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### **Your donations are making a difference!**

The TREE Fund is pleased to announce its latest round of scholarship recipients. TREE Fund scholarships help students who aspire to careers in arboriculture and urban forestry achieve their goal. Thank you to Wright Tree Service for supporting the John Wright Memorial Scholarship and Penn-Del Chapter ISA for funding the Fran Ward Women in Arboriculture Scholarship and Horace M. Thayer Scholarship programs. Congratulations to the winners!

- **Thomas McNulty**, Penn State University – Horace M. Thayer Scholarship (\$2,000)
- **Conor Smith**, University of New Hampshire – John Wright Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)
- **Allison Wilson**, Penn State Mont Alto – Fran Ward Women in Arboriculture Scholarship (\$2,000)

See all our scholarship recipients in the archives on our [website](#).

**Thank you to our September 2016 [lead donors](#)** (for contributions of \$2,500 or more to the TREE Fund this month). Donations have been coming in fast and furiously (due to the upcoming STIHL Tour des Trees) and we don't want to miss acknowledging anyone. Look for a full list of our lead donors for September and October in our next issue of the TREE Fund Bulletin!



### **Frustrated with trying to grow trees in compacted urban soils?**

Mark your calendar for our free TREE Fund webinar “Soil Compaction and Urban Trees: Strategies for Gaining Ground” featuring Dr. Bryant Scharenbroch (U. of Wisconsin – Stevens Point). Learn how you can protect urban soils from compaction and gain useful management strategies to improve the quality of compacted soils in your local landscape.



- **November 30, 2016 at 12:00 pm MST** (translate to *your* time zone [here](#)).
- **Pre-registration** is not required; however, if you do so, you'll receive a reminder email the day before the program. Log in at [treefund.org](http://treefund.org) on November 30.
- CEUs available from ISA and SAF.

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

Thank you to Utah State University Forestry Extension and Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands for hosting this webinar.



### **PG&E Challenge for 2016: Accepted and Met!**

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E) has electrified interest in the Utility Arborist Research Fund (UARF) through the PG&E Challenge, which offers \$1.00 in matching funds for every \$2.00 in gifts to UARF up to \$125,000 per year in both 2016 and 2017.

We are delighted to notify you that the 2016 installment of the PG&E Challenge has been met, with ~\$175,000 in new UARF funding paid to date, and another ~\$75,000 pledged and invoiced for fourth quarter 2016. When these pledges and PG&E's first year match are applied to the UARF, the total value of the fund will be at about \$735,000, nearly 75% of the \$1.0 million goal.

We have also already secured about \$85,000 in pledges toward the 2017 installment of this program, so are well on the way to being able to spend ~\$50,000 per year in perpetuity to support utility arboriculture research. We also expect to fund a pilot research program with current year PG&E funds (via Utility Arborist Association, with thanks) in late 2016 to lay the foundation for this long-term program. This is a transformative initiative, and we are grateful to PG&E, UAA, and all of our UARF partners for making it possible. Visit our [UARF website page](#) to learn more, and please thank those who have contributed when you are able.



### **Show your support for 2016 STIHL Tour des Trees riders as they pedal the Carolina piedmont this month!**

[Donate to them or to any rider or team](#) through 12/31/2016. Find a complete list of riders at [stihltourdestrees.org](http://stihltourdestrees.org) and follow the Tour's progress through the Carolinas October 9-15 on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!



**Shopping for equipment at TCI EXPO 2016?** Stop by the TREE Fund booth for Show Specials from Bandit and Green Manufacturing. *You* choose the price you're willing to pay for a top-quality chipper or cutting system! If you make the highest offer on the item (minimum must be met), you buy it for that price. Proceeds benefit the TREE Fund. Get more details on [our website](#).



### **Double your donation with Mid-Atlantic Chapter ISA's match**

Donate to the Bonnie Appleton Memorial Fund now through **December 31, 2016**, and Mid-Atlantic Chapter ISA will match 100% of your tax deductible gift, up to \$15,000. The fund honors the late Dr. Appleton's passion for horticulture, arboriculture education, and research; it will support an annual scholarship for students in green industries. [Learn more](#) and download a donation form, or donate online at the [TREE Fund](#). Thank you!

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