



September 2015



Your dollars are making a difference! The TREE Fund awarded nearly \$80,000 in grants and scholarships in our 2015 spring cycle. The eleven awards included two research grants, three arboriculture education grants and six scholarships, including two new scholarships funded by Penn-Del Chapter ISA. Congratulations to all!

2015 Hyland Johns Research Grants



Jason Miesbauer, PhD (The Morton Arboretum) and Andrew Koeser, PhD (University of Florida) - \$25,000 grant supporting "[Assessing wound-induced response growth in two common urban tree species.](#)" Dr. Miesbauer and Dr. Koeser will measure how response growth from intentional wounding affects tree strength over time, providing better guidelines for risk assessment of trees with decay or injuries.



Andrew Hirons, PhD (Myerscough College, UK) - \$24,948 grant for "[Improving urban forest establishment, resilience and performance using trait-based tree selection.](#)" Dr. Hirons seeks to develop quantifiable trait-based guidelines for a wide range of tree species that can be used by arborists, urban foresters, landscape architects and tree nurseries to help establish a resilient urban forest in times of climate change.

2015 Arboriculture Education Grants



Toledo Botanical Garden (Toledo, OH) – \$5,000 supports "[From TREES to STEM!](#)," which offers hands-on, inquiry-based experiments and outdoor explorations for 400 inner-city children, deepening their understanding of the role they play in protecting and enjoying the natural world around them.



Forest ReLeaf of Missouri (MO) – \$5,000 grant for "[Forest ReLeaf in the Classroom,](#)" an interactive program for students in grades K-12 offering instruction in basic biology and emphasizing the environmental impact and social benefits provided by urban trees.



Cuyahoga River Restoration (Cleveland, OH) – \$5,000 Ohio Chapter ISA Education Grant for "[Tree Training Intensives,](#)" which provides workshops for community leaders, Tree Commission members, and students considering careers in arboriculture and urban forestry. Site-specific workshops at Ohio Great Lakes Areas of Concern emphasize the role of healthy forests and tree canopy in restoration and protection of Ohio's watersheds and Lake Erie.

2015 Scholarship Recipients

Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship, supported by Robert Felix Memorial Fund (\$3,000)

[Brady Hendricks](#) (Kansas State University)
[Lee Rumble](#) (Middle Tennessee State University)
[Andrew Ronan](#) (Paul Smith's College)

John Wright Memorial Scholarship, supported by Wright Tree Service (\$2,000)

[Jamielee Kempton](#) (University of Hawaii at Manoa)

Fran Ward Women in Arboriculture Scholarship, supported by Penn-Del Chapter ISA (\$2,000)

[Taylor Souders](#) (Pennsylvania State University)

Horace M. Thayer Scholarship, supported by Penn-Del Chapter ISA (\$2,000)

[Harley Heichel](#) (Pennsylvania College of Technology)



Hendricks, Rumble, Ronan, Kempton, Souders, Heichel

A complete list of TREE Fund award winners can be found online in our [Archives](#).



Trying to grow trees in extreme conditions?

Increase your odds for success! Join us for “**Strategies for Successful Urban Tree Growth in Wet and Dry Sites**” a free TREE Fund webinar featuring Dr. Nina Bassuk of Cornell University. Learn the secrets of science-based soil modification strategies to increase a tree’s ability to access water. Discover plant selection resources and expand your palette of plant choices for challenging conditions.

- September 23, 2015 at 12:00 pm (Mountain)
- No pre-registration required. Log in at www.treefund.org on September 23.
- 1 CEU from ISA or the Society of American Foresters



Dr. Bassuk has received multiple TREE Fund grants; read about her research [here](#).

Special thanks to [Utah State University Forestry Extension](#) and [Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands](#) for hosting this webinar, and to [Bartlett Tree Experts](#) and [The Davey Tree Expert Company](#) for their support.



APPLY TODAY for research grants at www.treefund.org. Applications are **due October 1** for:

- [John Z. Duling Grants](#) – “seed” funding for innovative research and technology transfer projects that can benefit arborists’ everyday work. (up to \$10,000)
- [Jack Kimmel International Grants](#) – for arboriculture research projects all over the world. (up to \$10,000)

Many thanks to our July and August 2015 major contributors:
 (for contributions of \$2,500 or more to the TREE Fund in these months)

Thank You!

- ACRT, Inc.
- Pamela K. Hendricksen
- Illinois Arborist Association
- Jarraff Industries, Inc.
- Midwestern Chapter ISA
- New York State Arborists
- Ohio Chapter ISA
- STIHL Southeast, Inc.



Help your favorite rider in their final push for the 2015 STIHL Tour des Trees! Mike Neal, Randy Miller, Hank Gulich, Frazer Pehmoeller, Don Roppolo/Cindy Schwab, Andy Kittsley and Paul Sellers are all gunning to be one of the top three fundraisers who will receive a merchandise certificate from STIHL. [Donate to them or to any rider or team](#) by October 1 (donations will continue to be accepted until 12/31/2015). Find a complete list of riders at <http://stihltourdestrees.org/2015-rider-gallery/>. Thank you!



Shopping for equipment at [TCI EXPO 2015](#)? Bid on top quality machines from Bandit, Green Manufacturing and Morbark! Highest bid wins; profits from auction sales benefit the TREE Fund. Bidding closes Friday, November 13 at 3:00 pm. Can't make it to TCI EXPO? Place a proxy bid at the [TREE Fund website](#) starting October 15.

Thank you to all who supported TREE Fund events at the ISA Conference!

- 60 golfers teed off for the TREE Fund at the **Asplundh Golf Outing**, raising over \$12,000 for research and education. Thank you, Asplundh, for orchestrating and hosting this great annual event!



- Many thanks to **The Davey Tree Expert Company** and everyone who smiled for the camera at Davey's booth in Orlando. Together you raised \$500 for the TREE Fund! See the fun photos [here](#).



- Congratulations to the winners of our TREE Fund raffles and games:
 - Mark Hoenigman (OH), Lauren Lanphear (OH) and Rich Mitchell (CT) shared \$3,880 in the **Split the Pot Raffle**.
 - **Golden Ticket winners** Will and Cami Nutter (IA) won a six-night South Africa photo safari for \$100!
 - Kathleen Mahoney (CA), winner of the **Heads or Tails Game**, went home with \$500!



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