

Trustee Profile



Name: George Hudler

Employer: Department of Plant Pathology, Cornell University

Position: Professor Emeritus

Education: B.S. Forest Resource Mgmt. Univ. of Minnesota (1970); M.S. Plant Pathology, U of M (1973); PhD Plant Pathology, Colorado State Univ. (1976)

Certifications: NYS Certified Pesticide Applicator - Categories 2A (Xmas trees), 3 (ornamentals), 10 (research and demonstration)

Affiliations: I.S.A., American Phytopathological Society (Fellow), Mycological Society of America.

Skills: Expertise in mycology, tree diseases, integrated pest management, classroom, extension, and field teaching.

Why you are serving on TREE Fund board? I agreed to serve on the TREE Fund board because (1) I feel like I'm long overdue to give back to the arboriculture industry for all that it has done for me and my career, and (2) I am so impressed with the foresight the industry has had in developing the Fund to ensure that research that directly affects the "boots on the ground" arborist that I want to do what I can to be sure it continues and that the industry investments really yield knowledge of practical value.

TREE Fund Committees you chair/serve on: Board of Trustees, incoming chair of the Research and Education Committee

Biography (150 words or less)

George Hudler joined the faculty at Cornell in 1976 and has taught numerous courses including Pathology of Trees and Shrubs; Magical Mushrooms, Mischievous Molds; and, most recently, The Wonder of Willow. His outreach and research programs have generated over 100 research articles and 230 issues (20 years!) of *BRANCHING OUT*, a pest management newsletter. He has received many awards for his educational programs including the ISA Richard Harris Author's Award and the Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow Award, Cornell's highest award for excellence in teaching. Dr. Hudler's work has helped plant health care professionals to prevent and/or cope with girdling roots, tar spot of Norway maple, opportunistic canker diseases, and *Phytophthora* cankers of beech. For his many contributions to plant health care, George was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the NYS Arborists Association in 2015.