

# The 2010 Garden State Tree Conference

## *Pride and Professionalism*

**March 18, 2010, Cook Campus Center, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ**

### **Morning General Session**

8:00-8:30	Conference Registration and Silent Auction for the TREE Fund begins
8:00	Registration for ISA Certified Arborist Exams
8:30-9:00	NJAISA Annual Meeting and Elections
9:00-10:00	Todd Kramer – “Understanding Rigging Forces”
10:-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Jim Ackerman – “What Accidents Can Teach Us”
11:15-12:15	Tim Walsh – “Chipper Use and Safety in Arboriculture: Understanding and Managing Risk”
12:15-1:00	Lunch and Silent Auction close

### **Afternoon Concurrent Sessions**

<b>IPM Session</b>		<b>Climber Session</b>	
1:00-2:00	“Exotic Invasive Insect Pests of Trees in the Northeast”- Bill Oldland	1:00-2:45	“Ascending and work positioning techniques”
2:00-2:45	“Integrating air tools into your business” - Jim Zwack		
2:45-3:00	Break	2:45-3:00	Break
3:00-3:30	“New Developments in Micro-Injection for Trees” - Jean Scott	3:00-4:30	“Climbing techniques”
3:30-4:30	“New tools for managing difficult insect pests” - Jim Zwack		<i>Outdoor session with Todd Kramer, please dress appropriately.</i>
4:30	ISA Certified Arborist CEU’s and NJDEP Pesticide Recertification Credits		

### **Pre Conference Workshop - March 17 and March 18** **Tree Care Industry Association’s Certified Tree Care Safety Professional**

More than a straightforward "safety trainer" credentialing program, CTSP teaches safety professionals strategies and tactics for changing the very "culture" of their organization. A Certified Tree Care Safety Professional is able not only to coach his/her team in safe work practices, but also work to change attitudes about safety and motivate other employees to want to participate. Details on the TCIA’s CTSP certification and application to attend the workshop are available at [http://www.tcia.org/public/main\\_ctsp.htm](http://www.tcia.org/public/main_ctsp.htm)

Please detach here and return before March 12 to avoid late registration fees

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## 2010 Garden State Tree Conference Registration Form – March 18, 2010

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE / FAX \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE: MEMBER \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NON-MEMBER \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Received Before March 12, 2010*

NJAISA and ISA member rate - \$75 per person    Non-member rate - \$100

*After March 12 and Walk-in Registration*

NJAISA and ISA member rate - \$100 per person    Non-member rate - \$130

*Please detach, make check payable to NJAISA, and mail to:  
NJAISA, c/o Nick Polanin, 629 Bryant St., Rahway, NJ 07065-3031*

*Register before March 12, 2010 to avoid late registration fees*

*Questions? 732-574-9100 / Fax 732-574-9111 / Email [trees4nj@aol.com](mailto:trees4nj@aol.com)*

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### DIRECTIONS

Cook Campus Center

Parking available in Lot #99-C

From the NJ Turnpike, North or South

1. Exit 9 (New Brunswick)
2. After toll, make right onto Route 18 North.
3. Bear left to stay on Route 18 North
4. Take right exit onto Route 1 South
5. Route 1 South to College Farm Road
6. Bear right at exit, enter campus
7. Drive to 4-way stop sign
8. Make right onto Dudley Road
9. At first intersection (bus stop), make a right onto Biel Rd
10. Pass Center to designated parking lot (99-C)



### Additional GSTC Professional Development Opportunity:

#### ISA Certified Arborist Examinations, March 18, 2010

Examinations will be available on the morning of the Garden State Tree Conference. Deadline for applications to ISA is February 26, 2010 (12 business days prior to the exam date). Details on the exam and application process are available at [http://www.isa-arbor.com/Certification/certFAQ\\_Applications.aspx](http://www.isa-arbor.com/Certification/certFAQ_Applications.aspx)

## 2010 Garden State Tree Conference Speaker Profiles

### **Jim Ackerman, Safety and Training Coordinator, The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company**

Jim has over 20 years of experience in the tree care industry, and is the safety and training coordinator for all Bartlett operations within New York and New Jersey. He is responsible for the safety and health of several hundred employees throughout multiple offices. His responsibilities include ensuring compliance with all safety, transportation, and environmental laws, regulations, rules, and company policies within all division operations. He is the primary trainer for all job related skills for each employee and manager. He is a permanent voting member of the company Safety Committee consisting of regional safety and training coordinators, the company president, and the vice president of safety and regulatory affairs which sets and enforces all company safety rules and policies. He is the primary instructor at the company skills training course, leadership course, and plant health care technician course where all employees undergo intense job skills training. He routinely interfaces with related industry professionals in order to develop and refine new industry products, methods, and techniques.

### **Todd Kramer, Kramer Tree Specialists, West Chicago, IL**

Todd is a Certified Arborist, Certified Tree Worker, Climber and Aerial Lift Specialist, TCIA Certified Tree Care Safety Professional, Certified CPR / First Aid Instructor as well as a Certified Crane Operator. Todd enjoys a refreshing and relaxed approach to teaching and instructing. He has been climbing for 20 years and has been teaching Climbing, Rigging, Crane Removals, Aerial Rescue and Emergency Response courses through out the US. He has worked for Private Companies, Municipalities, Utilities, and ISA Chapters as well as TCIA. Todd is also a 7 time Illinois Chapter tree climbing champion and placed fourth at the ITCC in 2007. Todd is currently the Director of Field Operations and Education at the family owned and operated Kramer Tree Specialist Inc. West Chicago IL.

### **William K. Oldland, Entomologist, US Forest Service, Morgantown, West Virginia**

Bill Oldland has been with the USDA Forest Service for the last five years. He is currently working on the Gypsy Moth SEIS. During this time he has also assisted with other projects including; Sirex, ALB, EAB, HWA, Aerial survey and Gypsy Moth Suppression. Before coming to the USDAFS he was the medical entomologist for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) where he assisted in the preparation of the "TVA Reservoir Operations Study: EIS". Prior to being the medical entomologist for TVA he was an Environmental Scientist for TVA assisting with bio-control of aquatic weeds. He has spent some time in the private sector as a wildlife biologist and forester in Alabama. He earned his BS in wildlife biology at West Virginia University (1991) and his MS in Entomology at WVU (1993) studying the Effects of Btk and Gypsy Moth defoliation on aquatic invertebrates.

### **Ms. Jean Scott, Mauget Corporation**

Jean Scott has been a Regional Sales Rep for the J.J. Mauget Company since 2006. She has worked for Syngenta / Zeneca, United Horticultural Supply and The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service. Jean is a member of LIAA, New Jersey Arborists, MAC-ISA, New York Arborist and Maryland Arborists Society. She is an ISA Certified Arborist and a Maryland Certified Horticulturalist. Jean has an AAS, from SUNY at Farmingdale in Horticulture, a BS in Ornamental Horticulture from Cornell University and an MS degree in Extension Education from The University of Maryland Eastern Shore. She lives in Salisbury, Maryland.

### **Tim Walsh, Certified Tree Care Safety Professional**

Tim is working on his doctorate, in ergonomics and safety. His research looks at risk in the tree care profession. He has a Master's degree in ergonomics from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. He has Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Urban Forestry from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is a Certified Treecare Safety Professional. He is an ISA and New Hampshire certified arborist and a Maine licensed arborist, and a wilderness first responder. He was a voting member of the Accredited Standards Committee Z133 for the 2006 revision and is still actively involved in several Task Groups. Including; chippers, crane use, electrical hazards, rigging, chain saws, and others. Tim has also been a climbing arborist for almost 22 years, has owned his own business and worked with companies around the world.

### **Jim Zwack, Vice President of Sales, Rainbow Treecare Scientific Advancements**

Jim Zwack is the Vice President of Sales for Rainbow Treecare Scientific Advancements. His company sells products that are used by commercial, municipal, and utility arborists in all regions of the country. Jim has a B.S. in urban forestry from the University of Minnesota and an M.S. in tree physiology from Iowa State where he studied the effects of drought on landscape trees. Following school he worked for a year at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum conducting field research on the effects of environmental stress on ornamental trees. Jim began his career with Rainbow Treecare Scientific Advancements in 1999, and has given dozens of talks at ISA and vegetation management conferences across the country. As Vice President of Sales Jim works closely with arborists of all backgrounds and draws on these diverse perspectives to develop creative solutions for the industry. Jim currently sits on the Board of Trustees of the TREE Fund, chairs the educational committee for the Minnesota Society of Arboriculture, and has previously been on the Board of Directors for the Society of Commercial Arboriculture.