building and maintaining your company's safety program. Melissa will share new safety areas of focus, insights on compliance, and recommendations for building a safer work environment for your team. Melissa adores sharing her love of trees and the skills she's acquired over the last 29 years in the arboriculture industry. Melissa is a passionate educator, and her down-to-earth approach lends her subject matter expertise to be accessible by students, newbies to advanced people alike. As the Women's Tree Climbing Workshop® Owner and Co-Founder, Melissa serves as a lead instructor, website designer, and head of marketing... and more. Melissa lives in Massachusetts and is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, holding a B.S. in Forestry.

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Michael Almstead, President, awarding Bill Gleason the Arborist Citation Award for 2024.

We Advance the Care of Connecticut's Trees

Electrical Hazards Awareness Program Workshop

The annual English Electrical Hazard Awareness Workshop took place at Eversource Energy on Thursday, November 14, 2024. There were 115 people in attendance for the full day of instruction. The day started off with Doug Pistawka, Eversource, welcoming the group and taking care of house-keeping. Dave Ross, Woodland Tree Works, was the first instructor of the day. He covered EHAP introduction and regulatory aspects and electrical hazards. Next, Doug talked about hardware recognition, utility response protocols and a great demonstration with the Sparkbox. After lunch, Marianne Bonito, Federal OSHA, gave a talk on OSHA statistics within the tree industry. Lastly, Emmett Shutts, Davey Tree Experts, finished the day with safety standards, safe work practices, aerial rescue and emergency response. We thank Eversource Energy for allowing us the use of their auditorium and look forward to returning next year.

The Safety Committee is dedicated to safety education and looks forward to hosting the EHAP workshop in the fall of 2024. The committee meets three times a year. If you are interested in learning more about the Safety Committee or would like to come to a committee meeting, please contact Emmett Shutts at emmettshutts@gmail.com. The next committee meeting will be this spring and they will start planning the safety talk for the summer meeting. If you have any suggestions for a safety talk, please email Emmett Shutts.

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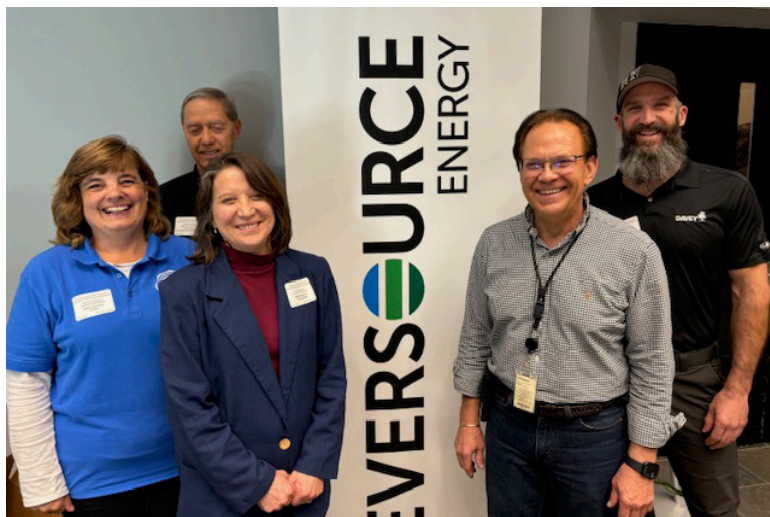
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Electrical Hazards Awareness Workshop 2024.

Cathy Dvorsky, Dave Ross (Woodland Tree Works, LLC)- Instructor, Marianne Bonito - Federal OSHA, Doug Pistawka (Eversource) - Instructor and Emmett Shutts (Davey Tree Experts)- Instructor. A special thank you to Eversource Energy for supporting safety and for the generous use of their auditorium.

Announcement!

The Safety Committee is please to announce a Spanish EHAP Workshop. This workshop will take place on February 18, 2025, at the CTPA Office in Wallingford.

Leo Roldan will give this class in Spanish.

Space is very limited.

Registration will open soon at www.ctpa.org.

Arboriculture 101

The Fall 2024 session Arboriculture 101 classes started with a full class of 45 new students and 5 or more returning students. This course continues to be at capacity and this year there was a waitlist of 18 people. The sessions went very well. The instructors are exceptional at answering all questions and offering their contact information at the end of class for support to anyone that needs it. It is a pleasure to witness people so interested in arboriculture, both new people to the industry and people who are in the industry that wish to further their knowledge and possibly obtain their license. Chris Donnelly has been instructing this course and has been behind the scenes for over 26 years. His dedication to the field is unmatched. There are over a thousand students Chris has helped and guided. The CTPA is grateful for his dedication.

The next session starts January 7, 2025 for another 13 weeks. The session is sold out. The September 2025 session registration will open in March. Please go to www.ctpa.org to register.



Arboriculture 101 Fall 2024



*The Current Board of Directors.
Missing from picture are Allan Fenner,
Stacey Marcell and Kevin Wyatt.*



*Bud Neal Presenting Jake Slade with the
Connecticut Tree Climbing Competition Master
Challenge Winner Mug for 2024*

This educational session will run from 9:15 until 10:15.

Trees and the American Experience.

This presentation will be given by historian Eric Rutkow as he draws from his award-winning book *American Canopy* to explore the relationship between Americans and their trees since the nation's founding. The talk looks at several ways that trees have been essential to the early years of the Republic as well as indivisible from the country's subsequent growth and development. Eric Rutkow is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Central Florida. His first book, *American Canopy: Trees, Forests, and the Making of a Nation*, received the Association of American Publishers' PROSE Award for US History, was named one of the top books of the year by Smithsonian magazine, and was selected for Oprah's online book club. He routinely speaks about trees and US history before environmental, academic, and general interest groups, including keynote addresses to the Society of American Foresters and the National Association of State Foresters. He received his BA and PhD from Yale and his JD from Harvard.

This educational session will run from 10:30 to 11:45.

The Three States of Urban Tree Health in Older Trees.

Bill DeVos from Tree Works in Vermont is giving the keynote talk. His focus will be on older trees and considering traditional tree care through a holistic lens, using the three states of urban tree health and his "1st axiom of Arboriculture" to enhance recommendations for a more insightful and effective urban care approach. Bill de Vos is an arborist with over 52 years of professional experience, specializing in Urban Tree Preservation. Based in Vermont, he has worked on projects across 14 states, offering innovative solutions for the care of notable trees. Besides running his company, Treeworks Ltd for 40 years, Bill has had other leadership roles, including past President of New England ISA, Executive Board of ASCA, Vermont Technical College Horticultural Review Board and Chair of the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Council. Bill has been honored with 11 Excellence in Arboriculture Awards for his distinctive approach to tree care from NAA/TCIA. Bill is a BCMA, RCA, NJ licensed Tree Expert, and Vermont Certified Horticulturist.

This educational session will run from 2:15 to 3:45.

What Else Will be Happening at the Annual Meeting?

Registration for the annual meeting starts at 8am with the business meeting starting at 8:20. Michael Almstead will give the president's welcome followed by the voting in the 2025 slate of officers and directors

by the membership. Next, the treasurer will give a report on CTPA finances. After lunch, Diane Jorsey from DEEP and Dr. Jason White from the CT Agricultural Experiment Station will give updates from both organizations.

The exhibitors' hall will be open all day except for lunchtime, to all attendees to meet and purchase items. There are several exhibitors in attendance that bring information and knowledge for attendees such as OSHA, DMV, CAES and many others. We also encourage attendees to take a walk outside to visit the exhibitors that have brought the latest in large equipment.

CEU's are available for the following:

CT Arborist License 3D, 3A - 4.25 ceu's

ISA - 3.75 ceu's, Forest Practitioner - 2.0 ceu's

Advanced Certified Tree Warden - 4.25 ceu's

TCIA CTSP - 1.0 CEU's

ANNOUCEMENT!

The CTPA is taking the leap of modernizing the sign-in sheets for meetings and workshops. We are starting at the 103rd Annual Meeting on January 16, 2025, with the sign-in rosters for ISA and TCIA. A QR code will be displayed on the projector screen in the meeting room at the end of the last talk. This procedure is in step with the current procedure when attending an ISA or TCIA workshop/talk. The State of CT, Forest Practitioner and Advanced Certified Tree Warden sign in sheets will be on paper for the annual meeting, located at the back of the meeting room.

The next step in rolling out the paperless roster/certification process will be at the Summer Meeting taking place on Thursday, July 17, 2025. During that meeting, and all meetings moving forward, the QR code will be displayed at the end of each talk including ISA, TCIA, State of CT, Forest Practitioner and Advanced Certified Tree Warden. The ISA and TCIA organization only require a sign in and no certificate will be issued. The State of CT, Forest Practitioner and

Advanced Certified Tree Warden will require a sign-in with the QR code and the certificate will be emailed to you with your information on the certificate already fill out. We are looking forward to this paperless

system. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cathy Dvorsky at cathy@ctpa.org.

The CTPA will be holding a raffle to support the Oscar P. Stone Research Trust Fund. This fund rewards scholarships to students pursuing high education in the field of arboriculture. Please purchase a ticket to continue the scholarships and win a great prize!