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Your donations are making a difference!



As part of its mission to restore and protect the Cuyahoga watershed and adjacent Lake Erie tributaries in northern Ohio, the nonprofit **Cuyahoga River Restoration** identified the need to raise awareness of the significant role arborists play where trees, communities, and watersheds intersect, as well as emphasize the importance of healthy urban forests to the health of the watershed. More than 150 representatives of tree commissions, municipalities, and the public from 53 communities participated in “[Tree Training Intensives](#)” workshops (partially funded by an [Ohio Chapter ISA Education Grant](#) administered by TREE Fund), in Cleveland, Lorain, and Toledo, Ohio. The event successfully strengthened connections between these communities and the people who care for their trees, and it helped them share the message that urban forests are essential parts of a community’s infrastructure.

Grant and scholarship applications open in January

Online applications for the following TREE Fund grants and scholarships will be open **January 17 – March 15** at [treefund.org](#):

- [Hyland R. Johns Research Grant](#) (up to \$50,000)
- [Utility Arborist Research Fund Grant](#) (up to \$50,000) **NEW!**
- [Safe Arborist Techniques Fund Grant](#) (up to \$10,000)
- [Ohio Chapter ISA Arboriculture Education Grant](#) (up to \$5,000)
- [Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship](#) (\$5,000)
- [Horace M. Thayer Scholarship](#) (\$3,000)
- [Fran Ward Women in Arboriculture Scholarship](#) (\$3,000)
- [John Wright Memorial Scholarship](#) (\$2,000)
- [Bonnie Appleton Memorial Scholarship](#) (\$5,000) **NEW!**



NEW! Find TREE Fund research by topic



If you’ve ever wondered what research TREE Fund has supported related to a particular topic such as pruning, roots, or safety, you can now easily find the answer on the Research Archive page of our website: [treefund.org/researcharchive](#). Search a database of the projects we’ve funded since 2004 using a researcher name, topic, or any other key word, or scroll down the page to find lists of TREE Fund projects compiled by topic. In many cases the project titles link to more information about the work and/or citations.

Coming in the February *TREE Fund Bulletin*: a summary of TREE Fund research projects that were published or presented in 2017.

Save the dates for 2018 TREE Fund Webinars

Mark your calendar now and join us for all four TREE Fund Webinars in 2018. Our all-star lineup includes Drs. Michael Arnold, Whitney Cranshaw, Brian Kane, and Dan Herms on topics from planting stock decisions to invasive insects to biomechanics. The webinars are free and offer 1.0 CEU from ISA, SAF, or NALP (**NEW!**). Registration for “Do Planting Stock Decisions Really Make Much Difference Down The Road?” (February 22) will open February 1. Get more details at treefund.org/webinars.



Thank you to our December 2017 lead donors, those who have contributed \$2,500 or more to TREE Fund this month. See our full list of 2017 lead donors at treefund.org/about/our-donors.

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TREE Fund's 15th Anniversary Appeal

With your generous support, TREE Fund's 15th Anniversary Appeal raised close to \$30,000. Thank you to all who participated. Your support is making a difference in the health and growth of our community canopy.



Bike the Buckeye State with the 2018 Tour des Trees

Registration opens **January 17** at treefund.org/tourdestrees for the July 29 to August 4, 2018, ride from Columbus to Cleveland and back. We're capped at 125 riders, and we expect a strong turnout, so register early!

NEW this year: Virtual Tour

YOU choose the activity (i.e., walking, running, cycling, etc.), the distance, and the amount you wish to fundraise. Get details at treefund.org/tourdestrees/faqs-virtual.

Volunteer Spotlight: Dr. Jeff Iles and Don Roppolo

We are grateful to Dr. Jeff Iles and Don Roppolo for their many contributions to TREE Fund. Both men are veteran Tour riders, and this year they took their involvement to the next level by volunteering to lead the Tour's Mentoring Program (Jeff) and Safety Committee (Don).

As an educator at Iowa State University, Jeff is more than qualified to design a “curriculum” to welcome our new Tour participants and guide them towards a successful first Tour experience. Dr. Iles also serves as the TREE Fund Liaison for Iowa, representing all tree care professionals in Iowa, particularly members of the Iowa Arborist Association.



Iles



Roppolo

Don is an Arboricultural Training Manager for The Davey Tree Expert Company and a TCIA Certified Treecare Safety Professional. He is lauded for his deep commitment to safety and thoughtful approach to problem solving, making him the perfect fit for coordinating a safety protocol for the Tour. Thank you, Jeff and Don, for your continuing dedication and important contributions to TREE Fund!

To suggest someone for the Spotlight, please contact [Karen Lindell](#).

TREE Fund Transitions

TREE Fund is pleased to announce new Trustee leadership for our organization in 2018. Join us in welcoming **Brett D. Heinrich** (Vedder Price P.C.) and **Mundy Wilson Piper** (Chippers Inc.) to our Board of Trustees. Brett comes to us with deep expertise in environmental law and the ways it can impact municipal planning, real estate transactions, waste management and utility work. Mundy is the President and CEO of the Chippers Inc. tree and lawn care company and will serve as the special liaison to TCIA on our Board. We are also happy to have **Randall Miller, PhD, BCMA** (CN Utility Consulting) back on the Board as the new Chair of the Liaison Committee.

We are also pleased to announce **Steven Geist, BCMA, RCA** (Swingle Lawn, Tree and Landscape Care) as our new Chairman of the Board, **Arnold “Beau” Brodbeck, PhD** (Gulf Coast Research & Extension) as Chair Elect, and **Thomas Wolf** (The Davey Tree Expert Company) as Vice Chairman, and **Ray Henning** (Retired, Austin Energy) as Treasurer.

Thank you to the following Trustees for leading our standing committees:

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Looking for that “special something” for your nature-loving Valentine? Shop the TREE Fund Store for Seven Oaks handcrafted jewelry created by Nancy Leonard. These one-of-a-kind pendants, earrings, and necklaces celebrate the beauty of trees, and proceeds benefit TREE Fund. Prices include shipping & handling.

And if your Valentine needs cycling gear, a climbing helmet or Tour des Trees memorabilia, we’ve got that too!

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