



**Welcome to**

# **TREE Fund After Hours**

**Monday, August 15, 2016**  
**5:30 – 7:00 pm**

**Fort Worth Convention Center**  
**Halls A – D, Aisle 300**  
**Fort Worth, Texas**

## **A Message from the Chairman**

Welcome to TREE Fund After Hours! We are excited to be in the Lone Star State, kicking off this new event with the help of ISA Texas.

And we're glad you're here with us. TREE Fund After Hours is an opportunity for you to get to know the TREE Fund, learn more about what we do, and support us if you feel inspired!

It's probably safe to say that everyone at this conference loves trees and believes in the importance of maintaining a thriving urban forest. The TREE Fund's work — funding tree research, giving out scholarships to aspiring arborists, and supporting children's environmental education programs — helps grow a strong and healthy canopy that provides so many benefits to our communities.

You can read about the research, people, and programs we've recently supported on pages 10 – 11 of this booklet. More importantly, though, we hope you'll take a few minutes this evening to talk to the people wearing green lanyards — many of whom are TREE Fund Liaisons, TREE Fund Trustees, or riders with the STIHL Tour des Trees, our primary community engagement and outreach event. Ask them why they are so passionate about the TREE Fund's work and why it's so important.

While you're here, get involved in the fun! This is the place to purchase your next vacation or stock your bar with top-shelf Kentucky Bourbon (maybe for \$100 if we draw your Golden Ticket!). Die-hard Aggie or Longhorn fan? We've got you covered either way! Buy a \$20 bandana in your team's color and play Heads or Tails with the crowd. You could win a \$500 Amazon gift card (and go home with a useful bandana in your team color, too). Whatever you decide, we hope you'll kick back and have some Texas-sized fun. Thanks for being here.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randall H. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Randall H. Miller, BCMA  
Chairman, TREE Fund Board of Trustees

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## General Information and Rules

### Auction

1. Guests must register for a bidder number prior to bidding in the auction.
2. Placing your bidder number on an auction bid sheet, or raising your bidder number in the auction and being acknowledged by the auctioneer are legal contracts to purchase the auction item.
3. All items and packages are sold “as is” and all sales are final. No refunds or exchanges.
4. Unclaimed items may be picked up at the TREE Fund booth (#518) on Tuesday, 8/16.
5. Items may have restrictions or specific conditions. All goods and services must be used by the expiration dates noted on the certificates as provided by the donor.
6. Reservations for trips and vacation accommodations must be mutually arranged between the buyer and the donor. We urge all winning bidders to contact the donor within 30 days.
7. Accommodations, transportation, and event tickets are based on availability and subject to holiday and other blackout periods. Tax, gratuity, and alcoholic beverages are not included in the purchase price unless otherwise stated.
8. While it is the TREE Fund’s intent to accurately describe auction items based on information provided by the donors, the TREE Fund is not responsible for the description, authenticity, or condition of the item.
9. The TREE Fund does not estimate fair market value of auction items. All statements of value are furnished by the donor.
10. The TREE Fund is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Auction purchases are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

### Raise Your Hand for Research (RYHFR) Appeal

1. Guests are encouraged but not required to register for a bidder number prior to participating in the RYHFR Appeal.
2. Guests without bidder numbers will be handed a RYHFR Commitment slip by the Spotter with the amount of their donation written in.
3. Raising your hand or bidder number during RYHFR and being acknowledged by the auctioneer is a legal contract to donate the specified amount.
4. The TREE Fund is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. RYHFR donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## TREE Fund After Hours Program

**5:30 – 6:00 pm Arborist App Share**  
Brandon Gallagher Watson  
Rainbow Treecare Scientific Advancements

**6:00 – 7:00 pm Welcome**  
Ken Ottman, Master of Ceremonies  
*and*  
Randall H. Miller, BCMA  
Chairman, TREE Fund Board of Trustees

**Partner and Volunteer Recognition**  
J. Eric Smith, TREE Fund President and CEO

**Golden Ticket Drawing and Auction**  
Larry Scala, Auctioneer

**Raise Your Hand for Research Appeal**  
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**Aggies vs. Longhorns Heads or Tails Game**  
Larry Scala, Auctioneer

**Quadwheel® New Owner Announcement**  
J. Eric Smith, TREE Fund President and CEO

*Proceeds from TREE Fund After Hours support the TREE Fund's mission to support scientific discovery and dissemination of new knowledge in the fields of arboriculture and urban forestry.*

## #501 Teufelberger Arborist Climbing Kit



It's a climber's dream! Get a rugged, dependable rope bag (hank of rope included) and a lightweight, state-of-the-art harness from the name you trust: Teufelberger.

The 50 liter rope bag is built for long-term use and many parts are replaceable. You'll love that it's stable, breathable, and permeable to moisture and water, and its unique system of perforations keeps your tools organized and within easy reach.

The S.Light Harness is the super light version of the popular treeMOTION harness. You get the same high quality and comfort you've come to expect, but in a lightweight material that makes it well-suited for repeated ascending and descending. The harness adapts perfectly to your body and does not interfere with your climbing.

### Package includes:

- 50L Rope Bag
- 150 foot Tachyon Ash Rope
- S.Light Harness

**Of special note:** Bag does NOT include accessories.

**Donated by:** Teufelberger Fiber Rope Corp.

## #502 Texas Beauty



Crafted of cedar elm (*Ulmus crassifolia*) with a natural edge rim and natural void, arborists will appreciate the story this piece has to tell. This gorgeous hollow form vase was created by Texas arborist and woodturner Kevin Bassett. It stands 8.5" high and is 7.5" in diameter. It's the perfect conversation piece for your home, cabin, or office.

Bid and make it yours tonight!

**Donated by:** Kevin Bassett, Turned Wood Artist

## #503 D.C. Delight



Museums and monuments • Arboretum and architecture  
Cherry blossoms and churches • Pandas and the Pentagon  
History and heritage

There's no other city in the world that offers as much stately beauty and as much to do as Washington, D.C.! Many of the sites in our nation's capital are free, and this package helps you take care of the rest. See area highlights on an Old Town Trolley Tour of your choice, from a land and water D.C. Duck Tour, to Monuments at Night, or any other. Enjoy three nights in the luxurious Gaylord National Resort (site of the 2017 ISA Conference) and dine at any of the three dozen eateries at National Harbor. You're sure to have a star-spangled time!

### **Package includes:**

- 3-night stay at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center with 2 breakfast vouchers
- \$100 gift card towards any tour from Old Town Trolley Tours
- \$100 gift card for eateries at National Harbor, MD
- \$500 Visa gift card for travel
- Bottle of award-winning wine from the Winery at Bull Run (VA)

**Of special note:** Taxes and fees may apply on accommodations. Gaylord certificate expires August 1, 2017.

**Donated by:** Mid-Atlantic Chapter ISA, Penn-Del Chapter ISA

## #504 Scenic Vermont Getaway



Take in the panoramic mountain views as you sip your morning coffee on the screened porch of your cozy cabin nestled in the Green Mountains of Vermont. Your day starts in the great outdoors surrounding you — paddling, cycling, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, or simply hiking through the woods. Then explore the area in style, driving a sweet BMW Z4 convertible on a guided, personalized driving tour (using two-way radios) that highlights Vermont’s beauty, history and culture! Other not-to-miss local highlights include the Middlebury Tasting Trail with Vermont’s best craft beers, wine, cider, and spirits, and the town of Middlebury for antiquing and fine dining.

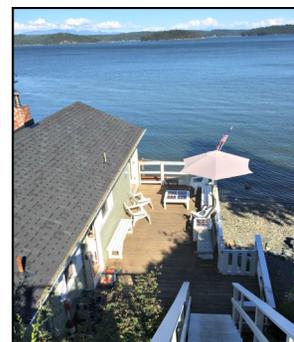
### Package includes:

- 2-night stay at Robert Frost Mountain Cabins
- Gift basket upon arrival to include Vermont wine or beer, cheese, crackers and chocolate-dipped strawberries or chocolates
- Delivery of Robert Frost Mountain Cabins' signature warm cinnamon twists on first morning of stay
- Country Driving Tours of Vermont “Classic Tour” for 2; includes car rental for tour duration (4-5 hours), 2 radios, 2 headsets, 2 country store lunch coupons
- \$60 gift certificate from 2 of the following restaurants: Fire & Ice Restaurant, Storm Café, The Lobby, or Two Brother's Tavern
- 2 handcrafted mugs by local artisan and other Vermont products

**Of special note:** Accommodations and Driving Tour are subject to availability. Excludes holiday and Middlebury College event weekends. Driving Tour only available mid-April to end of October.

**Donated by:** New England Chapter ISA

## #505 Sojourn on Puget Sound



This is the seaside vacation you’ve always dreamed of! Explore the tranquil and majestic wonders of the Pacific Northwest on Puget Sound’s Fidalgo Island, located halfway between Seattle and Vancouver. Your cozy beach house accommodations right on the sound are perfect for taking in the surrounding beauty and learning to catch and eat Dungeness crab and oysters (lessons included in package). The area offers numerous options for outdoor fun — from whale watching and kayaking to birding and hiking. Visit nearby Anacortes’ vibrant Old Town where you’ll find great dining and unique shopping. Package includes a Deception Pass Jet Boat ride and a personalized, behind-the-scenes tour of one of the best wholesale street and landscape tree nurseries in the region.

### Package includes:

- Up to 1 week stay for 2 adults and 2 small children in small beach house on Puget Sound’s Fidalgo Island, Anacortes, WA
- 4 tickets for Deception Pass Jet Boat ride
- Learn to catch and eat Dungeness crab
- Learn to grow and eat oysters
- Tour of Urban Forest Nursery in Mount Vernon, WA

**Of special note:** Valid through 12/31/17. Arrangements subject to agreement by all parties; blackout dates may apply. No smoking.

**Donated by:** Jim and Annie Barborinas

## Raise Your Hand for Research



**“We all have a role to play  
in planning for the future of our trees.”**  
– Rose Epperson, Heritage Oak Society Member

When the urban forest thrives, we *all* benefit.

Since 2002, the TREE Fund has been investing in the crucial tools – science, safety, outreach, education – needed by tree care professionals to keep our neighborhood trees growing strong. The nearly \$3.0 million we’ve issued in grants are rooted in practical, actionable topics of interest to tree care and related businesses, including worker safety, planting and pruning practices, root and soil management, and tree healthcare.

The TREE Fund is committed to supporting the tree care professionals who make a healthy urban forest a reality all of us can enjoy – hopefully with your help. Every dollar you contribute during the Raise Your Hand for Research appeal this evening will go directly to tree research and education. **Our goal is to fund at least one additional John Z. Duling Grant (\$25,000)**, and every contribution counts. We would be honored to include you tonight among those helping to sustain the community canopy that benefits all of us.

**Thank you!**

## TREE Fund Research Grant Awards 2015 – 2016\*

### 2016 Hyland R. Johns Grants (up to \$50,000)

*Support research that directly affects the work of industry professionals.*

- **Dr. Susan Day**, Virginia Tech, “Urban forests as stormwater systems — the role of canopy structure and ground cover in stormwater mitigation”
- **Dr. Glynn Percival**, R.A Bartlett Tree Research Laboratory, University of Reading, United Kingdom, “Can soil amendments reduce disease severity in trees?”
- **Dr. Bryant Scharenbroch** and Co-Investigator **Dr. Les Werner**, both University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, “A soil management toolbox for urban trees”

### 2015 Jack Kimmel International Grants (up to \$10,000)

*Provide funding for arboriculture research projects all over the world.*

- **Dr. Mohammad Asrafur Rahman**, Technical University of Munich, Germany, “Quantifying the cooling effectiveness of urban street trees in relation to their growth”
- **Dr. Henrik Sjöman**, Swedish University of Agricultural Science/ Gothenburg Botanic Garden and Co-Investigator **Dr. Nina Bassuk**, Cornell University, “The role of tree species in cooling the urban climate — application in tree planting and landscape architecture”

### 2015 John Z. Duling Grants (up to \$25,000)

*Provide start up or “seed” funding for innovative research and technology transfer projects.*

- **Dr. Michael Arnold**, Texas A&M University, “Long-term impact of container size on tree establishment”
- **Dr. Whitney Cranshaw** and Co-Investigator **Rachael Sitz**, both Colorado State University, “Improving management tools for drippy blight of red oaks”

## TREE Fund Education Grant & Scholarship Awards 2015 – 2016\*

### 2016 Arboriculture Education Grants (up to \$5,000)

- **Asheville GreenWorks**, Asheville, NC, “Tree Detective Kits”
- **Greening of Detroit**, Detroit, MI, “Our LAND (Learn, Admire, Nurture and Dream)”
- **McCroy Gardens – South Dakota State University**, Brookings, SD, “Junior Arborist Camp”

### 2015 Ohio Chapter ISA Arboriculture Education Grant (up to \$5,000)

**Cuyahoga River Restoration**, Cleveland, OH, “Tree Training Intensives”

### 2016 Robert Felix Memorial Scholarships (\$3,000)

- **Savannah Haines**, University of Maine
- **Daniel Hedden**, California Polytechnic State University
- **Jamilee Kempton**, University of Hawaii at Manoa

### 2015 Horace Thayer Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Harley Heichel**, Pennsylvania College of Technology

### 2015 Fran Ward Women in Arboriculture Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Taylor Souders**, Pennsylvania State University

### 2015 John Wright Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)

**Jamilee Kempton**, University of Hawaii at Manoa

**Apply online for grants and scholarships at [treefund.org](http://treefund.org)**

\*Awards as of July 29, 2016

## #506 Ultimate Bourbon Bundle



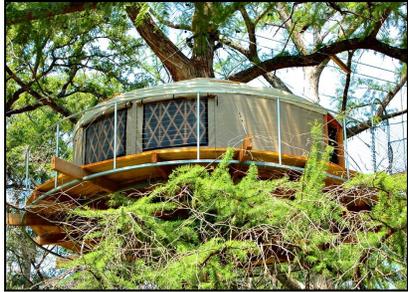
If you love Bourbon, then this is the package for you! Stock your bar with Bourbon from nine distilleries on Kentucky’s famous Bourbon Trail. Package also includes a beautiful turned cherry bowl with hammered copper lid and passports for Kentucky’s Bourbon Trail.

### **Package includes:**

- Bourbon from Bulleit, Evan Williams, Four Roses, Heaven Hill, Jim Beam, Makers Mark, Town Branch, Wild Turkey, Woodford Reserve
- Turned cherry bowl with ash and hammered copper lid with cherry finial
- 2 passports for Kentucky’s Bourbon Trail

**Donated by:** Kentucky Arborists Association

## #507 Texas Treehouse Adventure



“ It was a lot of fun and the coolest treehouse I ever spent the night in! ”  
~ Dave Leonard, Supersonic Air Knife

Experience the romantic adventure of a lifetime in Texas Hill Country! Feel your adrenaline rush as you soar through the canopy of old-growth cypress trees on a thrilling zip line eco-tour. Afterwards, enjoy a wine tasting at nearby Stone House Vineyard and dine on hand-cut steaks and fresh seafood at local favorite J5 Steakhouse.

Sleep peacefully each night in your own private treetop haven. Your unique accommodations are built around an ancient cypress trunk, with the tree growing up through the middle! When you're not in the tree, a bridge connects you to a magnificent bathhouse with a waterfall-filled tub to relax and take in the view.

### Package includes:

- 2-night stay for 2 in the Lofthaven treehouse at Cypress Valley Canopy Tours
- Zip line tour for 2 at Cypress Valley Canopy Tours
- House wine tasting for 2 at Stonehouse Vineyard
- Dinner for 2 at J5 Steakhouse
- \$500 gift card for travel

**Of special note:** Package available Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March through November ONLY.

**Donated by:** Ohio Chapter ISA

## #508 Sunny San Diego Escape



Grab the kids and experience sunny San Diego like never before! Explore the city's signature destination, Balboa Park, home to fifteen major museums, renowned performing arts venues, beautiful gardens and the San Diego Zoo. At the San Diego Safari Park, you'll be amazed by the animals and revel in your special behind-the-scenes tour by the park's arborist! After your action-packed day, relax in the award-winning Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort on the ocean. Package also includes passes to SeaWorld, a gift package for Ponte Winery and \$1,000 for travel.

### Package includes:

- 4 nights in 1 bedroom condo (sleeps 4) at Carlsbad Inn Beach Resort or comparable
- 2 adult and 2 child (age 3-12) 7-day Explorer passes to Balboa Park with map/guide "A Walk in Balboa Park: Self-Guided Walking Tour"
- 4 Passes to San Diego Wild Animal Safari, including a behind-the-scenes tour with the park's arborist
- 4 SeaWorld passes
- \$80 in gift cards to Ponte Winery in Temecula and bottle of wine
- \$1,000 American Express travel gift card
- Gift bag

**Of special note:** Condo is subject to availability (may substitute another comparable local resort). All passes may include blackout periods and are subject to availability.

**Donated by:** Rose and Al Epperson, Javier Quiroz, Tree Pros, Inc., Western Chapter ISA

## #509 Exclusive Napa Wine Experience



Delight your taste buds in Napa Valley and learn about winemaking from a true insider's perspective. Enjoy three nights in a stylish and sophisticated private guest house on a private vineyard that overlooks the mountains and vineyards. Stroll through the garden as you enter your guest suite, then relax and enjoy the onsite coffee bar, soaking tub, and outdoor dining area with a bocce court. On your tour of B Cellars, you will see the culinary garden, state-of-the-art winemaking facility, and wine caves, all while enjoying a glass of their seductive Blend 23. You can also look forward to experiencing the ultra premium wines produced from superior grapes during your tasting and delicious gourmet lunch with winemakers Mark and Kandice Jessup.

Raise your bid number tonight and soon you'll be raising a glass in Napa!

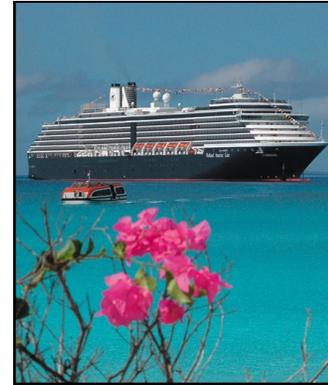
### Package includes:

- 4 days/3 nights in guest suite on B Cellars private vineyard
- B Cellars private wine and food pairing
- Lunch and private tasting with a winemaker at J Gregory
- Free concierge reservation service
- \$500 Visa gift card for travel

**Of special note:** Travel package is non-refundable and subject to availability. Certificates/gift cards cannot be replaced. Reservations must be made at least 60 days in advance of travel. Blackout dates: Memorial Day weekend, 4th of July, Labor Day weekend. Travel is valid for 12 months from date of issue. Cancellation less than 14 days prior to arrival will be subject to a \$400 rebooking fee.

**Donated by:** Asplundh Tree Expert Co.

## #510 Holland America Dream Cruise



 **Holland America Line**  
*A Signature of Excellence*

Step aboard a Holland America five-star cruise ship and experience a voyage unlike any other. Choose any cruise for two (shared stateroom) of up to seven days in length to Alaska, the Caribbean, Mexico or Canada/New England. Your journey will include extraordinary dining, a spacious stateroom, elegant surroundings and days filled with new discoveries and gracious pampering by an award-winning crew.

### Package includes:

- Up to a 7-day cruise for 2 to Alaska, the Caribbean, Mexico or Canada/New England
- Ocean view stateroom accommodations
- All meals

**Of special note:** Certificate does NOT expire.

**Donated by:** Florida Chapter ISA, Illinois Arborist Association

## Heads or Tails Game

*Aggies vs. Longhorns*

What would you do with a \$500 Amazon gift card?  
Play Heads or Tails and you might have to decide!



### How to Play:

1. Purchase a TREE Fund bandana in the color of your choice from a volunteer.
2. Put the bandana on your head for "heads" or on your tail for "tails."
3. The auctioneer will flip a coin and announce "heads" or "tails."
4. If the coin lands on "heads" and your bandana is on your head (or if the coin is "tails" and you have it on your tail) — you remain in the game.
5. Last person standing wins a \$500 Amazon gift card (and of course, bragging rights)!

**Good Luck!**

**Heads or Tails Game courtesy of  
New York State Arborists**

## Quadwheel® Show Special

What could be better than getting high-quality equipment at a great price while supporting tree research and education?



Many thanks to Green Manufacturing, Inc. for offering its Quadwheel® Cutting System as a Show Special to benefit the TREE Fund. Since Sunday, trade show attendees have been able to name the price they were willing to pay for the Quadwheel® (as long as the minimum was met). The person with the highest offer will be able to purchase the Quadwheel® for that amount and feel good knowing that 100% of their purchase will support TREE Fund research and education programs!

Tonight we're happy to announce the new owner of the Quadwheel®. Please help us celebrate this wonderful contribution to tree research and education!

**Show Special courtesy of  
Green Manufacturing, Inc.**

The TREE Fund gratefully acknowledges the generosity and support of our auction package donors, Heads or Tails Game underwriter, and event volunteers.

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