

# **HISTORY OF THE OHIO CHAPTER, NATIONAL SHADE TREE CONFERENCE**

*Now Known as the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)*



## **1942 – Present**

Contains History from 1942 – 2010 As Written by Barbara A. Chadwick, Chairman  
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# Dedication

This book is dedicated in loving memory of Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick.



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*The First Chapter of the National Shade Tree Conference*  
1942

Became the International Shade Tree Conference in 1968  
and the International Society of Arboriculture in 1974

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# Introduction

## OHIO: The Arboricultural Urban Forestry National Leader

As we approach the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) in 2017, it was deemed appropriate to record some of our outstanding history while there still are members alive who lived those events. Barbara Chadwick (Daughter of the Founder, Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" Chadwick of the Ohio Chapter, National Shade Tree Conference), was appointed Chairman of a committee charged with recording and writing that history. What follows is a result of many people's input, but none more hard working and dedicated than Barbara Chadwick.

Ohio State has the unique distinction of being the home of:

- \* The first national tree care company – The Davey Tree Expert Company – 1909
- \* The first national line clearing company – Nelson and Kuemmerling Company – 1920
- \* The first Chapter of the National Shade Tree Conference (now International Society of Arboriculture) – 1942
- \* The first Street Tree and Utility Conference – Sponsored by Ohio Chapter, National Shade Tree Conference, Edison Electric Institute and Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers – 1955
- \* The first International Urban and Utility Forestry Consulting Company – ACRT Environmental Specialist – 1985.

This was an extremely difficult time (1942) to start any organization. The United States was at war because of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. German U-boats were torpedoing oil tankers in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico faster than we could build them. Consequently, there was a gasoline shortage, rationing restricted people to five gallons of gas a month. Starting a group that required people to drive from all parts of the state seemed doomed to failure. In response to inability of members, due to gas shortage, to get to meetings, the Ohio Chapter did not meet in 1943 and 1945.

The Ohio Chapter has been a leader in the Arboricultural-Urban Forestry field advancement thanks to the support of:

- \* Ohio State University (OSU) – Lewis Chadwick, PhD
- \* Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) – Paul Tilford, PhD
- \* USDA Ornamental Plants Research Facility – Bruce Roberts, PhD
- \* Ohio Industrial Commission, Division of Safety and Hygiene
- \* Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association
- \* Progressive municipalities, public utilities and commercial companies and participation, financial and educational support of involved member arborists/urban foresters.

Among the Ohio leadership projects are the following:

- \* The first national tree care company was started by John Davey in Kent, Ohio while he was working at Standing Rock Cemetery in 1909. Davey was an emigrant from England where he had served a 6 year apprenticeship in horticulture, floriculture and landscape gardening. John wrote a book called *The Tree Doctor* which was sold door-to-door for \$1 per copy. The Davey Institute of Tree Surgery (DITS) was started in 1908. Today the Davey Tree Expert Company is international in scope.
- \* The first national utility line clearing company, Nelson and Kuemmerling also started in Ohio. After a disagreement, Fred Nelson moved his part of the company to Dayton and Karl Kuemmerling moved his part of the company to Massillon. Today, Nelson is a wholly owned subsidiary of Asplundh Tree Expert Company (Pennsylvania). Kuemmerling Supply Company was one of the first arborist supply companies and continues today.
- \* Tree of Life Safety program sponsored by Ohio Industrial Commission, Division of Safety and Hygiene. This included a manual as well as awards for perfect safety records. Ultimately this was the basis for the American National Standards Institute, Z133 Tree Trimming Safety Standards which was adopted by US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and is still ongoing; being revised and updated every 5 years.
- \* Shade Ornamental and Street Tree Evaluation Project at the OARDC in Wooster. This project was funded by all Ohio Electric Utilities with cooperation from OSU, Ohio Nurserymen's Association, the Ohio Chapter, etc. At the time this was the most comprehensive tree evaluation project.

- \* The Arborist Certification Program created by Ohio Chapter member Sharon Lilly became the basis for the ISA Arborist Certification Program. Today, there are twice as many certified arborists as ISA members. This program continues to develop, expand and add new certifications.
- \* State Pesticide Licensing Legislation was enacted in 1977 as a result of Ohio Chapter efforts and State Representative Ralph Regula from Stark County in the Ohio Legislature. Subsequently Mr. Regula became a US Representative and the Ohio Legislation was one of the models for new US EPA.

Among notable Ohio Chapter leadership projects are the following:

**The Shade, Ornamental and Street Tree Evaluation Project** at the OARDC in Wooster. This project was funded by all Ohio Electric Utilities with cooperation from OSU, Ohio Nurserymen's Association, Ohio Chapter, etc. At the time, this was the most comprehensive tree evaluation project in the country. Four of each cultivar or species were planted in a randomized design and evaluated annually by a group of tree experts. Unfortunately, this planting was damaged by a tornado in 2010.

**The Arborist Certification Program** created by Ohio Chapter member Sharon Lilly became the basis for the ISA Arborist Certification Program. Today, there are twice as many certified arborists as ISA members. This program continues to develop.

**State Pesticide Applicator Licensing** was enacted in 1977 as a result of Ohio Chapter efforts and state representative Ralph Regula from Stark County in the Ohio Legislature. Subsequently, Mr. Regula became a US Representative and the Ohio legislation was one of the models for new US EPA.

**The Ohio Chapter was the first (1977), with training and educational programs designed specifically for field people – the foreman.** This was developed and conducted for 18 years under the leadership of Ohio Chapter member, Larry Holkenborg. He was encouraged in this effort by Dr. Chadwick and Fred Busher, an Ohio State University Horticulture Extension Agent. Generally, the programs were held on Saturdays so as not to interfere with the work week.

Program topics covered the many responsibilities of the foreman, such as safety, leadership, work skills, equipment needs and repairs, administration, etc. There were many speakers from the Tree Care Industry, Ohio State University, the Division of Forestry, equipment manufacturers, utilities, etc. Other ISA chapters subsequently adopted similar programs.

**Dr. Paul E. Tilford, Plant Pathologist**, with OARDC, Wooster, and Editor of the Ohio Chapter Newsletter, was the first person to identify **Dutch Elm Disease** in North America. Elm veneer logs arrived in Cleveland in 1929 for a furniture manufacturer in Cincinnati. In those days the trains were steam powered. The train stopped in Creston, to take on coal and water. Someone noticed that the elm trees started dying along the tracks in Creston. Dr. Tilford, after diagnosing **Dutch Elm Disease**, sent samples to Dr. Curtis May, Chief Plant Pathologist with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Beltsville, MD, who confirmed his diagnosis.

**A textbook entitled “Arboriculture and the Law”** was researched and written by Ohio Attorney, Victor D. Merullo and Michael J. Valentine. This is an authoritative analysis of legal aspects of trees and claims. This book discusses many of the duties and legal responsibilities that landowners, municipalities, public utilities and other public agencies have under various circumstances to help reduce injury to persons or property caused by trees.

**Ohio Chapter member Richard E. Abbott** was a co-founder of the **Utility Arborist Association** and its first Executive Director and Editor. This was the first special interest group within the ISA. Starting something new is always difficult. The Ohio Utility Arborists were key players in supporting that effort.

**A Utility Tree Growth Retardant Project** was funded by Edison Electric Institute, the trade association of investor owned electric utilities, and Electric Power Research Institute at the USDA Ornamental Plants Research Laboratory in Delaware. Ohio Chapter member Dr. Bruce Roberts was the project leader. Various growth retardant chemicals and application techniques were investigated.

**Two “Utilities and Trees” Conferences** were conducted in Cleveland in 1955 and 1957 sponsored by the Ohio Chapter, Edison Electric Institute and Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. Dr. Chadwick and Ohio Chapter member Edward Scanlon were the organizers. Both meetings were very successful. The

untimely death of Edward Scanlon created a gap of 40 years before the National Arbor Day Foundation restarted that Utility and Trees effort.

Introduction written by Richard E. Abbott, Past President, ISTC.

# The History of the Ohio Chapter

International Society of Arboriculture

(Formerly Known as the National Shade Tree Conference and the International Shade Tree Conference)

When I was asked to consider writing a history of the Ohio Chapter, I thought that the task would be fairly simple, as I had grown up with the Ohio Chapter as well as the National Shade Tree Conference (which today is known as the International Society of Arboriculture). Needless to say, I discovered it was necessary to start at the very beginning, not only starting with dates, places and facts about the Ohio Chapter, but to actually check out how such an organization came into being.

With this in mind, I found a booklet that the International Society of Arboriculture compiled at the time of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the organization, which was in 1999. The booklet is titled "**Memory Lane – Reflections on 75 Years of Service**", and I would like to quote parts from the book, which will give you a general idea of how all of this came into being.

“...while our appreciation for trees is ageless, not so the knowledge required for their proper care. By the late 1800’s, plant care had become an established and rapidly growing profession. During that same era, expanding industrialization and urbanization were adding new stresses to trees, and the detrimental effects were becoming apparent....

“...The turn of the century saw red flags being raised by many of the more aggressive plant care people. Some began their own research efforts and some lectured to local audiences. But each of them realized it simply wasn’t enough.... Other plant care practitioners across North America and Europe were expressing similar sentiments....

“...It was not until 1924, however, that members of the Connecticut Tree Protective Association (CTA) convened a meeting that would plant the seed of the organization that would ultimately revolutionize the tree care industry....

“...The organization began as a marriage of convenience between progressive, commercial arborists and scientists whose research concerned trees. Although tree care had been practiced by commercial companies and individuals for years, the industry was largely unregulated and uninformed. As for the scientists, their knowledge of amenity trees and tree care was somewhat limited. There were many demanding questions in horticulture, forestry, entomology, and pathology concerning trees – issues that required research for answers....

“...The Shade Tree Conference (STC) first met in 1924 in Stamford, CT. W. E. Britton, along with Francis A. Bartlett, President of The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company in Stamford, were the two principal figures in organizing the conference. At the invitation of Mr. Bartlett, some of the meetings were held on his experimental farm north of Stamford. The conference opened with about 36 participants from seven (7) states and Washington, DC. Presentations were made on a variety of topics including gypsy moth control, tree surgery and wound healing, and were limited to five (5) minutes each. A significant aspect of the conference was that it united The Davey Tree Expert Company, The F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company, and several smaller commercial firms in the pursuit of a common goal...

“...At the fourth conference, held in Washington, DC, the most significant event was the endorsement of the articles of organization recommended by a committee appointed at the 1926 conference. This action created the **National Shade Tree Conference (NSTC)**, marking the formal beginning of a new era in the history of arboriculture. An interesting footnote to the early structure is that commercial arborists were ineligible to hold office, but were solely responsible for financing the conferences...

“...The NSTC was growing and spreading at a rate the founders never expected. There was a need to form regional chapters to improve information exchange. In 1941, the NSTC defined six (6) geographical regions within the United States. The first chapter created was the **Ohio Chapter in 1942**. It was joined that same year by the Western and Southern Chapters, which had begun as independent conferences. Soon other regions followed suit by creating chapters.”

## **Key Events in the History of the Ohio Chapter**

**1942** Ohio was the first Chapter of the National Shade Tree Conference (NSTC), established in 1942 by **Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" Chadwick**, Professor of Horticulture, Ohio State University, Columbus.

**S. W. "Sam" Parmenter** was elected as the first President of the Ohio Chapter. Mr. Parmenter served as President from 1942-1946.

The proposed Constitution and By-Laws for the Ohio Chapter, was prepared by a committee appointed by President Parmenter, consisting of C. R. Bunyan, Chairman; W. S. Speed and Dr. Chadwick, and was read by Secretary Chadwick. It was moved by Charles F. Irish and seconded by Harvey Bicknell, that the Constitution and By Laws be adopted. Motion was carried.

Secretary Chadwick stated that the Chapter had 53 paid members, and that this would entitle Ohio to 3 members and 3 alternates to serve on the NSTC Board of Directors.

27 Ohio members attended the NSTC meetings in Chicago. Concerns at the convention were "How may the arboriculture profession serve a nation at war"?

**1943 S. W. Parmenter, President** (second year)

The Ohio Chapter met during the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio State University Short Course for arborists, landscapers and gardeners. The Ohio Chapter Meeting was called to order by President Parmenter with 22 members present. Secretary Chadwick stated that the Chapter had 64 members, the largest membership of any state in the NSTC. Officers elected for the 1942-43 were:

President S. W. Parmenter  
Vice-President Sidney McNeal  
Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick

Secretary-Treasurer Chadwick suggested that the Ohio Chapter consider a Summer Meeting, if the national convention was not held. After considerable discussion, it was decided to hold a late Summer Meeting of the Ohio Chapter at OARDC, in Wooster, if conditions by that time made such a meeting feasible.

**1944 S. W. Parmenter, President** (third year)

A Central Regional Meeting of NSTC, sponsored by the Ohio Chapter was held at Ohio State University, Columbus.

**1945 S. W. Parmenter, President** (fourth year)

The first Summer Meeting was held at OARDC, Wooster, on August 31; 65 members were in attendance.

The NSTC membership exceeded 500 members; members resided in 33 states, the District of Columbia and Canada.

**1946 S. W. Parmenter, President** (fifth year)

Chapter began work on a bill to license arborists in Ohio.

### **A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE MARTIN L. DAVEY**

*Martin L. Davey, President of The Davey Tree Expert Company, died of a heart attack at his home in Kent, on March 31, 1946. Although, Davey suffered a severe heart attack some years previously, his sudden death was unexpected. Until his last day, he was actively engaged in directing the affairs of his organization. Davey was twice Governor of Ohio and served four terms as Congressman from his District.*

**1947 Karl Kuemmerling, President**

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio State University Short Course was held at the Neil House Hotel in Columbus.

Total attendance was approximately 225. Those in attendance were from the following states:

Connecticut, Florida, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

Ohio Chapter voted to establish the Ohio Research Trust Fund. Contributions amounted to \$1,085.

The proposed license law for arborists in Ohio was discussed at considerable length, section by section and some changes were offered.

August 18-22, the 23<sup>rd</sup> NSTC was held in Cleveland. Conference Chair was Charles F. Irish. There were 645 in attendance, which was the largest gathering to date; as well as 38 commercial exhibitors.

**Ohio Trees** written by F. W. Dean and Dr. L. C. Chadwick had been revised for the fifth time.

**1948 Charles B. "Charlie" Cavanaugh, President**

Ohio Mist Blower School was held.

The proposed arborist license bill was reported out of Ohio Legislative Committee, but failed to reach the floor of the House. While there was no organized opposition to the bill, the legislature as a whole was apparently opposed to further restrictive laws and action on the bill was so slow that the adjournment date arrived before the bill was considered on the floor of the House. Dr. Paul Tilford urged that if a bill was to be introduced again into the legislature that it should be sure that every member could support it.

After some explanation of the need for Chapter dues, it was passed that dues of \$1 would be charged to each member, each year, which was set by the Executive Committee.

The first NSTC Research Grant was awarded to the Ohio State University for a horticulture professor.

**1949 John C. Lanphear, III, President**

... "In 1949, Dr. Chadwick of the NSTC, took the occasion of the Conference's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to assess the state of the NSTC. In commenting on certain strengths and weaknesses, Dr. Chadwick saw great value in the establishment of chapters, noting the increase in national membership with the proliferation of additional state and national meetings. He stated that the two principal publications of NSTC, the **Annual Proceedings of the National Shade Tree Conference** and the **Arborist's News** periodical, were the foremost sources of arborist literature in the world..." (From booklet "**Memory Lane – Reflections on 75 Years of Service**")

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter NSTC met in Columbus at the Neil House Hotel, January 12-14. Over 200 were in attendance.

Dr. Chadwick received \$50 for services as Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Chapter in 1948.

The Arborist License Law was still of primary concern. The proposed bill was read section by section. After discussion, it was accepted in principle that the law be adopted as read and amended, and introduced into the Legislature.

**1950 Edward H. "Ed" Scanlon, President**

The Ohio Chapter held its Summer Meeting in Cincinnati on July 7 with 85 people in attendance. Those present had the opportunity to tour both Spring Grove Cemetery and Mount Airy Forest, Cincinnati's largest park.

**Oak Wilt** was found in Ohio.

A job for City Forester in Dayton was advertised with a starting salary of \$3,816.

**1951 D. D. "Dan" Quinn, President**

The 27<sup>th</sup> NSTC was held in Cincinnati, on August 27-30. Convention Chairman was Everett "Sandy" Sanford. There were 578 in attendance, second only to Cleveland in 1947.

The Conference's first Tree Climbing Contest was held at Burnet Woods in Cincinnati. Joe Arsenault of the Fred Ralston and Company, Boston, MA, won first place. In addition to the Tree Climbing Contest there were also commercial demonstrations of equipment.

Secretary-Treasurer Chadwick of both the NSTC and the Ohio Chapter was awarded the **Norman J. Colman Award** by the American Association of Nurserymen. The award of \$100 and a medal was made annually for outstanding publications in the field of ornamental horticulture.

**1952 Everett A. "Sandy" Sanford, President**

300 attended the Ohio State University Short Course, which was held at the Neil House Hotel, Columbus, with Short Course registration at \$3.

Activities of the Ohio Chapter during the fiscal year 1951-52 included active participation in staging the 27<sup>th</sup> NSTC in Cincinnati.

Legislative activity in connection with the Ohio Certified Arborists' Bill and the Mechanics' Lien Law was discussed at great length regarding future legislative activities. A motion was passed that the Ohio Chapter sponsor a Certified Arborists Bill in the next session of the Legislature.

Discussion was held regarding assistance in the staging of Arborists' Day at the Annual Short Course.

Thirty rules and regulations regarding the NSTC Tree Climbing Contests were released to the members.

Dr. Chadwick was invited to speak at the International Horticulture Congress in London, England. Following the Congress, he and his wife Evalina, traveled for 6-weeks throughout Europe visiting many gardens.

**1953 Walter Bender, President**

Certified Arborist License Law continues to be proposed to the Ohio Legislature.

The Summer Meeting was held in Wooster with 275 in attendance from 15 states, as well as Washington, DC and Canada.

The Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter, NSTC Meetings were held at the Neil House Hotel, January 19-21, in Columbus. The featured program was about "Oak Wilt in Ohio and Methods of Control".

Speakers on the subject included H. C. Young and George J. Bart, from the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology; and R. B. Neiswander, from the Department of Entomology, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster.

Other featured speakers included George S. Langford, University of Maryland; Homer R. "Red" Jacobs, The Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent; Carl Fenner, Lansing, MI; and Dr. Paul Tilford, Executive Secretary, National Arborist Association, Wooster.

At the Annual Ohio Chapter Meeting, Secretary Chadwick showed that the membership of the NSTC was at an all-time high for this period of the fiscal year, with a total of 1,140 members. At the same time the Ohio Chapter had 60 members.

**Memorial Research Fund** The NSTC Memorial Research Fund was established in 1946. 108 Conference members, 14 non-members and 13 users of the Irish Aero-Fertile method of fertilizing trees had made payments into the Fund. The non-members were the NSTC; the National Arborist Association (NAA); the CTP; the Midwestern Chapter of the NSTC and certain individuals outside the NSTC from whom Past President Norman Armstrong had obtained contributions for shade tree research.

Since 1948, Charles F. Irish, another Past President of the NSTC, had the royalties from the Irish Aero-Fertile equipment paid into the Conference Memorial Research Fund. On July 1, 1952, the Fund contained \$3,869. Most of the amount was earmarked for the project underway at the University of Maryland. Later in the year, Conference members were given an opportunity to contribute to the Fund and help build it up so that another research project could be started.

**1954 Sidney "Sid" McNeal, President**

Edward Scanlon resigned as Commissioner of Shade Trees for the City of Cleveland, 1946-1954; John Michalko became Acting Commissioner.

Summer Meeting was held at Scanlon's Tailored Tree Nursery, Olmstead Falls.

**1955 Theodore "Ted" Parke, President**

Ohio State University received the NSTC Research Award 1955-59 for a project on foliar analysis as an Index to the Fertilizer Requirements of Trees.

The Ohio Chapter received **non-profit status** from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The first Street Tree and Utility Conference was held in Cleveland.

About 300 were in attendance at the Ohio Chapter Winter Meeting, held in conjunction with the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio State University Short Course at the Neil House Hotel. Albert W. Meserve, President of the NSTC, along with Dr. C. C. Hamilton, Jake Gerling and Dr. J. C. Carter, were out-of-state speakers.

The Summer Meeting of the Ohio Chapter NSTC, was held in Mansfield, with members visiting Kingwood Gardens in the morning and Will-o-Dell Nursery in Ashland in the afternoon.

The Annual NSTC Meetings were held in Santa Barbara, CA. During the Conference, the New York State Arborists Association presented awards in the form of Certificates to Secretary-Treasurer Chadwick, Edward H. Scanlon and Dr. Paul E. Tilford. The certificates read as follows:

*"New York State Arborists Association, founded in 1951, (name of recipient), in recognition of his devoted service, leadership and interest in the better appreciation and preservation of our shade trees. By order of the Executive Committee and in evidence thereof is awarded this Certificate. Dated and signed the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1955. President – DeWhirst Wade and Secretary-Treasurer – Frank Karpick." [The certificates were nicely framed and carried the seal of the New York Arborists Association.]*

Dr. Chadwick was invited the second time to speak at the International Horticulture Congress, which was held in Den Hague, Holland. Following the meetings he and his wife Evalina and daughter Barbara spent 6 weeks traveling throughout Europe visiting many gardens.

**1956 J. Melvin "Mel" Easterday, President**

**"Davey Guide to Tree Beauty and Tree Care"** was published.

First Shade Tree Evaluation book was published, at a cost of three for \$1.

The NAA met in Cincinnati.

**1957 Frank Lancaster, President**

Dr. Chadwick had the misfortune of falling and breaking his heel just before Christmas. Chad was pruning a hawthorn tree at his home and fell from a step ladder.

We were told that he was limping around with his foot in a cast for several weeks. Guess it happens to the best of us! Hurting one-self even happens to professor's who teach "How to climb a tree"!

Summer Meeting was held at The Davey Tree Company, Kent.

Second Street Tree and Utility Conference was held in Cleveland.

At the NAA dinner, NSTC Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Chadwick and the Ohio Chapter were presented an award for Meritorious Service in the shade tree preservation field. Dr. Paul E. Tilford made the presentation. The award was inscribed as follows:

*"In Recognition of His Outstanding Research, Leadership, Devoted Service and Interest in the Appreciation and Preservation of Shade Trees, the National Arborist Association, Inc., presents Dr. L. C. Chadwick, Ohio State University, this certificate. Given in Philadelphia, PA, August 27,*

1957, at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association." [The certificate was signed by President George Goodall and Secretary Roger Sohner.]

**1958 Edwin E. "Ed" Irish, President**

The NAA meetings were held at the Hotel Statler in Washington, DC, February 2-4. Speakers from Ohio included: "Professional Tree Care for Municipalities", William P. Lanphear, Forest City Tree Protection Company, South Euclid; "Some Experiences in Advertising Tree Service", Edwin E. Irish, Charles F. Irish Company, Cleveland; "Care of Tools and Equipment", Karl Kuemmerling, Karl Kuemmerling Associates, Inc., Canton; "Sleuthing for Trees in Europe", Edward H. Scanlon, Scanlon and Associates and Editor of **Trees Magazine**, Olmsted Falls.

The USDA Ornamental Plants Research Lab in Delaware, Ohio, was funded to study forest biology problems of the Midwest.

The Summer Meeting was held at Dawes Arboretum, Newark, on August 1.

**"Our Streets Can Be Beautiful and Useful"**, Volume II, presented the Proceedings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Tree and Utility Conference held in Cleveland, March 7-8. This Conference was sponsored by the Edison Electric Institute, the Illuminating Engineering Society and the NSTC. The cost was \$2.25.

**1959 William P. "Bill" Lanphear, III, President**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio State University Short Course along with the Ohio Chapter NSTC held their meetings at the Neil House Hotel, January 19-22.

Ed Scanlon, "The Wandering Arborist" toured Europe, England and Ireland, searching for info to improve street trees.

The Garden Center of Greater Cleveland honored Charles F. Irish at a reception attended by some 300 friends on Arbor Day, April 24. A scroll was presented to Mr. Irish in recognition of his outstanding contributions to arboriculture in Cleveland and the nation.

NSTC Past-President F. Earle Martin presided over the 35<sup>th</sup> NSTC, which was held in Toronto, Canada. In addition to serving as Chairman of the Convention, Earle Martin accepted the Chairmanship of the Film Fund Committee. Before the closing of the Conference, mention was made of Secretary-Treasurer Chadwick who had served the Conference in this capacity for the past 21 years, had been the "Captain" for 19 successful Conference Conventions. No one, not even Dr. Chadwick, knew how much work it represented, but it was considerable and he had done a grand job!

The Ohio Chapter contributed \$2,842 to the NSTC Film Fund.

**1960 S. Clyde Gordon, President**

The USDA Ornamental Plants Lab in Delaware, OH, was under construction.

Ed Scanlon spoke to the Royal Horticultural Shade Tree Conference in Melbourne, Australia, on Street Tree Management.

Forester position in Dayton was offered with the starting salary of \$5,595 - \$6,292.

**A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE**  
**CHARLES F. IRISH**

*Charles F. Irish of Cleveland died of a heart attack on November 20, 1960. Charles was President of the Charles F. Irish Company and had established a national reputation for his intense interest and outstanding service in the tree-care field. In addition to operating a successful and reputable arborist's business, he gave of his time to many activities that he believed good for the arborist's profession. Charles served as President of the NSTC in 1947 and was also Past President of the NAA.*

**1961 Joseph O. "Joe" Edgerly, President**

The Annual Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter NSTC meetings were held at the Neil House Hotel. Membership stood at 159.

The Summer Meeting was held at the Muskingum Conservancy District in Cumberland, July 13, with Ohio Power Company acting as host.

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual NSTC Convention was held in Minneapolis, MN, August 20-25. Membership in NSTC stood at 1,438.

A new chapter of the NSTC was formed. The sixth chapter formed in the NSTC was to be known as the **Delaware Valley Chapter**.

It was announced that the NSTC had gone **International**. It was now known as the **International Shade Tree Conference (ISTC)**.

**1962 John Michalko, President**

The Ohio State University Annual Short Course and the Ohio Chapter ISTC was held at the Neil House, Columbus. Membership in the Ohio Chapter stood at 172 and International membership stood at 1,568.

The Summer Meeting of the Ohio Chapter ISTC was held at the Ornamental Plants Laboratory and Central States Forest Experiment Station in Delaware, OH on July 11.

**A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE**  
**KARL KUMMERLING**

*Word was received of the sudden death of Karl Kuemmerling in Canton on May 19, 1962. His friendly personality and willingness to be of help to others won him many loyal friends. He stood firmly for what he believed was right and just, but was always considerate of the opinions of others. [For further information on Karl Kuemmerling, refer to the Past President biographical information.]*

**CHADWICK'S 25<sup>th</sup> YEAR:** Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick was elected Editor of the National Shade Tree Conference in Baltimore, MD, at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in 1937. The following year he was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. This was the 25<sup>th</sup> year that he had served as Secretary-Treasurer, plus one year as Editor.

During this time 25 successful Conference Conventions were held. There were two years, 1943 and 1945, during the war when there were no meetings. Attendance at the 14<sup>th</sup> NSTC Conference in 1938 in St. Louis, MO, which was the first under Secretary-Treasurer Chadwick's leadership, was 274, and at San Francisco in 1962, his 25<sup>th</sup> Conference, attendance was approximately 600. The largest meeting during this period, and of the Conference to date, was in Detroit, MI, in 1959, where the attendance was 812.

The ISTC was composed of six chapters. Membership in the Western Chapter alone was greater than the membership of the entire Conference 25 years ago. In 1938, there was one member from Canada; today, the Canadian Chapter had 87 members. There were nine members at large. They were located in Australia – 2 members, England – 5 members, Puerto Rico – 1 member and Scotland – 1 member.

Throughout the past 25 years of growth, Dr. Chadwick had given the Conference effective executive leadership as only could be given by one devoted to the objectives such as those of the Conference. His great service and devotion to the Conference was appreciated far more than could be expressed. When one serves an organization as Dr. Chadwick had with the ISTC, his reward in large part was seeing the development and accomplishments of the organization.

**1963 George W. Case, President**

Model Arborist Licensing Law was prepared by the ISTC.

An honor, and very pleasant surprise, was given to two Conference officers: Dr. Chadwick and Dr. Tilford. Earle Martin, acting for the Canadian Chapter, presented both Dr. Chadwick and Dr. Tilford with a framed Resolution of Appreciation and conferred upon them **Honorary Life Membership in the Canadian Chapter of the ISTC**. Dr. and Mrs. Chadwick and Dr. and Mrs. Tilford were presented an original oil painting, depicting beautiful tree and landscape scenes in the Toronto area by the contemporary artist, D. Dyer.

**TILFORD'S 25<sup>th</sup> YEAR:** Dr. Paul E. Tilford was elected Editor of the National Shade Tree Conference in St. Louis, MO, at the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting in 1938 and had served continuously in that capacity to the present.

A comment on some of the NSTC publications may be of interest. During the past 25 years, the Proceedings of 25 Conferences had been published. The 25-volumes added up to 7,200 plus pages. An index had been prepared after each five volumes of Proceedings. Also, during that same 25-year period, 300 issues of the **Arborist's News** had been published and indexed at the end of each year.

Ohio State University started a Plant Disease Clinic.

The American Horticultural Society at its Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO, presented a Citation to Dr. Chadwick. The citation read "*For over 30 years of service as a teacher and research worker in Ornamental Horticulture at Ohio State University, and for the several decades he had aided the arborists of this country by assisting in the direction of the affairs of the organization.*" The citation was signed by Dr. Henry T. Skinner, President, and Dr. Donald Wyman, Chairman of the Awards Committee.

Dr. Chadwick's title with the ISTC of Secretary-Treasurer was officially changed to Executive Director.

**1964 Milfred W. "Biff" Staples, President**

The Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter ISTC moved their meetings to the Columbus Plaza Hotel.

Ed Irish was elected first Vice President of the NAA.

Dr. Chadwick received the Ohio Chapter's **Distinguished Contributor's Award**.

A job for Assistant Municipal Arborist was available in Dayton with the starting salary of \$6,214 - \$7,488.

**1965 Harold Metzger, President**

The Ohio Chapter Summer Meeting was held at the Holden Arboretum. 100 were in attendance.

Ohio Chapter membership stood at 203.

Second printing of the **Shade Tree Evaluation** book was available. First copy was free.

Ed Irish was elected President of the NAA.

**1966 James D. Dacey, President**

The Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter ISTC moved to the Columbus Sheraton Hotel.

Total attendance at the 42<sup>nd</sup> ISTC, held in Cleveland, August 28 – September 2, was 776. Most all of the states were represented; an especially large delegation was present from the west coast and Canada.

The Ohio Chapter ISTC entertained all early convention arrivals to a hospitality party on Sunday evening. This gave everyone an opportunity to get acquainted, renew friendships and started the convention off on a friendly note.

At the **Early Bird Breakfast**, those in attendance learned about **Moses Cleaveland**, who, during his first visit to Ohio, partially surveyed the area which is the City of Cleveland. Certainly it never occurred to him that over 500 arborists would assemble for a **Moses Cleaveland Breakfast**. After a typical Ohio breakfast, the members traveled to Holden Arboretum in Mentor.

At the **Keynote Luncheon**, The Honorable Frank J. Lausche, US Senator from Ohio, was the featured speaker. Senator Lausche reviewed some of the accomplishments while he was Governor of Ohio to promote greater appreciation of trees and the great need for their conservation. It was during his governorship that a start was made to correct the scars on the earth caused by unwise practices used in strip-mining. Throughout his career he had shown an appreciation of the things of nature and the need for protection against their wanton destruction.

The Executive Committee and the Board of Governors reappointed Dr. Chadwick and Dr. Tilford to the offices of Executive Director and Editor, respectively.

One exceptional tree, an **English Elm** of more than five feet in diameter, was singled out for special recognition by the members of the NAA with the ISTC during their Annual Conference. A large group visited the tree, attached a plaque to the trunk and commended the present owner, Thomas H. Westlake for having the tree cared for in order to preserve and maintain it in a healthy condition. Mr. Westlake formed an early friendship with John Davey, a pioneer in tree care and was convinced that "his tree" should be preserved.

The Award of **Honorary Life Membership** was presented to Ohio Chapter member Milfred W. Staples, Field Supervisor (retired), The Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent, during the Annual Banquet of ISTC.

**Irish Tree Planting** – The Charles F. Irish Company, Cleveland, planted an 8-inch sugar maple at the Holden Arboretum in memory of the late Charles F. Irish, Sr. Mr. Irish was a charter member of the ISTC and also a leader in the founding of the NAA. Dr. Paul Tilford, acting for Charles F. Irish, Jr. and Mrs. Charles F. Irish, Sr., presented the tree to the Holden Arboretum. It was received by Henry Norweb, Director of the Arboretum.

Dr. Tilford, formerly Executive Secretary of the NAA, was presented with a bronze plaque, mounted on walnut, bearing a tribute and expression of appreciation by friends from the NAA. The presentation was made by H. M. Van Wormer, first President of the Association.

A telegram was received from Governor James A. Rhodes to Dr. Tilford, congratulating him upon his retirement as Executive Secretary of the NAA, which stated:

*"Your selfless service and contributions to the arboriculture industry, both nationally and in Ohio with our Ohio Agriculture Experiment Station in Wooster, are deserving of the highest praise."*

**1967 Harold C. Simon, President**

The 43<sup>rd</sup> ISTC Convention was held in Philadelphia, PA, August 27-September 1. Attendance was 806.

**Honorary Life Membership** was presented to the following Ohio members: Everett A. "Sandy" Sanford, Freeport and Dr. Paul E. Tilford, Wooster.

A sterling silver tray was presented to Dr. and Mrs. Chadwick, in grateful appreciation of dedicated service to the ISTC from 1937 to 1967.

**Dr. Chadwick** retired as head of the Division of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture at the Ohio State University, September 30, 1967. Dr. Chadwick joined the faculty in 1929, coming from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, where he held an instructorship and was doing graduate work and later received his PhD degree. His home originally was in Vermont and he received a BS degree from the University of Vermont, located in Burlington, VT.

During Dr. Chadwick's 38 years at Ohio State, he had been a successful teacher, research investigator, extension specialist and a friend to hundreds of students, nurserymen, arborists and florists. He was the author of two books and numerous bulletins and papers. His research had been largely in the field of ornamental horticulture; including selection and use of woody plant materials, plant propagation and nursery management.

The ISTC presented its **Award of Merit** to Dr. Chadwick in 1963, and that same year the American Horticultural Society gave him its **Citation Award** for more than 30 years of service as teacher and researcher in Ornamental Horticulture. The Ohio Nurserymen's Association established the **L. C. Chadwick Research Fund**.

The American Association of Nurserymen in 1951 granted Dr. Chadwick its' **Norman J. Colman Award**. In 1958, Dr. Chadwick received the **Jackson Dawson Metal** from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Dr. Chadwick also received the **Plant Propagator's Society Award; Citation of Merit** by the New York Arborist's Association; the Ohio Nurserymen's Association's **Distinguished Contribution Award** and **Honorary Membership** in the National Arborist Association.

Dr. Chadwick served the ISTC in 1937 as Editor and in 1938 was appointed Secretary-Treasurer, the position he held until 1965. Since 1965, his position with ISTC had been Executive Director.

#### **The Nurserymen's Slouch**

In checking for the background of this picture, I have been able to "track down" the following information.

From what I have been told, this picture of my Father dates back to the 1950's! The picture was taken to show the "World" how much weight my Father had put on over the years of running the Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter, National Shade Tree Conference. I gather that several people wanted my Father to pose to show how much weight he had gained over the years. I figure that it was from all the stress he was under with both of the two above mentioned organizations as well as his teachings at Ohio State University.

I was recently informed by a former student of my Father's that a fellow nurseryman knew how much my Father liked to play golf. So, being the "helpful" person that this nurseryman was, he made a special golf club that was bent to fit around his stomach; so that my Father could continue to play his golf!



I sure wish that I could have seen the special golf club that was made, so that we can all say that it proved to be interesting for the game of golf!

#### **1968 Thomas D. Neil, President**

Executive Director Chadwick announced that he wished to retire from the position at the conclusion of the 1969 Convention in Portland, OR, and enjoined the ISTC Executive Committee to take appropriate action to fill the vacancy upon his retirement. Expressing regret at Dr. Chadwick's decision to retire, the Executive Committee agreed to meet January 24, 1969 in Columbus to elect his successor.

Richard E. Abbott, Ohio Power Company, Canton, was advanced from the position of Vice-President to that of President-Elect of the ISTC.

Awards and Citations were presented during the ISTC Convention to the following members from Ohio:  
**Special Award** to Dr. and Mrs. Chadwick for their years of service to the ISTC. The award consisted of a plaque and an invitation to attend all future meetings of the ISTC as guests of the organization.

**Author's Citation** to Dr. Paul Tilford, Wooster, and Dr. Chadwick, Columbus.

The new Secretary-Treasurer for the Ohio Chapter ISTC was announced as Mark Mowery from Columbus.

John Michalko received a bronze medal from the Men's Garden Club of America and retired as Shade Tree Commissioner of Cleveland after 38 years.

#### **1969 Bernard "Bud" Swisher, President**

Dr. Chadwick retired as Executive Director of the ISTC Conference during their Annual Convention in Portland, OR.

Dr. Gene Himelick and Cal Bundy were elected to head the ISTC replacing Dr. Chadwick.

The ISTC office was moved from the Chadwick's home in Columbus to its new headquarters in Champaign-Urbana, IL.

## A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE SIDNEY McNEAL

*Sidney "Sid" McNeal, McNeal Tree Service, Tiffin, passed away on June 29, 1969. Like many other arborists, Sid began his career by working for and attending the School of The Davey Tree Expert Company in Kent. In the early 1930's he left Davey and established McNeal Tree Service. The company provided a complete service for tree owners in the Tiffin area and also engaged in a limited amount of line clearance for utilities.*

*Sid was a Past President of the Ohio Chapter, a charter member and Past President of the NAA and a charter member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists.*

**1970 Lawrence "Larry" Holkenborg, President**

The first issue of *The Buckeye Arborist* was published by Dr. Philip Kozel, Editor.

Several of the wives of Ohio Chapter members met to discuss the feasibility of forming their own group. The first meeting was held on January 25, 1970, (during the Ohio Chapter ISTC Meeting) to decide just what the women would like to see happen with the group. After much discussion, the women who attended seemed to feel this would be a great way to see and meet new and old friends. A name for the group was discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

Mrs. Evalina Chadwick and other local wives were responsible for forming the group of wives who accompanied their husbands to the meetings. [See Table of Contents for reference to the Ladies Group.]

Dr. Elton Smith was on the ISTC Arbor Day Committee.

**1971 Henry W. "Gil" Gilbertson, President**

Over 500 registered for the Annual Meeting of the Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter ISTC meeting which was held January 24-25.

The Ohio Chapter ISTC **Award of Achievement** was presented to The Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent.

The **Award of Merit** was presented to Richard E. Abbott, Ohio Power Company, Canton.

Larry Holkenborg was the Ohio Chapter Representative to ISTC.

Dr. Chadwick presented an excellent paper entitled "3,000 Years of Arboriculture – Past, Present and Future", at the Western Chapter ISTC meeting.

American National Standards Institute National Safety Standards for Tree Pruning, Trimming, Repairing or Removal Z133 submitted to the US Department of Labor. This was based on the Tree of Life Safety Program originated by the Ohio Chapter ISTC, by Tom Neil and Richard Abbott.

The Summer Meeting was held at OARDC, Wooster.

**1972 Alex Wynstra, Jr., President**

During the Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter Meetings, the wives of Ohio Chapter members met. There were 14 women present for the open house on Sunday, January 24. Discussion was held on a name for the group; and the name **BUCKEYES** was approved. It was further decided that the group would continue to get together on Sunday afternoon in the Executive Suite for an open house and craft time.

The following awards were presented during the Annual Business Meeting:

**Award of Merit:** Presented to Dr. Kenneth W. Reisch of the Ohio State University for his scientific research in arboriculture; his dissemination of arboricultural information and his unselfish contribution of time and effort in promoting the objectives and purposes of the Ohio Chapter and the profession of arboriculture.

Ken had recently been promoted from the staff of the Department of Horticulture to Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics, the Ohio State University.

**Award of Achievement** was presented to William H. Collins, Cole Nursery Company, Circleville, for his efforts in the introduction of new and little known shade and ornamental trees and for his unselfish contribution of time and effort in the promotion of the Shade Tree Evaluation Project of the Ohio Chapter.

**Ohio Chapter Tree of Life Safety Awards for 1972** for High Merit Rating in Industrial Compensation Rate for Manual 0101 of the Division of Safety and Hygiene, the Industrial Commission of Ohio, were granted to the following companies:

Asplundh Tree Expert Company, Columbus  
Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent  
Funk Brothers Tree Service, Inc., Ashland  
Charles F. Irish Company, Cleveland  
Karl Kuemmerling Associates, Canton  
Mosier Tree Expert Company, Dayton  
Nelson Tree Service, Inc., Dayton

The Ohio Chapter had the highest registration at the annual ISTC meeting in Newport Beach, CA (45 members), other than the host chapter.

The Ohio Chapter had 37 new members with the total membership of 233.

The Summer Meeting was held in Toledo.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of "**Davey Guide to Tree Beauty and Tree Care**" was available at a cost of \$1 a copy.

#### **A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE EVERETT A. "SANDY" SANFORD**

*Everett A. "Sandy" Sanford died September 16 after an extended illness, he was 68. Sandy retired as the Superintendent of Dawes Arboretum in Newark in 1966, after 10 years of service. Prior to this he had been supervisor of tree maintenance at W. A. Natorp Company in Cincinnati for 18 years. Sandy was an Honorary Life Member of ISTC and Past President of the Ohio Chapter.*

#### **1973 Kenneth H. "Ken" Funk, President**

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Ohio Chapter was held along with the Ohio State University Short Course, January 21-22. The Short Course was the most successful to date with over 600 in attendance.

The ladies group, the **BUCKEYES**, met for an open house and crafts in the Executive Suite Sunday afternoon with 18 present. The group had an enjoyable time and decided to continue to meet in the future.

Membership of the Ohio Chapter stood at 246.

Shade tree value went up to \$10 per square inch.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Delaware developed the V-Notched Shovel.

The Summer Meeting of the Ohio Chapter was held at the New Benjamin Wergerzyn Garden Center in Dayton, on July 11. Approximately 135 were in attendance. Mrs. Adele Mitchell, ombudsman of the Ohio EPA, related the frustrations, challenges and experience of the position. After a luncheon, members viewed demonstrations and displays of 16 exhibitors.

The American Horticultural Society President Dr. David G. Leach announced the 1973 ASHS Award winners. Dr. Chadwick, Professor Emeritus, Division of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture at Ohio State University, was named winner of the **Liberty Hyde Bailey Medal**. The Award was the highest honor given in the field of American Horticulture.

In making the announcement, Leach noted that Dr. Chadwick had done more for the nursery and arboriculture industries than probably any other individual. He had cast such a great wholesome

influence on the lives of so many teachers, students, nurserymen and arborists, that it was impossible to measure. Dr. Chadwick had constantly strived for excellence and quality in ornamental woody plants, and his work had shown a marked effect on nursery plant materials and the industry in general.

Dr. Chadwick played a lead role in bringing the ISTC into its present world prominence. He also re-established the Plant Propagators Society in 1950 and was instrumental in bringing it into its present prominent position. An outstanding teacher, Chadwick lectured many horticultural groups throughout the US and Europe, on plant material and arboriculture. He was recognized as a world authority in these areas. He was considered the world's leading authority on **Taxus** and helped to eliminate much of the confusion on this genus. The **Taxus** collection at the Secrest Arboretum in Wooster was a partial example of his work.

The following awards were announced and presented during the time of the Annual Meeting:

**Award of Merit** was presented to Homer L. "Red" Jacobs, in recognition of his distinguished contribution to the advancement of arboriculture and for promoting the objectives of the Ohio Chapter and the International Shade Tree Conference.

**Award of Achievement** was presented to the City of New Philadelphia for excellence in city beautification by the promotion of an Outstanding Street Tree Planting and Maintenance Program.

**Academic Membership Award** was presented to Raymond R. Chapin, an Ohio State University graduate student. Mr. Chapin was also presented an ISTC student membership for 1973.

**Tree of Life Safety Awards** – Frank Spanable, Chief Statistician, Division of Safety and Hygiene, the Industrial Commission of Ohio, presented the following Tree of Life Safety Awards based on attainment of a high merit rating in the Ohio Industrial Compensation Rate for Manual # 0101 for 1972.

Class I	The Davey Tree Expert Company	Kent
Class III	C. H. Mosier Tree Experts	Dayton
Class IV	Funk Brothers Tree Service	Ashland
Class V	The Natorp Landscape Organization	Cincinnati

**A Special Safety Award** was presented to the Karl Kuemmerling Associates, Inc., Columbus, for having the greatest improvement in industrial compensation rating in Manual 0101 for 1972.

#### 1974 F. N. "Jack" Brown, President

Henry Gilbertson served the Ohio Chapter ISTC as Representative.

The Ohio Chapter Summer Meeting was held in Cleveland with 100 in attendance.

George Gaumer, Sr., won a prize at the ISTC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meetings.

ISTC dues increased to \$25.

**Arbor Day Tree Planting** was initiated by the Ohio Chapter ISTC.

The Ohio Chapter of the ISTC and the Ohio Historical Society celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Indian Chief Logan's famous speech by planting a memorial tree at Logan Elm Memorial Park near Circleville. An Ohio buckeye, **Aesculus glabra**, the state tree of Ohio, was planted on April 26, 1973, near the site of the Logan Elm which was removed in 1964. An appropriate plaque was erected at the site. The plaque read, "Ohio Buckeye Tree, **Aesculus glabra**, planted by the Ohio Chapter, International Shade Tree Conference, in commemoration of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chief Logan's Speech."

Representatives from the Governor's Office, the Department of Natural Resources, garden clubs, the Ohio Chapter ISTC, the Pickaway County Historical Society, Boy Scouts of America and the Ohio State University were in attendance at the commemorative event. Governor John J. Gilligan's Arbor Day Proclamation was read at the Ceremony.

The December issue of **Arborist's News** was the last issue bearing this name. Starting with the January 1975 issue, the journal was to be known as **The Journal of Arboriculture**.

**1975 William H. "Bill" Collins**

**Name Change** – From its inception in 1926 to 1968 this organization was called the National Shade Tree Conference (NSTC). Due largely to the many Canadian members, in 1968 it became the International Shade Tree Conference (ISTC). In 1976, the organization became known as the **International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)**. It was felt that the organization had grown far beyond an Annual Meeting, which the name originally referred to.

Members received ISTC services throughout the year and thought of themselves as belonging to a society not a conference. The proposed name also incorporated the name of the new journal.

The City of Columbus advertised for a forester with a salary of \$16,286.

Chapter dues increased to \$10.

At the January 1975 Ohio Chapter ISTC meetings, the following awards were presented:

**Award of Merit** to Leo D. Creed, Ohio Edison Company

**Award of Achievement** to the City of Ashland

**Tree of Life Safety Awards** to:

Funk Brothers Tree Service

Natorp Landscape Organization

Nelson Tree Service

The Ohio Chapter held an Arbor Day Program honoring Clara E. Weisenborn, Dayton, conservationist, on April 24 at the Clara Weisenborn Junior High School in Dayton.

Approximately 100 adults and students participated in the Arbor Day Program. William H. Collins, President of the Ohio Chapter, welcomed the guests with comments on the Ohio Chapter's Arbor Day Programs. Dignitaries were introduced by Blair E. Caplinger, Nelson Tree Service, Inc., Dayton, General Chairman of the event. Dr. Chadwick, Executive Secretary of the Ohio Chapter, discussed briefly the significance and importance of Arbor Day.

The highlights of the program were the planting of a saucer magnolia, ***Magnolia soulangeana*** tree, and the presentation of an Ohio Chapter honorary membership plaque to Clara E. Weisenborn by International President John Z. Duling. Inscription on the plaque read:

"The Ohio Chapter, ISTC awards **Clara Weisenborn**, Honorary Chapter Membership, in recognition of her interest in the promotion of conservation and environmental protection in the state of Ohio and her devoted service in the Ohio Legislature."

**1976 Charles L. "Charlie" Wilson, President**

Despite some unfavorable weather, a record crowd gathered for the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Ohio Chapter Meeting. The programs were particularly informative.

The following awards were presented:

**Award of Merit** was presented to Dr. Oliver D. Diller, retired OARDC staff member and Chairman of the Wooster Shade Tree Commission, in recognition of his outstanding service in advancing the principles, ideals and practices of arboriculture and for promoting the purposes and objectives of the Ohio Chapter.

**Award of Achievement** was presented to the City of Toledo who, through specific projects and programs, had contributed to the advancement of the use and maintenance of shade trees and other landscape plants in the Ohio area.

**Academic Membership Award** was presented to Terry Mannell, Department of Horticulture of the Ohio State University. This is the second year Mannell had received this award.

**Tree of Life Safety Awards** are limited to members of the Ohio Chapter listed in Manual 0101 of the Division of Safety and Hygiene, Industrial Commission of Ohio. Candidates for these awards must have maintained a credit rating of at least 10% during the past two years, and selections are based on the greatest increase in credit rating during the past year and on the highest credit rating within each category.

Class I	Karl Kuemmerling Associates, Inc.	Columbus
Class II	The Bartlett Tree Expert Company	Zanesville
Class III	The Lemley Forest Service	Cincinnati
Class IV	Funk Brothers Tree Service, Inc.	Ashland
Class V	The Natorp Landscape Organization	Cincinnati

The **BUCKEYES** (ladies group) met for a Bicentennial themed gathering in the Executive Director's suite.

Tree Evaluation Plot was developed at the OARDC in Wooster.

Larry Holkenborg won the ISA Bicentennial Membership Contest.

President Charlie Wilson stressed membership as a major goal of the Ohio Chapter for 1976. Chapter membership at the end of 1975 was 249, down slightly from the end of 1974. Increased membership should be everyone's personal goal for 1976.

It was announced that the Ohio Chapter was indebted to Dr. Chadwick for his years of dedicated service as Executive Secretary. Dr. Chadwick was "retiring" from his current assignment, but would continue to serve the Chapter as Executive Secretary emeritus.

The Executive Secretary's job was in the capable hands of Dr. T. Davis Sydnor. Members of the Ohio Chapter paid tribute to Chad at the Annual Chapter Luncheon, at which time he was presented a fancy scarlet and gray golf cap and a year's membership at the Ohio State University Golf Course.

Past Presidents of the Ohio Chapter were presented gavels commemorating their service to the organization. Approximately fifteen Past Presidents were present at the Ohio Chapter luncheon to receive this well-deserved recognition. The Chapter was indebted to Blair Caplinger for having these meaningful mementos made for the event.

The Ohio Chapter was cited as an "Ideal Chapter" by the ISA.

#### **A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE** **EDWARD H. SCANLON**

*Edward Scanlon was born in Toledo. He graduated from The Davey Institute of Tree Surgery, Kent; and worked for them for a short time. He was assigned to a crew that was going to Boston, "In those days, that was like the end of the world", said Ed. On his first assignment he was told to climb up into a very large maple to do some pruning. Before an hour was over he fell out of the tree. The fall knocked out a couple of teeth, broke one of his wrists, fractured an assortment of ribs and rendered him unconscious; the next thing he remembered was waking up in the hospital.*

*Ed's love of travel took him all over the United States and into Europe to learn about the flora of many places. In 1932, he was appointed City Arborist for Santa Monica, CA, and his career in municipal arboriculture was begun.*

*Ed passed away on March 8, 1976, following a heart attack. [For further information on Edward Scanlon, refer to the Past President biographical information.]*

**1977 Blair E. Caplinger, President**

The first Foreman's Training Workshop was held at OARDC, in Wooster. The training was organized by Larry Holkenborg.

ISA dues increased to \$30.

The first President's Message appeared in *The Buckeye Arborist*.

**Chadwick Award** – Faculty, students and associates of Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick, Emeritus Professor of Horticulture at Ohio State University, was presented with the first **L. C. Chadwick Educator's Award** and an additional tribute to him was paid in ceremonies on the Ohio State University campus. During the ceremonies, Dr. Chadwick was presented a replica of the award he had received earlier from the American Association of Nurserymen (AAN). He then gave the plaque to Dr. H. A. Rollins, Jr., Chairman of the Department of Horticulture, for display in Howlett Hall. The L. C. Chadwick Educator's Award, named for Dr. Chadwick, and awarded to him as the first chosen recipient and was to be presented annually to horticultural educators from throughout the United States.

**1978 Ralph Veverka, President**

ISA Jamboree held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada – David Ahlum placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Speed Event (Body Thrust) and tied for 4<sup>th</sup> in Throwline.

James Carter prepared sample legislation for the voluntary certification of arborists in Columbus.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Foreman's Training Workshop was held at OARDC in Wooster.

The Ohio Chapter established a Finance and Policy Committee.

**A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE**  
**DR. PHILIP C. KOZEL**

*Dr. Philip C. Kozel, 38 years old, was a professor in the Department of Horticulture at Ohio State University. Phil joined the faculty in 1968 and received the 1975 Distinguished Teaching Award as well as the 1976 Albert J. Wright Award for counseling and advising students. He was a 1977-78 faculty advisor of the Landscape and Floriculture Forum.*

*Born in Cleveland, Phil received his BS degree in 1963 and MS degree in 1965 from Ohio State University. In 1968, he received his PhD in Horticulture and Plant Physiology from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Phil passed away on July 8, 1978 after a lengthy illness from Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS).*

**1979 Frederick W. "Fred" Hower, President**

The Ohio State University Short Course celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The exhibits were held at Veterans Memorial, Columbus. Dr. Chadwick was honored as the Founder.

Dr. Chadwick was honored in January when he received the **Delia White Vail Memorial Medal**, which was presented to him by the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, in recognition of his enormous contributions to the field of horticulture. The gold medal is a national award recognizing an achievement in hybridizing and growing of new plant varieties, discovery of causes and cures of plant diseases, or for promotion of horticulture through education. Dr. Chadwick was the 7<sup>th</sup> recipient of the award since it was established in 1957.

It was announced that the Ohio Chapter ISA had a new Executive Director, Al Cook, of the Dawes Arboretum in Newark.

***Appraisal of Trees and other Plants*** booklet – cost \$8.

The Summer Meeting and Jamboree was held at Dawes Arboretum, Newark.

The Kiwanis Club of Northern Columbus proposed to the Board of Trustees at Ohio State University to establish **The Chadwick Arboretum**, which was to be located on the West Campus in honor of Dr. Chadwick.

First Tree Evaluation Workshop was held at OARDC in Wooster.

ISA published a new revision of the Shade Tree Evaluation Guide entitled: "**Guide for Establishing Values of Trees and other Plants**". The new Guide is available with a greatly broadened viewpoint of plant evaluation. The cost is \$8.

**1980 Richard "Dick" Woods, President**

The Ohio State University Short Course was held at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center, Columbus, for the first time.

The Summer Meeting of the Ohio Chapter was held on June 27 at the USDA Nursery Crop Research Laboratory, Delaware. The program proved to be a good one with educational talks from Dr. Chadwick, Dr. Elton Smith and Dr. Bruce Roberts. Tours of the Delaware Laboratory were held in the afternoon.

***The Buckeye Arborist*** won the best newsletter in ISA. Bruce Roberts was the Editor.

The Ohio Chapter bid on the 1985 ISA Convention, but lost the bid.

Fall Diagnostic and Evaluation Workshop was held.

Pine nematode found in Ohio.

**1981 James Carter, President**

Al Cook edited a "Pruning Handbook" for the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens.

The Ohio Chapter ISA published a 12-page booklet, ***Guide to Rating of Trees and Other Plants in Ohio***, as an aid in determining tree values for insurance claims and other purposes. Ohio's rating guide was intended to supplement in Ohio and similar climates the ***Guide for Establishing Values of Trees and Other Plants***, Revision IV, published in June 1979, by the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers. The Ohio Rating Guide cost \$4.

The Ohio Chapter Summer Meeting and Jamboree was held at the Ohio State University. Overall champion (for the 9<sup>th</sup> time) – David Ahlum, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Bill White, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Denny Defibaugh.

ISA proposed a "***Registry of Professional Arborists***". Committee Chairman was Fred Hower.

Advanced Evaluation Seminar was held in Columbus in September.

Foreman's Training Workshop was held December 12.

Dr. Bruce Roberts, Plant Physiologist, Department of Botany and Bacteriology, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH, was among five (5) research scientists awarded \$1,000 granted by the Horticultural Research Institute, a non-profit organization devoted exclusively to the support and conduct of nursery-related research.

Dr. Roberts, Research Plant Physiologist at USDA's Nursery Crops Research Lab in Delaware, OH, since 1963, also had served as Adjunct Professor of Ohio Wesleyan's Department of Botany and Bacteriology since 1973. He was currently serving as Vice-President of the Ohio Chapter ISA and had been awarded Honorary Life Membership in the Chapter. Since 1977, Bruce had served on the Editorial Board for ISA's ***Journal of Arboriculture***.

The **ISA's Author's Citation Award** was presented to Dr. Bruce Roberts. Bruce was currently serving as Editor of ***The Buckeye Arborist***, published by the Ohio Chapter ISA. Bruce had been on the Editorial Board of the **Journal of Arboriculture** from 1977. Bruce had contributed significantly to the field of arboriculture by authoring more than 45 technical articles related to the subject of tree growth and maintenance.

The **Chadwick Arboretum** was officially dedicated on May 24, 1981, in honor of Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" Chadwick, Professor Emeritus at Ohio State University. The Chadwick Arboretum was established by the Ohio State University Board of Trustees on July 11, 1980, and named the campus horticultural gardens in honor of Emeritus Professor Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick. The Board of Trustees indicated that the entire campus was to be known as The Chadwick Arboretum, but the main part of the gardens was to be located on the west campus near the Agriculture Administration building.

The keynote speaker for the dedication was Dr. Fred Galle, Curator of Calloway Garden, Pine Mountain, GA, and a former student of Dr. Chadwick's. Following the dedication, those in attendance were able to have a walking tour of the gardens.

**1982 Bruce R. Roberts, President**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jamboree and Auction was held during the Ohio Chapter ISA Summer Meeting, which was held on the Ohio State University campus. Denny Defibaugh won the over-all at the Jamboree.

The Arbor Day Committee of the Ohio Chapter planted trees at The Chadwick Arboretum in memory of Past Presidents' of the Ohio Chapter.

The Foreman's Training Workshop was held at Ohio State University on December 4 with 50 in attendance. A decision was made to change the date of future Foreman's Training Workshops to sometime in the early spring.

Sharon Lilly joined the Ohio Chapter and received the Academic Award.

The Ohio Chapter sold T-shirts for the first time.

**1983 Wayne Randall, President**

The Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter Meetings were held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Convention Center in Columbus. At the Board Meeting of the Ohio Chapter, discussion was held for Larry Holkenborg's nomination for Vice-President of ISA. Every member of the Ohio Chapter was urged to support Larry by voting for him in the March elections. It was also mentioned that the ISA Annual Convention had been changed to August 21 through August 24 at the Sheraton-West Hotel in Indianapolis, IN.

The following awards were presented during the Ohio Chapter's Annual Meeting:

**Award of Merit** – Fredrick W. "Fred" Hower, Worthington, a member well known in the arboriculture profession and in other green industry circles in Ohio.

**Award of Achievement** – Dawes Arboretum, Newark. The Dawes Arboretum was chartered in 1929, although the idea of such an establishment was conceived in the minds of the founders many years previous to this date. Today, the Arboretum extends over some 900 acres and is considered one of the foremost educational institutions of its kind.

**Special Citation** went to two members of a tree service company "who went the extra mile" to save the life of another. On July 26, 1982, Ed Butcher of Madison Tree Service Company, Cincinnati, heard a call for help on the police scanner in his car. A young man was pinned by a large limb in the crotch of a multi-leader Hackberry tree some 35 feet up in the air that he was removing. Hearing the call for help, Ed Butcher picked up his son, Jack, and with his rope and saddle went to the scene. At times the man was screaming, he said it made him feel better; "he kept asking if his leg was gone," Jack said. After more than an hour of skillful rescue operation, Jack was able to free the man and lower him to the ground. Unfortunately, by the time they were able to get to the hospital, he lost part of his left arm and the leg had to be amputated. It was with pride that the Ohio Chapter was able to honor such qualified arborists with the presentation of the Special Citation.

**Chapter Honorary Membership** – The Ohio Chapter took pride in presenting the award to John E. Ford, Curator of the Secret Arboretum at the OARDC in Wooster. John had been associated with OARDC for many years; and under his guidance a unique collection of woody plants numbering over 2,000 species, varieties and cultivars had been developed. Plantings in the Arboretum started in 1903, and at the present time encompassed an area of over 85 acres.

**Chapter Honorary Life Membership** – Went to a man who had been engaged in the tree care business essentially all of his life, Kenneth H. Funk of Funk Brothers Tree Service, Inc., Ashland.

#### **Academic Awards**

- (1) Undergraduate Academic Award was presented to Geoffrey S. Hardin of Cincinnati; a senior in the Division of Landscape Horticulture. He had attained a high academic standing, and for the past five years had been employed part-time at the Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati.
- (2) Graduate Academic Award was awarded to Daniel Herms, from Portsmouth. Daniel worked on his BS and MS degrees at the same time, and jointly in Landscape Horticulture and Entomology.

The Ohio Chapter Arbor Day Committee was busy in the spring with projects in two parts of the state.

- (1) Three shumard oaks were dedicated in an Arbor Day Past Presidents' Tree dedication at The Chadwick Arboretum in honor of past ISA Presidents: F. Lewis Dinsmore of Missouri and Ray Gustin of Maryland. These trees were donated by the ISA Board of Governors in honor of all ISA Past Presidents. A plaque for the trees was placed in Kottman Hall, on the Ohio State University campus. The ceremony was honored by the presence of the following individuals: Harry Bunker, Chairman of the Arbor Day and Beautification Committee of ISA; Leslie L Toth, President of ISA; Dr. Chadwick, Executive Director Emeritus of the Ohio Chapter ISA; and Wayne Randall, President of the Ohio Chapter ISA. Ohio Chapter members and Ohio State University students in Landscape and Floriculture Forum also participated in the ceremony.
- (2) The Ohio Chapter joined the Holden Arboretum in northeast Ohio in an Arbor Day Project which consisted of a tree seedling give away and an Arbor Day trail. One thousand sweetgum seedlings were given out from April 23 through May 1, 1983. An Ohio Chapter/Holden Planting Sheet was attached to each tree. The Arbor Day trail in the Arboretum's Demonstration Garden was open from April 15 through May 20. The trail was self-guiding, highlighting 12 trees for urban use.

Shade Tree value went up to \$22 per square inch.

The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual ISA Convention was held in Indianapolis, IN, August 21-24. One of the highlights during the convention was the ISA awards. The following Ohio Chapter members were honored:

**Author's Citation** to Dr. Larry R. Schreiber, Research and Location Leader ARS, at the Nursery Crops Research Laboratory, USDA in Delaware.

**Honorary Life Membership** to Dr. Oliver D. "Ollie" Diller. Ollie had given extensive service in both forest and shade tree work. He was an Assistant in Botany at Ohio State University (1930-1934); Technician with the US Forest Service (1934); Assistant Conservationist (1935-1937); Assistant Forester (1937-1938); and Associate Forester (1938-1950) with the Ohio Agriculture Experiment Station. He was also professor and Chairman of the Department of Forestry (1950-1965). Known as "Ollie" to thousands, he had given freely of his time, knowledge and experience. Over the years, he had received 18 awards and had been recognized for his outstanding service to the fields of horticulture and forestry. Ollie had published over 60 articles.

**Honorary Membership (non-member)** to Henry Dawes. Dawes was one of four sons of Beman Gates Dawes, the late founder of The Dawes Arboretum in Newark. Henry Dawes was a multi-talented man who had an outstanding career in railroad administration, corporate personnel work and investment counseling. He also continued his father's love of trees. In addition to service for many years as trustee of The Dawes Arboretum, he established a creditable arboretum of his own in Florida (specializing in tropical fruit trees). He was a fierce protector of The Dawes Arboretum's deeded purpose: "...to increase the love and knowledge of trees and shrubs."

**Dr. Paul E. Tilford Honored** – Former Editor and Honorary Life Member of ISA, Paul was recognized in Wooster in March by the NAA for his interest in the care of trees. A ‘Tilford’ maple with a commemorative bronze plaque was dedicated in his honor. Paul was further recognized by being made a Charter Fellow of the Paul Tilford/National Arborist Association Foundation. The Foundation had been recently created to provide funding for projects in the field of arboriculture.

**1984 William “Bill” Fitch, President**

During the annual Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter Meetings, the following awards were presented:

**Award of Merit** – Alan D. Cook, Senior Horticulturist at Dawes Arboretum. He was an educated plantsman, landscape contractor, plant appraiser and prolific writer. Alan joined the Ohio Chapter and the ISA in 1970 and had served in many capacities in the Ohio Chapter, including Executive Director since 1979. He helped organize and manage three Diagnostic and Evaluation Seminars co-sponsored by the Ohio Chapter in conjunction with the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers. Alan also served on the committee responsible for preparation of the brochure **“Guide to Rating of Trees and Ohio Plants in Ohio.”**

**Award of Achievement** – The award went to the Holden Arboretum in Kirtland, which was established in 1930 and consisted of over 2,800 acres. Based on its collection of plant materials and other outstanding projects, it is considered as one of the major arboreta in the country.

**Honorary Life Membership** – The award went to Donald E. Richter, a man who had been associated with urban forestry work since 1946. He graduated from Michigan State University with a BS degree in forestry. He had been associated with the Ohio Division of Forestry for several years; and was currently serving as staff forester and headed the urban forestry program. Under Don’s guidance, the Ohio Urban Forestry had gained recognition throughout the US and neighboring countries. The Ohio Chapter was proud to recognize Donald E. Richter, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Columbus.

**Honorary Membership (non-member)** – The recipient, Jo’Del Hower of the Fred W. Hower Company, Worthington, had a varied career. She attended Ohio State University; was radiologist at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, where she taught courses for the School of Radiological Technology. She had served as supervisor of radiation therapy and aided as a nuclear medicine and X-ray technician. For five years, she wrote a seasonal weekly garden column for the **Columbus Dispatch** (newspaper) and handled the photography and all the other activities that go with the writing of such a column. For the past 10 years Jo’Del had been a member of a landscape design and contracting firm where she had handled all the office work including accounts, correspondence and bookkeeping. For several years, Jo’Del served as co-hostess for the ladies group (**BUCKEYES**) of the Ohio Chapter.

**A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE**

**DR. OLIVER D. DILLER – A “JOHNNY APPLESEED”**

*Dr. Oliver D. “Ollie” Diller was sometimes likened to the legendary Johnny Appleseed, who was credited with planting hundreds of apple trees throughout northern Ohio. Johnny Appleseed may have set records in his day, but they couldn’t compare to the tens of thousands of trees credited to the efforts of Ollie.*

*Ollie, 79, passed away on April 24, 1984 after a short illness. He was born in Putnam County; and received a BA degree in biology from Bluffton College, then enrolled at Ohio State University, where he earned a MS degree in botany in 1932 and a PhD degree in 1934, majoring in forest ecology.*

*Ollie worked for 3 years for the US Forest Service. In 1937, he joined the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station (now OARDC) as an assistant forester. He was promoted to associate in 1938 and became Professor and Chairman of the Department of Forestry in 1950. He also held numerous faculty appointments at Ohio State University. In 1965, when the Secrest Arboretum became a separate Department of the Research Center, he was named Curator. In January 1970, Ollie retired from active service and was granted the title of professor emeritus.*

The Ohio Chapter ISA Summer Meeting and Tree Jamboree was held July 20 at Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati. Many outstanding talks were given, including information regarding the **Bronze Birch Borer** and some trees we should be planting. On July 21, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Chapter Jamboree

was held, with the top winner going to the Annual ISA Convention in Quebec, Canada, for the National Championship. The top winners were: Denny Defibaugh and Bill Miller.

Advance Diagnosis and Evaluation Seminar was held in Columbus, September 11-12. Speakers included E. E. "Ted" Collins, NY; Edwin Irish, MI; Robert D. Ray, KY; Arnold Webster, IA; James Carter, OH; and Dr. Chadwick. Everyone said that it was a complete success.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Tree Climbing Jamboree was held in Bois de Coulange Park, Quebec City, Canada during the opening day of the ISA Conference. The all-around championship for 1984 was won by Rick Husband of the Texas Chapter. Second place went to Bob Yamane of the Western Chapter and third place went to Steve Bannon of the Penn-Del Chapter.

## A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE WAYNE E. RANDALL

*Announcement was made of the untimely death of Wayne Edwin Randall, who passed away on September 15, 1984, at the age of 57. Wayne was born September 26, 1926. He served as President of the Ohio Chapter in 1983. Wayne had been a Supervisor with the Asplundh Tree Expert Company in Columbus for 37 years.*

### **1985 Joseph "Joe" Rimelspach, President**

The Annual Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter ISA meetings were held in January. During the Chapter's Annual Meeting, the following awards were given:

**Award of Merit** went to Dr. Elton M. Smith of The Ohio State University. He received his BS Degree in Horticulture from the University of Connecticut in 1958; and his MS degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Ohio State University in 1964 and his PhD in the same field in 1967. Elton was appointed to the staff in 1967 on a 50% teaching and 50% extension appointment. In 1968, Elton assumed 100% extension responsibilities. He is a member of a long list of professional and honor societies. Elton has been involved with a number of research projects; as well as authored over 400 publications in the area of landscape horticulture.

**Award of Achievement** went to Lloyd Kennedy. Lloyd received his BS degree from Purdue University in agriculture in 1936 and a MS degree from the Ohio State University's College of Agriculture in 1937. His work started at Antioch College for three years; then for the next 38 years he was associated with the Ohio Department of Agriculture as a Horticulture Inspector and an Inspection Supervisor for 25 years.

**Honorary Life Membership** went to William H. "Bill" Collins. Bill was a horticultural graduate from Iowa State University, Ames, IA. He was Executive Secretary of the Iowa Horticulture Society for six years. He also served as Horticulturist for Kingwood Garden Center in Mansfield for 2 years. In 1961, he joined Cole Nursery in Circleville, which later became the American Garden Cole, then AMFAC. In 1984, the Board of Directors of The Chadwick Arboretum appointed Bill to be the First Director.

**Honorary Membership (non-member)** went to Dean Ramsey, The Ohio State University Grounds Superintendent. He graduated in 1952 from The Ohio State University with a degree in landscape architecture and was well known in the trade. For the past 27 years Dean headed the grounds maintenance department. He also found time to serve on the Advisory Board of The Chadwick Arboretum, as well as being an active consultant for landscape projects throughout Ohio.

**Special Citation** went to David Ahlum of Arbor, Inc. He had displayed excellence in the operation of a small arboriculture business. He had also been very active as a member of the Ohio Chapter and had participated in many ways to advance the organization.

**Academic Excellence (undergraduate student)** went to Kim Marie Brand, a recent graduate from The Ohio State University, College of Agriculture, Department of Horticulture. She was valedictorian of a class of 1,700 students and graduated with a grade point average of 3.96.

**Academic Excellence (graduate student)** went to Charles Van Meter Funk. He was currently working in the Department of Horticulture, College of Agriculture at The Ohio State University. He had completed work for a Master's Degree and will soon be writing his thesis.

**Arbor Day Awards.** The Ohio Chapter Arbor Day Awards are given in recognition of individuals, agencies, organizations, industries, committees or other groups, for exceptional activities in areas of tree conservation, etc. The awards include the Gold Leaf Award and the Golden Buckeye Award. The

Chapter was proud to present two Golden Buckeye Awards. Both awardees were truly deserving of recognition for their exceptional efforts and accomplishments.

The first **Golden Buckeye Award** went to a non-profit, independent, clean-up and beautification program for the City of Cleveland. It was their mission to initiate and coordinate non-governmental efforts and cooperate with appropriate governmentally sponsored programs within the City of Cleveland, to encourage beautification, remove litter and maintain cleanliness by means of action projects, and to promote related legislation and enforcement, education and public relations programs.

The second **Golden Buckeye Award** went to Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, the country's largest non-profit cemetery. There are over 733 acres, including 33 miles of winding, shaded roads; a protected woodland area; a 350 acre managed woodlot; 14 lakes and a waterfall; 19 state champion "Big Trees"; a 2 1/2 acre nursery, from which came over 200 trees and 400 shrubs that were planted on the grounds in 1984 alone. Spring Grove has the national reputation as an arboretum with over 330 varieties of woody plants both large and unusual.

The **Gold Leaf Award** was presented posthumously to Wayne Edwin Randall. Wayne was a supervisor with Asplundh for 37 years. He served as President of the Ohio Chapter ISA in 1982.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Foreman Training Workshop was held March 8 at the Dawes Arboretum, Newark. Cost was \$7 per person and included lunch.

The Arbor Day Celebration was held at The Chadwick Arboretum where two tree ceremonies were held.

- (1) Held March 15, which was a recognition ceremony, as well as the dedication of six memorial trees. The event was hosted by the Ohio Chapter ISA and two Chinese lilac trees were planted as a memorial to Wayne.
- (2) Four other trees – two **Heritage Birch** and two **Thornless Honeylocusts**, were planted and dedicated as a memorial to four Past Presidents of the ISA. The four honored were Freeman Parr, NY; Hobard Van Wormer, VA; Olaf Andersen, TX; and Lewis Dinsmore, MO. The four men contributed significantly to the advancement of interest in trees, especially through their support and participation in Arbor Day activities.

A Seminar entitled "Trees, People and the Law" was held in Columbus, on November 6-7. Those in attendance were participants from 12 states in the US and Canada. The Seminar was sponsored by the Ohio Chapter ISA, Cooperative Extension Service of Ohio State University and the Council of Trees and Landscape Appraisers.

Chapter survey showed overwhelming support for the certification of arborists.

The Annual Summer Meeting was held July 26 at Clark Technical College in Springfield. There were approximately 70 members in attendance. As in the past, the meeting was a big success with many interesting and educational talks. A professional auctioneer (also the caterer for the luncheon), was present to help with the sale of items donated by individuals and companies. Proceeds from the auction were used to support the Research Fund.

Arbor Expo 1985 was held December 5-7 at the Ohio Convention Center, Columbus. The Chapter sold T-shirts emblazoned with artwork that expressed the Chapter's theme: "Trees and People Need Each Other". Net proceeds benefited the ISA Research Trust.

The following awards were presented at the time of the Annual Meeting:

**Award of Merit** – Ann (Fisher) Miller  
**Honorary Life Membership** – Mont Hollingsworth  
**Honorary Membership (non-member)** – Lana Ahlum  
**Arbor Day Tree Planting** – Al Cook, Dawes Arboretum  
**Golden Buckeye Awards** were presented to:

Tim Brotzman  
Denny Defibaugh  
Ohio Roadside Council  
Don Vest

**Gold Leaf Award** – Fredrick W. "Fred" Hower

**Academic Excellence Awards** were presented to:

Judith Bear (undergraduate)  
Robert McCartney (graduate)

Chapter Representative's report from Bruce Roberts included the following items: The ISA Constitution and By-Laws had been revised to reflect abolishment of the former Board of Governors. The ISA Executive Committee reviewed the proposed constitutional changes at their March meeting, and voted on the recommended changes in August. Items of interest that were discussed at the last Board Meeting included:

- Rejection of a proposed Public Relations Program by Aaron D. Cushman and Associates.
- Appointment of a Public Relations Committee to study the feasibility of an in-house public relations program.
- Establishment of a Life Member category for ISA.
- Donation of \$2,000 to support activities of CTLA.
- Donation of \$2,000 to Cornell Press, Ithaca, NY, to support publication of a book on tree diseases.
- Donation of \$2,000 to help support activities of ISA Research Trust.
- Establishment of annual dues for ISA members at \$45 (same as last year).
- Formation of a new European Chapter with 51 members.

Ohio Chapter Summer Meeting and the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Tree Climber's Jamboree was held at the Garden of Greater Cleveland, July 18-19; Denny Defibaugh placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and John Woodall placed 13<sup>th</sup> overall.

The Ohio Chapter Plant Disease Diagnostic Workshop was held in June.

ISA Executive Director Cal Bundy resigned.

**A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE**  
**DR. PAUL E. TILFORD**

*Dr. Paul Tilford, 85, passed away on December 6, 1986. He was born in Hammond, IL in 1900. Paul graduated from Michigan State University with a BS degree in Agriculture in 1923. He began his work in the Department of Plant Pathology at the Ohio State Experiment Station, now known as the OARDC in 1924. Paul then obtained an MS degree in Plant Pathology from Ohio State University in 1926 and his PhD in 1936 from the University of Wisconsin.*

*Paul also served as Editor for the International Shade Tree Conference from 1938-67. He resigned from OARDC in 1946 to become Executive Secretary of the NAA and held that position until retiring in 1966.*

*Paul had the distinction of having the 'Tilford' red maple named for him on March 4, 1983. The NAA officially launched the **Paul Tilford National Arborist Foundation, Inc.** for funding projects, studies and grants pertinent to the needs for good tree care.*

**1987 David Snyder, President**

During the Annual Ohio Chapter Meeting, held during the time of the Ohio State University Short Course, the following awards were presented:

**Award of Merit** – Dr. Bruce Roberts

**Award of Achievement** – Sharon Lilly

**Honorary Life Membership** to Fredrick W. "Fred" Hower, Edwin E. "Ed" Irish and Emerich Sabo

**Honorary Membership** (non-member) – James Caldwell

**Special Citation** – Joe Rimelspach

The following Arbor Day Awards were presented:

**Buckeye Awards**

- (1) Lauren Lanphear, as the Chairman of the Committee that hosted the 1986 Summer Meeting and Tree Jamboree in Cleveland
- (2) City of Toledo, Department of Natural Resources, given in recognition of an Exceptional Arbor Day Project

**Golden Buckeye** – The first two awards went to two Ohio companies that adopted trees at the Governor's residence in Columbus, for Arbor Day:

- (1) Ohio Tree Surgery
- (2) Arbor, Inc.
- (3) The third award was given in recognition of ongoing support for Arbor Day. The Garden Center of Greater Cleveland had organized a program in cooperation with the City of Cleveland, University Circle, Inc., and the Ohio Chapter ISA.

**Gold Leaf Award** – The recipient of this award was Dr. Chadwick, who more than qualified in all of these areas. It would take a long time to list everything he has accomplished as well as the awards he had received.

It was announced that the Ohio Chapter had over 250 members and that the Chapter was still growing. The Chapter projects are outstanding because of the aggressive work by members on various committees.

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Foreman's Training Workshop was held in March with over 300 in attendance.

On March 13, the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland hosted the 1987 North Coast Urban Forestry Conference. The program was attended by 150 local people interested in trees, many of them were not professional arborists, but people involved in tree planting, tree care and tree problems in their community. The Ohio Chapter endorsed this project.

The Annual Arbor Day Program included the dedication of a tree to recognize and honor a special individual. The person, who was chosen, had already devoted over 40 years in planting and caring for trees. Among other achievements, Don Richter formulated and coordinated the Ohio Urban Forestry Program to its position of national prominence. Because of his initial work, Ohio had led the nation in the Tree City USA Program for the past five years. The Annual Arbor Day ceremony included planting his favorite tree at a place of his choice.

It was announced by Dr. Richard Harris, President of ISA, that the organization had a new Executive Director, William Kruidenier from Urbana, IL. Bill was to officially take over on July 1.

A new organization was in the process of being formed to address the special issues and concerns of women in the arboriculture industries. The intent of this organization was to apply for acceptance as a special interest group within the ISA. Membership will encompass women who work in, are involved with, or are associated with any and all phases of the industry and sciences.

The Past Presidents of the Ohio Chapter held their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Breakfast on January 26. Fifteen were in attendance for the breakfast meeting. It was hoped that the group would continue in the future.

Alan D. Cook, Executive Director of the Ohio Chapter ISA since 1980 announced that he would be retiring from the position at the end of 1988. The Board will be evaluating possible candidates for his replacement.

The 1987 Tree Climbers' Jamboree winners were:

Aerial Rescue	David Staats
Body Thrust/Speed Climb	Tod Hunt
Footlock/Speed Climb	Terry Hartigan
Throwline	James Snyder
Work Climb	John Woodall
Overall: 1 <sup>st</sup> Place (281.75 points)	John Woodall
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (273.75 points)	David Staats
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (259.50 points)	Joe Hash
4 <sup>th</sup> Place (258.75 points)	Saul Harris
5 <sup>th</sup> Place (258.25 points)	Tod Hunt

The 1987 ISA Tree Jamboree was cancelled due to the lack of insurance.

The Ohio Chapter sent out its first mail-in ballot, which gave all members a chance to vote.

**1988 Ann (Fisher) Miller, President** (First female Chapter President)

At the Annual Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter meetings, the following Chapter awards were given:

**Award of Merit** – Lauren S. Lanphear

**Award of Achievement** – Early Settlers Association

**Honorary Life Memberships** were presented to: Blair Caplinger, Alan D. Cook and Henry Gilbertson

**Honorary Membership (non-member)** – Irma Bartell Dugan, writer for the Cleveland Plain Dealer

**Special Citation** – Barbara A. Chadwick “For service to the profession of arboriculture through dedication to the welfare of her father, ‘The Greatest Tree Man of All’ Dr. Chadwick”.

The following **Arbor Day Awards** were presented:

**Buckeye Awards** to Cincinnati Urban Forestry Commission, David Snyder and Stone Container Corporation

**Golden Buckeye Awards** to Bill Collins, Lauren Lanphear and Ann Miller

**Arbor Day Tree Dedication** to Bill Collins

It was announced that arborist certification was coming to Ohio in 1989. The arborist certification committee expected to offer the first certification exam in January 1989 at the Convention Center in Columbus. The exam will be scheduled during The Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter ISA meetings.

The ISA Board of Directors approved a membership promotion activity which encouraged members to sign up new members. The contest was the same as was held in 1987. It was announced that at the present time, the Ohio Chapter had 242 members and ISA had 3,974 members.

The ISA announced release of the Seventh Edition of “**Valuation of Landscape Trees, Shrubs, and Other Plants (A Guide to the Methods and Procedures for Appraising Amenity Plants)**”. This replaced the “**Guide for Establishing Values of Trees and other Plants**”. The 50 page guide was available from AAN, ASCA, ALCA, ISA and NAA.

The per square inch value of trees increased to \$27.

It was announced that the Pacific Northwest Chapter of ISA would be hosting the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Trade Show in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Convention would open on August 14 at the world famous Van Dusen Gardens.

The Ohio Chapter ISA placed a Bicentennial Plaque at the base of a 200+ years old **sycamore tree** on the Ohio State University campus. The plaque was made available as part of a program jointly sponsored by the ISA and the NAA.

The 1988 Arbor Tree Planting ceremony took place on April 15, where a tree was planted in honor of William H. Collins at The Chadwick Arboretum. Also planted were two trees to commemorate two deceased Past Presidents of ISA – Jack Rogers (CA) and Keith Davey (CA), as well as one in memory of Dr. Paul E. Tilford, former Editor of **Shade Tree News** (predecessor of the **Journal of Arboriculture**) and Executive Director of the NAA.

A 200+ year old **black oak** in the Cambridge City Park, Cambridge, was the star attraction at an Arbor Day celebration there. The tree was believed to have been 19 years old when Cambridge was laid out in eastern Ohio in 1806. A Bicentennial Plaque was installed at the park.

At the Ohio Chapter ISA Board Meeting held during the Summer Meeting and Tree Jamboree on July 14, Joann Kick-Raack was named as the new Executive Director, replacing Al Cook, effective January 1, 1989. Al served as Executive Director for 10 years.

The 1988 Tree Jamboree was by far the biggest and best ever with nearly 50 contestants competing in five events: Body Thrust Speed Climb, Foot Lock Speed Climb, Aerial Rescue, Throwline and Work Climb. The overall winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Mike McKee
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	John Woodall
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Kevin Hartigan
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Tod Hunt
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Jeff Jackson

At the Annual ISA Conference, the following Ohio Chapter members who had given outstanding service were honored:

**Award for Arboricultural Research** – Dr. Elton Smith  
**Honorary Life Membership** – William P. Lanphear

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Chapter Foreman's Training Workshop will be held February 24, 1989 at the Park Hotel in Columbus. Don F. Blair (the Oak Man with Euc Man tendencies) will be the featured speaker.

The 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio State University Short Course will be held January 23-26, 1989, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus.

## 1989 **Don Vest, President**

At the Annual Ohio Chapter Meetings held in conjunction with The Ohio State University Short Course, the following Chapter awards were given:

**Award of Merit** – David H. Snyder

**Award of Achievement** – North Coast Urban Forestry Conference, sponsored by the City of Cleveland and the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company.

**Honorary Life Members** was presented to 5 of the Chapter's Past Presidents:

1955	Ted Parke
1960	S. Clyde Gordon
1961	Joe Edgerly
1963	George Kase
1966	Jim Dacey

**Honorary Membership** (non-member) – Victor Merullo, Columbus

The following **Arbor Day Awards** were presented:

**Gold Leaf Award** – Alan D. Cook

**Golden Buckeye Award** – Robert Nosse, Ohio Edison; and Pat O'Brien, City of Toledo

The first Arborist Certification Exam was given on January 25. The number of participants was overwhelming and the program graduated its first 94 Ohio Certified Arborists. Overall the scores were higher than expected. A second exam was to be scheduled for July 14 in conjunction with the Ohio Chapter Summer Meeting and Jamboree.

**A fond farewell** to Alan D. Cook, Executive Director, Ohio Chapter ISA, 1979-1988. Special recognition was given to Alan at the Annual Meeting in January where he was awarded the **Gold Leaf Award**. It was announced that Alan would receive an **Honorary Membership Award** at the Annual Convention of ISA in St. Charles, IL.

The 1989 Arbor Day Contest was announced. It was to be held on April 28. All Ohio Chapter members, their families and friends were encouraged to participate in the celebration of trees and the benefits they provide.

The Annual Ohio Chapter Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony took place on April 21 at The Garden Center of Greater Cleveland.

**FRED HOWER HAS INVADED THE STATE** – If you attended The Ohio State University Short Course and Trade Show in January, and thought that everywhere you went there seemed to be Fred Hower, you were right! Although, at first it was reported that tissue culture techniques had been successfully used to clone Fred, it was eventually revealed that the Fred replicas were just part of the Ohio Nursery Stock Marketing Council's (ONSMC) Program to educate the industry about its many marketing

activities throughout the state of Ohio. Fred is known as the "Ohio Nurseryman" in his new role as the official spokesman of the ONSMC, representing Ohio's green industries. Fred served as President of the Ohio Chapter in 1979, Representative to ISA's Board of Directors and the Research Trust from 1978-85 and became one of the first Ohio Certified Arborists.

**Nominate A National Tree** – "Approximately mid-August of 1989, the USDA contacted my office and inquired if our records indicated that the United States had an official tree similar to those listed as official state trees. Our records going back approximately 40 years indicated no official United States tree. ISA President Claude Desjardine asked if I would chair a National Tree Committee and seek recommendations from all the stateside chapters, as well as from other arboricultural organizations (the American Forestry Association, the American Association of Nurserymen and others) for a nominee to be named as the official United States tree by the President and Congress.

*"It would be deeply appreciated if you would make an appeal to your membership in your newsletter and have them suggest their nominee to be considered for our National Tree", Harry J. Bunker.*

A white oak tree was planted on the Wade Oval behind The Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, on Friday April 21 in honor of William P. "Bill" Lanphear. The recognition was given by the Ohio Chapter ISA as part of its **Golden Buckeye Award**, which was presented to Bill at its Annual Meeting in January. Bill, President of the Forest City Tree Protection Company located in South Euclid, had worked in the tree care industry for over 50 years, since he graduated in 1937 from Western Reserve University. The firm was founded by his father, W. P. Lanphear, Jr., in 1910.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Arborist Jamboree was held at Wittenberg University, Springfield, on July 15. The overall champion was Denny Defibaugh. Other winners included:

Body Thrust	Gregory Clemens
Throwline	Joe Hash
Aerial Rescue	Jeff Jackson
Work Climb	Ron Zaniewski

ISA was working on a Certification Study Guide with Sharon Lilly, serving as Chairman.

#### **"TREE CHEERS FOR ARBORICULTURE"**

The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual ISA Conference and Industrial Trade Show began in grand fashion on August 12 with the Annual Field Day and Jamboree held at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL. The all day celebration was held in the outdoor museum with field demonstrations of large equipment, educational seminars, arboretum tours and the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Climbers Jamboree. It was said that the return of the Jamboree brought the soul back to the Field Day.

The day was topped off with an opening reception hosted by the Illinois Arborist Association, President Desjardins and generous sponsors.

Denny Defibaugh placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the Jamboree and Greg Clemons placed 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Ohio Chapter received the ISA Banner Award for the Certification Program. Thanks to Sharon Lilly and her Committee.

The Ohio Chapter formed a new committee obtaining historical information on the Ohio Chapter from its beginnings to the present. Ann Miller was named Chairman.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Foreman's Training Workshop was held February 23, 1990 at the Park Hotel in Columbus. Advanced registration of \$20 per person will include lunch. This program was co-sponsored by the Ohio Cooperative Extension Service of The Ohio State University and the Ohio Chapter ISA.

**1990 David Ahlum, President**

The Ohio State University Short Course was held in Columbus, concluding with the outstanding programs that one had come to expect. A special "thank you" went to Dr. Elton Smith and his staff for the outstanding speakers and demonstrations. Both the Ohio Chapter ISA and the Ohio Nurserymen's Association, along with the CENTS Show were successful.

The Ohio Chapter ISA held its 4<sup>th</sup> Past President's Breakfast with 15 in attendance. During the business meeting, it was announced that the Ohio Chapter would again hold the Arbor Day contest. Also, the Chapter had bid on the 1995 ISA convention to be held in Cleveland.

The 1990 Chapter Awards were presented to the following:

**Award of Merit** – Edwin E. Irish, 1958 Past President

**Award of Achievement** – Arbortech

**Honorary Life Membership** was presented to 5 Chapter Past Presidents:

1953 Walter Bender

1967 Harold Simon

1969 Bud Swisher

1970 Larry Holkenborg

1971 Alex Wynstra, Jr.

**Honorary Membership (non-member)** – Bob Evans of Bob Evans Farms, Rio Grande, OH

**Special Citation** – Denny Defibaugh, Ohio Tree Climbers' Jamboree Champion (5 times)

The ISA office announced the hiring of Mark D. Herriott as the Society's new Associate Director. Mark brings to the Society a strong background in educational program development and 15 years of association management. He began his employment on February 1.

The Ohio Chapter ISA planted two trees to honor its first two Presidents: Sam Parmenter (1942-46) and Karl Kuemmerling (1947). The trees were planted at The Chadwick Arboretum during the Chapter's Annual Arbor Day Celebration held April 20.

Sam Parmenter, of S. W. Parmenter & Sons, Inc., in Kent was the Chapter's first President and served in that capacity for the first five years of the Chapter's existence. An **Autumn Blaze Callery Pear** was planted in his honor.

Karl Kuemmerling started both the Karl Kuemmerling, Inc. Supply Business in Massillon and the former Kuemmerling Associates Tree Care Firm in Columbus. An **Emerald Queen Norway Maple** was planted in his honor. Karl served as President in 1947.

It was announced that the Ohio Chapter ISA was seeking a new Executive Director, as Joann Kick-Raack resigned for personal reasons. During the search, Lana Ahlum filled the position of Executive Director.

During the 1990 Annual ISA Convention held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the following awards were presented to Ohio members:

**Honorary Memberships** to:

- (1) William H. "Bill" Collins, a horticulturist and plant materials consultant in Columbus. He received his BS degree in horticulture from Iowa State University in 1938 and did graduate work at Iowa State University and the University of Chicago. Bill held many "hats" during his career, including serving as the first Director of The Chadwick Arboretum.
- (2) Gregory Clemens of the Natorp Landscape Organization, Inc. in Cincinnati was proclaimed the 1990 International Tree Climbing Jamboree Champion. Greg represented the Ohio Chapter in the competition by virtue of his winning the state competition at the Summer Meeting. Greg was among 25 competitors from the US, Canada and France.

As of July 10, the Ohio Chapter had contributed \$6,400, or 100% of its goal, for the current ISA Research Trust Contest. Congratulations to the Chapter on having attained its contest goal for the third consecutive time.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Foreman's Training Workshop was held February 21 at the Park Hotel in Columbus. Registration was \$25 per person.

David Ahlum passed away in September 2021.

**1991** **Sharon Lilly, President** – 2<sup>nd</sup> female Chapter President elected.

The 1991 Chapter Awards were given during the Annual Meeting of the Ohio Chapter in January to the following:

**Award of Merit** – Ed Butcher, Madison Tree Service, Cincinnati. Butcher started his career in arboriculture in January 1946 as a climber for Natorp Landscape Organization, Cincinnati, at the outstanding wage of \$.75 an hour. Three months later he asked for a raise to \$1 per hour and was promptly fired. With boundless enthusiasm, he got married the next day and started his own business.

**Award of Achievement** – The City of Cleveland

**Honorary Life Membership** was presented to the following Past Presidents:

1974	Jack Brown
1976	Charles Wilson
1978	Ralph Veverka
1980	Richard Woods
1981	James Carter

**Honorary Membership (non-member)** – Dr. Richard Miller, The Ohio State University, Extension Entomologist (retired), Columbus.

**Special Citation** – Greg Clemens, the Natorp Landscape Organization, Cincinnati. Greg has been associated with Natorp since 1984; he had been a regular competitor in the Ohio Chapter's Jamboree for the past three years and during those three years, he qualified twice to represent the Chapter at the ISA Jamboree. (In 1989, Greg placed fifth overall in the ISA Jamboree, but last year, he took first place overall as our Chapter's representative.)

**Academic Excellence:**

- (1) **Undergraduate** – Lawrence Parker's interest in horticulture began in 1981 while working on a fruit farm in Wilmington. He received his associate degree in production agriculture in 1983, and continued to work full time. In 1986, he began a second job working for Asplundh Tree Company. In 1989, he took a leave of absence from Asplundh to complete his BS degree at The Ohio State University. While attending college he developed an interest in urban forestry and horticulture.
- (2) **Graduate** – Rico Gonzalez. Rico moved to Columbus in 1988. After taking several undergraduate courses in horticulture, he applied for graduate school. Rico was awarded a University Fellowship, something that very few incoming graduate students receive. Rico's research was to investigate water use by selected tree species, the results of which would benefit both nurseries and arborists.

Lana Ahlum assumed the Executive Director's position. She served as the fifth Executive Director since the start of the Ohio Chapter in 1942.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Past President's breakfast was held on January 22, with 15 in attendance. Dr. Chadwick was able to attend the breakfast. It was good to see him!

The annual Arbor Day tree planting was held at The Chadwick Arboretum on April 19. An American Yellowwood tree was planted to honor Past President Charles Cavanaugh who served as President in 1948.

The Annual Summer Meeting of the Ohio Chapter ISA was held on July 11-12 in Sandusky. During the meeting a certification test was given on the Fireland Campus in Sandusky. The Tree Jamboree took place on July 13.

It was announced that there were 204 Certified Arborists in the Ohio Chapter.

ISA announced the availability of a new tree awareness brochure titled, **Think Trees**, for use in public education. The brochure was available for \$6 per 100 brochures.

The Annual ISA Convention was held in Philadelphia, PA, August 11-14.

The Board of Directors of ISA voted to implement a coordinated professional arborist certification program through the chapters. "The basic purpose of certification is to improve the level of knowledge of those within the profession", stated Sharon Lilly, Chairman of ISA's Certification Committee. Sharon went on to state, "similar programs have improved the standard of practice within different professions as their level of knowledge increased."

Those arborists currently certified under an ISA Chapter Program would retain their certification designation. Once the coordinated program was implemented, those individuals would fall under the new recertification guidelines. The guidelines are designed to promote the continued education and technical competence of the personnel in the profession.

The ISA Board of Director's approved an increase in dues from \$55 to \$70.

The Ohio Chapter was awarded the 1996 ISA Convention, which will be held in Cleveland.

The oak tree was recommended to Congress as the National Tree.

**1992 Dr. Elton Smith, President**

**HAPPY 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OHIO CHAPTER** – 50 years of promoting arboriculture excellence!

New Jamboree rules were in effect for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Jamboree, which was held July 11 at Northam Park, Columbus.

Congratulations to the 1992 winners of the Jamboree:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Richard Scott
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Brian Sauder
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Jeff Jackson
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Michael Wolf
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Dave Partack

During the ISA Annual Convention held in Oakland, CA, the following took place:

- Approval of a new chapter from the United Kingdom. The countries in the chapter included: England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. With the addition of the United Kingdom Chapter, this increased the number of overseas chapters to four (United Kingdom, Germany, Austria and Scandinavia).
- The Tour des Trees was a great success with the purpose of raising funds for the Research Trust. The final figures were not available, but the enthusiasm in Oakland was quite exciting.
- Richard Scott of Natorp's participated in the ISA Tree Jamboree representing Ohio.
- Three new publications were available to the ISA chapters: **Guide for Plant Appraisal** at \$35; **Arboriculture and the Law** at \$25; and **Plant Health Care Manual** at \$35.
- Three Ohio Chapter members received the following awards:
  - Author's Citation** – Dr. Charles Powell
  - Award of Arboricultural Research** – Dr. Larry Schreiber
  - Honorary Life Membership** – Edwin Irish
- The Ohio Chapter received two Banner Awards. One for its participation in AmeriFlora; and the other for celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- An **International Award** was presented at the Annual Business Meeting to Immediate Past President, Sharon Lilly. This award is not given annually and only presented for exceptional contributions. Sharon's work on certification earned her this high honor.

Dr. Elton Smith, President of the Ohio Chapter, said "the Chapter owed a great deal to the strong leadership of Sharon Lilly, Ohio Chapter President in 1991, who had worked very hard on increasing membership, developing a more meaningful budget and involving our committees to a greater extent. Special recognition should be given however, for her continuing efforts in leading the very successful Certification Program which, as everyone knows, had become International. Thanks, Sharon for a job well done". [Comments from the President's Message appearing in the January/February issue of **The Buckeye Arborist**.]

The ISA Annual Conference in 1993 is to be held in Bismarck, ND.

Dr. Chadwick celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in mid-August with a reception held at The Chadwick Arboretum. Although confined to a wheelchair, he thoroughly enjoyed seeing many friends, former students, Kiwanis members, as well as friends from the many arboriculture organizations that he was affiliated with, which included ISA. The highlight of the celebration was that he was serenaded by members of the OSU Alumni Marching Band and Drum Major Shelley Graf (the first female Drum Major not only at Ohio State University, but also in the Big 10 Conference). The whole affair was organized by his daughter, Barbara. It was a GRAND affair!

**AMERIFLORA '92** came to the United States for the very first time. The six month celebration of Christopher Columbus' maiden voyage to the Americas ran from April 20 through October 12. The displays were held at Franklin Park, Bexley (Columbus), with several million people attending. The displays gave visitors a chance to learn about trees, shrubs and flowers grown throughout the world.

The City of Columbus and surrounding communities were planted in grand style, which included individual residences, businesses, parks and arborets. People began to really appreciate plants by visiting Ameriflora. It was up to the commercial green industry to capitalize on this rare opportunity to tie-in to the event and promote their products, including trees and their care.

Comments from the President's Message in ***The Buckeye Arborist*** by Dr. Elton Smith stated "The opening day of AmeriFlora started out dark and rainy, like so many others this spring, but the sun did shine and the opening was spectacular with music, dancing and colorful flags. Those in attendance were President George Bush and his wife; Bob Hope; ISA President Roger "Frenchy" Garrigue and his wife, who were not disappointed."

Larry Holkenborg, Chairman of the Foreman's Training Workshop, invited Don Blair to present an all-day seminar on March 13 which was held in Columbus.

The Ohio Chapter invited Dr. Alex Shigo to Columbus for a two-day seminar, June 17-18, to talk about "Systems Approach to Practical Tree Care". The program was held at the Holiday Inn on the Lane in Columbus.

***The Buckeye Arborist***, edited by Lauren S. Lanphear, stated: "This year began my 11<sup>th</sup> and final year as Editor. Lana Ahlum, Executive Director will assume the additional duties and responsibilities of Editor. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Ohio Chapter ISA in the capacity as Editor these past years."

During the Annual Ohio Chapter ISA Business Meeting held in January, the following awards were presented:

**Award of Merit** – Dr. Robert Partyka who was an Extension Plant Pathologist at The Ohio State University.

**Award of Achievement** – The Columbus Landscape Association. The group was founded in 1929 by a small group of landscapers and nurserymen in Columbus. The Columbus Landscape Association's major project involved The Chadwick Arboretum located on the Ohio State University campus. The Association provided the necessary funding, plant materials, equipment and manpower to completely design and install the Arboretum's Conifer Garden.

**Honorary Membership (non-member)** – Presented to Bill Stalter of the Ohio Nurserymen's Association. He served as Past President of the Nursery Association Executives of North America and is presently serving as Vice-President of the Ohio Agricultural Council. Bill is also a member of the Ohio Horticulture Council.

**Honorary Life Membership** was presented to the following Past Presidents of the Ohio Chapter:

1984	Bill Fitch
1985	Joe Rimelspach
1986	Lauren Lanphear
1987	David Snyder
1988	Ann Miller

### **Academic Excellence Awards**

- (1) **Undergraduate** – Robert S. Reiser from Mansfield works as an Urban Forestry Intern in the City of Upper Arlington (Columbus). A graduate of Hocking Tech, Robert is currently enrolled at The Ohio State University.
- (2) **Graduate** – Bruce Searles, an Ohio State University graduate, worked a number of years with Strader's Nursery in Columbus. Bruce is currently working on his PhD with Dr. Dan Struve on tree nutrition.

### **Arbor Day Awards:**

**Gold Leaf Award** was awarded to Drew Todd, Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

**Golden Buckeye Award** was awarded to Delaware Parks and Recreation Department.

**1992 Tour des Trees** – This year's Tour des Trees traveled the western coastline from Seattle, WA to Oakland, CA which was the site of the 68<sup>th</sup> ISA Annual Conference.

The idea for the Tour des Trees was developed by ISA members Dr. Jim Clark and John Goodfellow. They envisioned the “tour” to be more than just an experience of being on the road for 9-days of cruising along, enjoying the companionship of a bunch of arborists who were cycling enthusiasts. They saw the tour as a means to bring visibility and excitement to raising monies for tree research.

The Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting took place at The Chadwick Arboretum on April 10 in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ohio Chapter ISA.

**1993 Tom Mugridge, President**

Foreman's Training Workshop and Safety Award presentations were held at the Holiday Inn on the Lane in Columbus on March 5.

Arbor Day Tree Planting took place at Wade Oval, Cleveland, in memory of John Michalko.

Summer Meeting and Tree Jamboree was held at Notre Dame College, South Euclid.

The Annual ISA Convention was held in Bismark, ND.

The Tree Care Industry (TCI) Convention sponsored by NAA was held in Cleveland.

Ohio Chapter member Lauren Lanphear became the 57<sup>th</sup> President of NAA.

Fall Seminar – Tree Appraisal Workshop was held at the Holiday Inn on the Lane, Columbus. Guest speakers included Jack Siebenthaler and Jim Ingram.

### **A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE DR. LEWIS C. CHADWICK**

*The Founder of the Ohio Chapter, National Shade Tree Conference in 1942, Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick passed away on October 3, 1993; he was 91 years old. [For complete information on Dr. Chadwick, refer to the biographical information.]*

**1994 Andrew “Drew” Todd, President**

The ISA named James R. Skiera as the new Associate Director.

The Ohio State University Short Course and Central Environmental Nursery Trade Show (CENTS) were held at the new Columbus Convention Center.

The Ohio Chapter began its search for a new Executive Director. Salary was offered up to \$8,000.

Summer Meeting and Jamboree were held at Mohican State Park in Loudonville. Winners of the Jamboree included:

Body Thrust	Brian Sauder
Work Climb	Steve Gibson
Aerial Rescue	Dave Partack
Throwline	Jeff Jackson
Footlock	Richard Scott
Overall Winner	Jeff Jackson

The Arbor Day Celebration was held at The Chadwick Arboretum with the dedication of an alee of upright European hornbeam trees, which were donated by the Ohio Chapter ISA. The ceremony also included a dedication of a memorial plaque, which was donated by the Columbus Landscape Association, the Northern Columbus Kiwanis Club and the Ohio Chapter ISA in memory of Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick who was the founder of the Ohio Chapter.

The Annual ISA Conference was held in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

It was announced that Sharon Lilly, Past President of the Ohio Chapter was a candidate for Vice-President of ISA.

#### **A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE ERIK HAUPt**

*Erik Haupt passed away in December. Erik and Chad had a long standing relationship; Erik had attended many of the Ohio Chapter functions over the years. An American elm was planted at The Chadwick Arboretum in his memory. Funding for the planting was made possible from donations to the National Arborist Foundation by members of the NAA.*

#### **A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE THEODORE "TED" PARKE**

*Ted Parke passed away on September 4 at the age of 85. He had served as President of the Ohio Chapter in 1955.*

A tree evaluation workshop was held at Franklin Park in Bexley (Columbus); 25 people were in attendance.

The Tour des Trees 1994 originated in Stowe, VT and ended at the ISA Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Riders from Ohio included Doug and Linda Cowan, Wayne Parker, Ward Peterson and Doug Wade.

Foreman's Training Workshop was held at the Davey Institute, Kent. Under the Chairmanship of Larry Holkenborg, Past President in 1970 of the Ohio Chapter, 19 workshops had been held yearly from 1977-1994.

ISA announced the release of a new publication entitled "**Tree Climbers' Guide**" authored by Sharon Lilly, cost: \$30.

#### **1995 Ward Peterson, President**

The Shade Tree Evaluation Seminar was held at the Greater Cleveland Garden Center.

The Summer Meeting and Jamboree was held at Deer Creek State Park, Mount Sterling.

The ISA 1996 Annual Convention was to be held in Cleveland with Lauren Lanphear serving as General Chairman.

**CERTIFICATION** – the Ohio Chapter has had an arborist certificate program since the 1980's.

The following awards were presented at the annual Ohio Chapter Meeting:

**Award of Achievement** – Larry Holkenborg

**Honorary Membership** – Barbara A. Chadwick and James Zampini. Maria Zampini accepted the award for her father.

**Award of Merit** – Lana Ahlum

The ISA Annual Convention for 1995 was held in Hilton Head Island, SC.

It was announced that the new Executive Director for the Ohio Chapter was Anita Lide.

Chapter Representative to ISA was Lauren Lanphear.

Dr. Alex Shigo presented the “Practical Side of Tree Biology and Chemistry” at a two-day seminar held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

#### **The Ohio Chapter announced a Home Page on the internet World Wide Web.**

Newly elected President Sharon Lilly has completed her first year as an ISA officer. Sharon with her husband Joe, owned and operated the Expert Tree Service in Columbus. Sharon had dedicated her career to improving the level of professionalism in the tree care industry. Sharon's goal was to continue expanding educational opportunities found in the certification program. Sharon is committed to the ISA ideals of education, research and professionalism. Congratulations Sharon!

Steve Sanfort of Cincinnati was the recipient of the Urban Forestry Practitioner Medal from the American Forests in cooperation with the National Urban Forest Council and the US Forest Service.

#### **1996 Alan Klonowski, President**

During the Annual Meeting of the Ohio Chapter, the following awards were presented:

**Award of Merit** – William “Bill” Fitch

**Honorary Membership (non-member)** – Susan McClure

**Honorary Life Membership** – Donald Shope

**Award of Achievement** – Peter Bristol

**Chapter Special Citation** – Jim Wilson, Certification Proctor

**Honorary Life Memberships** were presented to:

(1) Ward Peterson, outgoing President of the Ohio Chapter

(2) Mrs. Rusty Girouard, elected to the NAA Board of Directors in 1996. Rusty is associated with Madison Tree Service, Inc., Cincinnati. She further was honored with the NAA's prestigious President's Award in 1966. The President's Award recognized Rusty's contributions to the NAA.

The Summer Meeting and Tree Jamboree was held at Wade Oval, Cleveland. David Partack, Madison Tree Service, Inc., Cincinnati, won the overall Jamboree award.

The Annual ISA Convention was held in Cleveland. Sharon Lilly was elected as President, and as such served as the first female President of the organization.

Ohio Chapter Seminar entitled “Hazard Identification and Mediation for Woody Plants” was held in Cambridge, September 17-18.

#### **A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE BLAIR CAPLINGER**

*Blair E. Caplinger passed away July 18, 1996. He served as President of the Ohio Chapter in 1977.*

*Born in 1931 in Broadway, VA, he was a graduate of the General Motors Institute in Flint, MI. Blair was employed by Nelson Tree Service, Inc., Kettering, from 1959-1979. Blair served as Ohio Chapter Representative for six years.*

*While Blair was in office, the Ohio Chapter was strongly involved in putting together and passing the Ohio Pesticide Licensing Act, overcoming several false starts and delays with the House Agricultural Committee.*

*Outgoing Ohio Chapter Presidents traditionally were given framed certificate mementoes. Blair initiated the presentation of walnut wood gavels. These were made by one of the Nelson Tree Service managers who was a wood worker. The Ohio Chapter added brass name plates. Today, the gavels are mounted on plaques.*

### **A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE** **ROBERT "BOB" FELIX**

*Robert "Bob" Felix passed away September 23, 1996, at the age of 62. Bob was installed as the NAA's 33<sup>rd</sup> President in 1972. In 1974, the NAA had a little over 200 members, today the NAA is comprised of 1,300+ commercial arborist firms from all across the United States, and with recent changes in the By-Laws, now boasts a global membership. The Ohio Chapter honored Bob for his many contributions to the industry.*

**1997 Alan Klonowski, President (second year)**

#### **A new era in the history of the Ohio Chapter, ISA.**

Traditionally, the Ohio Chapter ISA held their Annual Meetings at the same time as the Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Nurserymen's Association. The final combined meeting of all three groups was held in 1996.

Starting in 1997, the Ohio Chapter developed a new concept which would be called the **Ohio Tree Care Conference and Trade Show (OTCC)**. The new concept of the group was designed especially with arborists in mind.

At the first OTCC meeting, approximately half the total membership of the Ohio Chapter was in attendance (250).

The Ohio Chapter ISA celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Chapter Representative to the ISA was Lauren Lanphear.

By-Law changes to ISA included:

1. The offices of President, Vice-President and Immediate Past President were set for a 2-year term.
2. The number of Directors was increased from 4 to 6 members.
3. Section 8 of the By-Laws was changed to read that "**The Annual Meeting would be held at a time and location determined by the Board of Directors.**"

The Ohio Chapter ISA Annual Awards were presented during the Ohio Tree Care Conference Annual Meeting. The awards included:

**Honorary Membership (non-member)** – Denny McKeown. Denny had been associated with the landscape and nursery business for the past 35 years. In 1990, he retired from the Natorp Company in Cincinnati.

**Honorary Life Membership** – Steve Sandfort, City Forester with the City of Cincinnati  
**Special Citations** were presented to the following members for meritorious contributions to the advancement of the profession of arboriculture:

**First Citation** – Chris Carlson, Director of Horticulture Technology at Kent State University. He had served as Chairman of the Ohio Chapter Certification Committee.

**Second Citation** – Involved six very special people who were the members who participated in the fifth Tour des Trees at the annual ISA Conference held in Cleveland. The members of the team helped raise over \$17,000 for the ISA Research Fund.

Those who participated were Vina and Wayne Parker, R. J. Laverne, Peter Cornelison, Todd Mahlfelder and Ward Peterson.

**Third Citation** – Recognized the tremendous effort of the members who helped to make the Cleveland ISA Convention the most successful.

**The Award of Achievement** was awarded posthumously to Robert "Bob" Felix who passed away in the fall of 1996. Bob was best known for his work with the NAA. He was a friend and associate throughout the arboriculture industry, as well as a special friend to the members of the Ohio Chapter.

**The Award of Merit** – David H. "Dave" Snyder who was admired and respected by everyone he had come in contact with. The Ohio Chapter was lucky to have him as a member!

**Safety Award** was presented to the City of Columbus, Division of Parks and Recreation, Forestry Section.

Anita Lide resigned as Executive Director due to health reasons. Anne Siewert took over as acting Executive Director.

The Annual Summer Meeting and Jamboree was held at the Alms Park in Cincinnati.

David Partack won first place in the Jamboree and was headed to Salt Lake City, UT, for the ISA Jamboree. He ended up placing 7<sup>th</sup> in a field of 30 tree climbers at the ISA Jamboree.

**ISA opened the European office** which will be located in London, England and will be open for business by September 1, 1997. The Director is to be Russell Ball.

TCI Expo was held in Columbus, November 6-8.

The name of the Annual ISA Jamboree was changed to the **International Tree Climbing Championship**.

Sharon Lilly was hired by ISA to serve as Director of Technical Resources.

Thanks to all the Tour des Trees riders, nearly \$130,000 was raised for the ISA Research Trust Fund.

Alan Klonowski passed away on May 27, 2023.

## **1998 Alan Siewert, President**

The Ohio Tree Care Conference meetings were held in Columbus, January 31 – February 3.

New life for the Shade Tree Evaluation Committee – Historically, the Committee was associated with the evaluation plots at Secrest Arboretum in Wooster. The maturity of the plots had caused discussion about future use.

The Summer Meeting and the Ohio Tree Climbing Championships were held at Ottawa Park in Toledo, June 18-20. Included with the Meetings was a Certified Arborist Exam.

Barbara Chadwick became Chairman of the History Committee. Congratulations to Ann Miller who for 10 years, collected history and memories of the Chapter. Barbara said in accepting the chairmanship, that she had grown up with the Ohio Chapter and because of her late Father, Dr. Chadwick, she had become interested in the Ohio Chapter history.

The Board of Directors of the Ohio Chapter ISA voted to adopt "**The Guide to Appraisal of Trees and Other Plants in Ohio**", 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, 1997.

The 1998 Ohio Chapter awards were presented to the following during the Annual Meeting:

**Award of Merit** – Ward Peterson

**Honorary Life Membership** – Alan D. Klonowski and Dr. T. Davis Sydnor

**Award of Achievement** – David Gammester

**Special Citations** were presented to:

Lana Ahlum	Ray Bengel
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Rusty Girouard	Jenney Gulick
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Alan Klonowski	Bob Quellos
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**Honorary Membership (non-member)** – Robin Green

**The 1997 Safety Awards** went to:

Arbor Design

City of Bexley Parks Department

Madison Tree Service

Town and Country Tree Service

David and Lana Ahlum were in charge of the summer Ohio Tree Climbing Championship for the 19<sup>th</sup> year. Awards for the Ohio Tree Climbing Championship went to:

Work Climb	David Partack
Throwline	Tom Nobilio
Footlock Speed Climb	David Partack
Belayed Speed Climb	David Partack
Aerial Rescue	Richard Hattier
Overall	David Partack

The following awards were presented to the following Ohio Chapter members during the Annual ISA Conference in England:

Larry Holkenborg	ISA Honorary Membership
Dr. Bruce Roberts	ISA Honorary Life Membership
Victor Merullo	ISA Award of Achievement

Ohio Chapter's Tour des Trees riders in England traveled 450 miles through the English countryside and raised approximately \$15,000.

**1999 Alan Siewert, President (second year)**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ohio Tree Care Conference Meetings were held in Columbus, January 28-30.

Summer Meeting and the Ohio Tree Climbing Championships were held June 17-19 at the Franklin Park Conservatory, Bexley (Columbus).

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ohio Chapter Golf Outing was chaired by Bill Fitch with proceeds going to the ISA Research Trust.

Ohio Chapter By-Law changes: The bulk of the changes proposed to the membership have already been instituted by action of, or with approval of, the Board of Directors. The changes were designed to bring the document up to date with the current operation of the Chapter and to make it a more usable document. Also approved was the budget for 1999.

The Ohio Chapter ISA, The OARDC, in cooperation with The Ohio State University Extension and The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute presented "Plant Health Care: The Landscape as an Ecosystem" in Wooster, August 25-26.

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention of ISA was held in Stamford, CT, and was a complete success with nearly 1,800 professionals attending. The Ohio Chapter had three riders participating in the Tour des Trees. They traveled from Albany, NY to Stamford, CT.

Adam Williams, Ohio's representative for the International Tree Climbing Championship, faired very well for his first time in international competition by placing 10<sup>th</sup> out of 34 climbers.

The entire conference was loaded with history: History of men and women giving of their time and talents to advance the profession. This is the faith that has built the tree care industry and the ISA.

Lauren Lanphear continued to serve as the Ohio Chapter Representative to ISA.

**2000 Richard "Dick" Jones, President**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Tree Care Conference moved to larger facilities. The meetings were held on February 13-15 at the Columbus Marriott North. Dr. Kim Coder was the Keynote Speaker.

Alan Klonowski became Executive Director/Editor of the Chapter.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Summer Meeting and the Ohio Tree Climbing Championships were held at Carillon Historical Park in Dayton, June 15-17. The five top Ohio Tree Climbing Championship climbers were:

Jay Butcher  
Scott Fannen  
Mike Fasig  
Mike Hattier  
Adam Williams.

The President's Climb was held to benefit the ISA Research Trust. The results of the first climb were:

Senior's 41 Plus	John Montgomery
Junior's 18-40	Ernest Lambert
Overall Winner	Mike Fasig

On June 15 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ohio Chapter ISA Golf Tournament and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sporting Clays Tournament were held in Dayton.

The results of the second annual golf outing reported Bill Fitch and team in first place for the second year in a row.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Plant Health Care Workshop was held in Wooster, August 23-24.

The Annual ISA Convention was held in Baltimore, MD, August 6-9.

Bill Kruidenier resigned as Executive Director of ISA.

Lauren Lanphear continued to serve as the Ohio Chapter Representative to ISA.

David and Lana Ahlum were awarded Honorary Life Membership for their outstanding services to the Ohio Chapter.

ISA President Al Cherry asked Lauren Lanphear to serve as Chairman for the Organizational Review Committee.

The Ohio Chapter ISA wanted to make Ohio's Arbor Day 2001 a historical event. While Arbor Day had traditionally been a day where we planted trees, the Committee asked the members to demonstrate proper tree care at a historic site. The Committee's goal was to cover the entire state.

## **2001** **Richard "Dick" Jones** (second year)

On February 10 the Sporting Clays Shotgun Tournament was held in Columbus. \$600 was raised to benefit the ISA Research Trust. 22 intrepid shotgun toting marksmen tested their skills in clay pigeon shooting. The top three contestants were:

John Butcher, Madison Tree Service, Cincinnati  
Al Shauck, Edwards Tree Service, Amherst  
Bill Fitch, Columbus Parks and Recreation, Columbus

The Ohio Chapter ISA Scholarship Fund raffle raised \$456. The three lucky winners were:

- (1) Nathan Ames – Stihl 018C chainsaw donated by Nelson Tree
- (2) Rod Snyder – Stihl FS46 string trimmer donated by Nelson Tree
- (3) Keith Lynce – Shindawa backpack sprayer donated by Buckeye Power Sales.

The 2001 OTCC meetings were held at the Columbus Marriott North Hotel. Keynote speaker was Dr. Bonnie Appleton of Virginia Tech.

June 15-16 was the Annual Summer Meeting and the Ohio Tree Climbing Championship held at OARDC, Wooster.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ohio Chapter Research Trust Golf Outing was held June 14 in Wooster. The BIG winner – John Geissal, Executive Director of the Research Trust, who accepted a check in the amount of \$3,304. Bill Fitch and his team of Jack Low, Al Brant and Mike Perkins won for the third year in a row. Team Forest City – the next generation, celebrated their last place trophy – low score wins boys!

On June 16, the Ohio Chapter ISA Tree Climbing Championship took place at OARDC, Wooster. The winner of the Ohio Chapter competition will represent the Chapter at the International Tree Climbing Championship to be held at the Annual ISA Convention in Milwaukee, WI. Thanks to Ken Cochran and his staff for hosting the meeting. 158 members were in attendance. Along with the educational meetings, the group had a wagon ride to visit the Secrest Arboretum and the Old Shade Tree Test Plot.

The results of the Ohio Tree Climbing Championship were:

Belayed Speed Climb	Adam Williams
Secured Footlock	Jay Butcher
Throwline	Richard Hattier
Aerial Rescue	Adam Williams
Work Climb	Jay Butcher
Master Climb	Jay Butcher

It was announced that the Ohio Chapter ISA had a website: [www.OhioChapterISA.org](http://www.OhioChapterISA.org).

Highlights from the 2001 OTCC and Trade Show, which included 499 in attendance (beating last year's total of 437):

**Award of Achievement** (2 awards were given):

- (1) Ohio's 2000 Tour des Trees riders for raising \$18,595 for the ISA Research Trust
- (2) The City of Columbus Parks and Forestry for their support of Certified Arborist Training – Jack Low, Bill Fitch

**Honorary Life Membership** (2 awards were given):

- (1) Barbara Chadwick, Chairman of the History Committee
- (2) Anne Siewert, past Executive Director of the Ohio Chapter

**Special Citation** – John Montgomery for chairing the 2000 Summer Meeting Committee.

**Honorary Chapter Membership (non-member)** – Bob Reckers for his work with the Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship.

**Award of Merit** – Alan Klonowski for working on establishing the OTCC.

Arbor Day Chairman, Peter Knittel, reminded all to vote for America's National Tree.

The 77<sup>th</sup> Annual ISA Conference and Trade Show was held in Milwaukee, WI, August 10-15.

Certification Statistics: As of May, the number of Certified Arborists – 12,794; Utility Specialists – 396

TCI EXPO 2001 was held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, November 1-3.

**The Ohio Chapter may have something no other Chapter in the world has –**

Six practicing ISA Certified Arborists in the same family! The Butcher family, who are all associated with Madison Tree Service located in Cincinnati, is that family! The 55 year old company also has seven additional ISA Certified Arborists working for their company. Also in the past six-years employees of Madison Tree Service have won 5 Ohio Chapter Tree Climbing Championships. Congratulations to the Butcher Family on their contribution to arboriculture in Ohio. The family includes E. C. Butcher (father), John, Richard, Jack, Jason, Jonathan and Rusty Girouard (daughter).

Ohio Chapter ISA Tree Evaluation Workshops were held November 8 at the Brecksville Community Center and on December 13 at the Winton Center, Hamilton County Park District, Winton Work Park in Cincinnati.

Among the highlights of the ISA convention held in Milwaukee, WI were the following:

1. ANSI Z113 Safety Standard for Arboriculture Operations, ANSI A300 Part 1, and new videos on practical rigging were introduced.
2. Jason Butcher, Ohio Chapter Tree Climbing Champion came in 13<sup>th</sup> out of a field of 44. A great showing for his first-time international competition.
3. Ohio Chapter member Alan R. Siewert was presented with an **Honorary Life Membership Award**. Alan has been an active participant of ISA since becoming a member in 1987. During that time, he had served the society as Chairman and Co-Chairman of numerous arboriculture

and urban forestry-related conferences and workshops. Alan regularly contributes arboriculture and urban forestry articles to ***The Buckeye Arborist*** and the ***Arborist News***, local newspapers, and other publications. He participates at the Chapter level as a member of the Board of Directors, Chair of the Tree Evaluation, Finance, Education, Awards and Nominating Committees, and serves as the Ohio Chapter Certification Liaison. He is also on the Awards Committee of the Society of Municipal Arborists and serves on the Board of Advisors for the Horticulture Technologies Program at Kent State University, Salem campus, and for the Associated Green Industries of Northeast Ohio. Alan has also taught classes at Cleveland State University.

4. Membership Statistics: As of August 30, 2001, ISA had 14,600 members. There are now 13,504 ISA Certified Arborists and 420 Certified Utility Specialists. As of August 30 the Ohio Chapter had 757 members.

The Ohio Chapter ISA 2001 scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Lynn Zocolo. Lynn will be attending Kent State University, Salem campus in the fall.

The History Committee is making plans for a special celebration for the 60<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary in 2002. Chairman Barbara Chadwick has indicated that among the special displays, there will be "old" equipment for members to check out and see how it was done 60 years ago.

**A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE**  
**WILLIAM P. "BILL" LANPHEAR, III**

*William P. Lanphear, III, a legend in arboriculture, died December 15, 2001. Bill was a friend to many in the Ohio Chapter. The Ohio Chapter presented Bill with its Life Membership Award in 1982 and its Golden Buckeye Award in 1989. The International Society of Arboriculture presented him with the Honorary Life Award in 1988. The NAA recognized Bill with its organizations highest award, the Award of Merit in 1984.*

*On April 21, 1989, as part of the Ohio Chapter's Golden Buckeye Award, a white oak tree was planted on the Wade Oval behind the Cleveland Botanical Garden in University Circle, Cleveland, in Bill's honor.*

**2002 Jenny Gulick, President**

At the time of the Annual Meeting, February 10-12, the History Committee, Chaired by Barbara Chadwick, did an outstanding job with the displays of equipment, books, clothing, etc., showing how arboriculture has changed during the past 60 years. During the Annual Meeting, Larry Holkenborg, a member of the History Committee, gave a very interesting talk on how arboriculture has changed during the past 60 years.

The Ohio Chapter Scholarship Fund raffle raised \$1,183 and the Larry Holkenborg's 50 cent raffle raised \$112.

The Ohio Chapter Advanced Tree Evaluation Workshop was held March 26-27 in Columbus at the Holiday Inn on the Lane.

The Ohio Chapter ISA Scholarship Fund raffle had a drawing for two Ohio State University football season tickets, with President's Club seating.

**A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE**  
**EDWIN C. "ED" BUTCHER**

*Edwin C. Butcher, founder of Madison Tree Service, Inc. located in Cincinnati, died at his home on January 8, 2002 at the age of 78.*

*Ed was a member of ISA, the Ohio Chapter, ASCA, NAA and the American Board of Forensic Examiners. He was well known and respected as an arborist and a pioneer for professionalism in tree care. He served on the Ohio Chapter Education Committee and was an active member of the Chapter's first Certification Committee. He was instrumental in the successful launching of certification in Ohio. Ed was awarded the Ohio Chapter Award of Merit in 1991.*

*In the 55 years that Ed practiced tree care, he saw a lot of changes take place in principles and practices. He was a strong advocate for safety and education in the profession. He often lectured at tri-state area meetings and local garden clubs. Ed published numerous articles in industry journals and in the ***Cincinnati Enquirer***. He taught a course in Practical Arboriculture at Cincinnati State Technical*

*and Community College, and held several local classes for arborists preparing to take the ISA Certified Arborist test. His integrity, knowledge of trees, passion for the care and preservation of trees and influence on people who worked for him and his company has spawned several successful tree companies in Ohio. The industry is richer and better educated due to his efforts.*

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Ohio Chapter ISA Golf Outing was held in Columbus on June 20. The City of Columbus team (Cherri Brogan, Jack Low, Bill Fitch and Al Brant) won the fourth consecutive Ohio Chapter ISA Golf Outing. The event raised nearly \$5,000 for the TREE Fund.

Commemorative golf shirts to honor the Ohio Chapter's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1942-2002) were sold by the Chapter.

To honor the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ohio Chapter, founded by Dr. Chadwick, a Dawn Redwood tree was planted in The Chadwick Arboretum on June 21. His daughter, Barbara, gave background information on how the Arboretum was established.

Carrying on the family tradition, Barbara Chadwick has been serving as the Chairman of the Ohio Chapter History Committee since 1998.

The Summer Meeting and the Ohio Tree Climbing Championship were held at Alum Creek Park in Westerville. The top winners were:

Belayed Speed Climb	Keith Lynce
Secured Footlock	Jay Butcher
Throwline	Richard Hattier
Aerial Rescue	Adam Williams
Work Climb	Scott Fannin

Jim Snyder, Columbus Parks and Recreation, served as auctioneer for the Ohio Chapter Scholarship Fund held during the Tree Climbing Championship. Over \$1,000 was raised for the Fund which annually awards \$1,000 scholarships to Ohio college students studying arboriculture.

It was announced that Ohio has 620 Certified Arborists; and with these numbers, Ohio beat out 46 states and all 18 countries. CONGRATS! California currently leads with 2,492; Illinois has 932 and Florida has 714 certified arborists.

#### **OHIO CHAPTER ISA MEMBERS REMEMBERED 9/11 BY PLANTING TREES**

The September 11 Memorial Tree Planting and Remembrance Ceremony initiated by the Ohio Chapter, was well received by citizens of Forest Park, a suburb of Cincinnati located in Northwest Hamilton County. The events included skydivers presenting an aerial display of the American Flag; the Winton Woods High School Band performing a variety of patriotic songs; as well as local officials, politicians, clergy, police and fire department personnel making brief and moving speeches.

The President of the Ohio Chapter, Jenny Gulick, had the honor of speaking about the ISA's involvement in this and other events around the world. The highlight of the event was the dedication of the 9/11 Memorial Tree Grove. The memorial grove included 2 bald cypress trees representing the Twin Towers, 5 lilac trees for the Pentagon, and 1 lone ash tree for all others lost or injured hurt in the tragedy.

The combined efforts of Back Tree Service of Cincinnati, the City of Forest Park and the Hamilton County Park District were instrumental in quickly and effectively implementing the tree planting at Central Park in Forest Park. Back Tree Service and the Hamilton County Park District donated trees, mulch and labor. Dave Buesking of the City of Forest Park coordinated internal arrangements and purchased the permanent stone monument. Bob Harris of the Hamilton County Park District designed the symbolic memorial grove.

Two tree planting ceremonies took place in the Cleveland area on September 11. Two bald cypress trees were planted in Cleveland's Highland Park Cemetery as well as in Cleveland Height's Lakeview Cemetery.

The simple ceremony at the Highland Park Cemetery included Cleveland's City Forester, Chris King; Ohio Chapter Past President Alan Siewert; Ohio Chapter Executive Director Alan Klonowski; Janet and Mark Hoenigman and Bruce Cooper.

The second ceremony of the day was at the Lakeview Cemetery, which included Scottish Piper Gary Quine and singer Brittany Klarich, who set the reverent tone of the ceremony. Past President Alan Siewert spoke on behalf of the Chapter and how the trees being planted were a fitting tribute to those who lost their lives on 9/11.

The events were planned by Ohio Chapter members Mark and Janet Hoenigman, who owned and operated the Busy Bee Services in Novelty.

**2003 Jenny Gulick, President (second year)**

The 2003 OTCC and Trade Show was held at Columbus Marriott North Hotel, February 9-11. The Keynote Speaker was Professor Gary R. Johnson from the University of Minnesota. The Conference was very successful with over 475 in attendance.

Prior to the conference, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sporting Clays Tournament was held. Over 40 sharpshooters and a couple of "dull shooters" braved the cold temperatures to see how many defenseless clay "birds" could be blown out of the air at the Big Walnut Creek Conservation Club in Sunbury. The overall high score was 84 by Dan Adams, followed by Lewis Class winners Kevin Polo, Paul Taylor, Mark Foster and Troy Muth. President Jenny Gulick won the women's high overall score.

Over \$2,000 was raised for the Ohio Chapter ISA TREE Fund. In addition to the clay shoot, there was a Chili Burn Off, which was won by Tommy Williams.

It was announced that Lauren Lanphear was a candidate for ISA President Elect.

It was announced the City of Westerville was accepting applications for the position of tree trimmer in the Electric Division. Salary range: \$12.11 - \$15.84.

The Ohio Chapter ISA office moved to new headquarters. The new address was in Independence, OH.

The ISA Tour des Trees included Ohio riders Courtney Schumm and Tom Boehmer who cycled over 500 miles to raise funds for the TREE Fund and raise public awareness about the importance of urban tree research. They traveled from Ottawa, Ontario to Watertown, NY and arrived on August 3 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

On May 14, the Greater Cincinnati Branch of the Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS) hosted an innovative and exciting "ArborScape Day" for members and non-members alike. It was held on the grounds of the Boone County Arboretum in Kentucky. Over 60 landscapers from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana attended the event to learn about many arboricultural techniques and practices.

**OHIO JESSE OWENS TREES**

At the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany, Germany presented gold medalists with **English Oak** tree seedlings in recognition of their achievement. Jesse Owens was presented four oak trees, one for each of the four gold medals he garnered. Two of Jesse Owens' trees continue growing today, one on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus and the other by the track where Jesse practiced for the 1936 Olympics at James Rhodes High School in Cleveland.

On May 2, the Forest City Tree Protection Company, as well as other local arborists helped to plant a 45-inch diameter **English Oak** tree. What an opportunity it was to work on and provide care for such an incredible tree – a tree that represented so much for so very many and that connects us and future generations with a crucial part of our history and heritage.

I know many have shared this same experience of working on a historically significant tree. But, truth is, every day we work on or are amidst the hallowed boughs of that which, as the poet Joyce Kilmer reminded, "only God can make a tree". [Article written by Lauren Lanphear, of Forest City Preservation, South Euclid.]

The Ohio Tree Climbing Championship was held at Hamilton County Park District, Sharon Woods Park, Island Grove Picnic Area, Cincinnati, with Jay Butcher of Madison Tree, Cincinnati, taking the top honors. The following were winners in the various categories:

Belayed Speed Climb	Jay Butcher, Madison Tree
Secured Footlock	Jay Butcher, Madison Tree
Throwline	Phil Siefert, Cincinnati Park Board
Aerial Rescue	Richard Hattier, Applied Arbor
Work Climb	Scott Fannin, Cincinnati Urban Landscape

..."The Chapter and its members enjoyed a fun-filled summer. It started with the annual golf outing and continued with the Ohio Tree Climbing Championship. The championship bolstered by the truly International Conference in Montreal, and was kept going throughout by our 3 regional summer educational meetings.

..."The Butcher Clan from Cincinnati was present in full force in Montreal to support our Ohio champion and their kin, Jason. Four generations of Butchers made the trip, and it made Ohio members proud to see the deep and far-reaching respect our members and their families have for our profession.

..."I attended the annual Presidents meeting at the conference and was pleased to accept yet another 'Banner Award' for Ohio. This one was for meeting or exceeding the Chapter Challenge for the TREE Fund. Congratulations to all for supporting such a worthy cause through our participation at the golf outing, the sporting clays tournament, the gala auction and the myriad raffles and auctions we hold regularly.

..."The Tour des Trees final was great to watch. The Ohio Chapter had 5 riders – the perennial Cowans, Elaine Mattern, Courtney Schumm (second year rider) and first year rider, Tim Boehmer. Congratulations to these folks, who contributed blood, sweat and cash to the event. The Tour des Trees raised over \$220,000 for the TREE Fund this year. The Ohio Chapter Tour des Trees cyclists raised over \$5,000 for the TREE Fund on their 600 mile trek to the International convention in Montreal." [Comments by Jenny Gulick, President of the Ohio Chapter.]

#### **A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE DONALD E. "DON" VEST**

*Don Vest passed away on June 20, 2003, in Springfield. Don was active in the Ohio Chapter for many years and served as President in 1989. He was also an ISA Certified Arborist and active in the tree care profession for over 47 years.*

The Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) Award went to 2 Ohio Chapter companies. Forest City Tree Protection Company, South Euclid, and Busy Bee Services, Novelty, were selected to receive the TCIA "Grand Award for Excellence in Arboriculture." The award was presented to Lauren Lanphear and Mark Hoenigman for their respective companies efforts to preserve the Jesse Owens **English Oak** at the James Rhodes High School in Cleveland. The pruning, cabling, fertilization, radial trench mulching, air knife aeration procedures, labor and equipment were all donated by these companies. These awards were received on November 14 at the TCI Expo in Baltimore, MD.

#### **2004 Shelley Buettner, President**

A special vote was taken on whether the Ohio Chapter should have 1 or 3 summer education sessions in 2004. It was decided to have 3 educational sessions.

#### **SCENIC OHIO**

In 1933, a small group of concerned citizens got together and founded **The Ohio Roadside Council**. This all-volunteer group was the only not-for-profit organization in Ohio dedicated to protecting and enhancing the visual quality and scenic character of Ohio's towns and countryside. Seventy years later, **The Ohio Roadside Council** evolved into **Scenic Ohio**, an affiliate of **Scenic America**. The original goals of **The Ohio Roadside Council** have been maintained along with setting many new goals now that we have entered the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Scenic Ohio** seeks to educate both the public and elected officials about their ability to enact stricter laws to enhance and protect the visual quality of Ohio's landscape. **Scenic Ohio** worked diligently for passage of State Bill 229, which created the **Ohio Scenic Byway Program**, and continues to work to

promote an awareness of the economic and cultural benefits of scenic byways. Visit **Scenic Ohio's** website at [www.scenicohio.org](http://www.scenicohio.org) for additional information.

### **OHIO CHAPTER ISA MEMBER DONATES WORK FOR HOSPITAL**

Visitors to Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center may have noticed workers digging up trees, shrubbery and other perennials around the old Children's Hospital site, which was slated for demolition last fall. ISA member Tim Back, owner of Back Tree Service in Cincinnati, and his employees generously agreed to donate their time to move plantings from the grounds to other locations around the medical center.

According to Craig Ballard, the medical center's superintendent for grounds and transportation, the cost to purchase new plants at the same stage of growth as the current ones would have been close to over \$100,000. The cost of removal and replanting was estimated to be several thousand dollars.

### **ARBORISTS WITH SHOTGUNS SPOTTED IN SUNBURY NONE INJURED IN CLAYS TOURNAMENT**

The Ohio Chapter ISA's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Arbor Fund Sporting Clays Tournament and Chili Burn Off were held at the Big Walnut Conservation Club. Tommy Williams, John Butcher, Alan Siewert, Mark Foster, the sponsors, and the thirty-eight participants, all worked together to raise \$25,000, to be divided between the Ohio Chapter's scholarship fund and the ISA's TREE Fund.

The winners were John Butcher and Bill Fitch who tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place, with John winning the tie breaker. Bill Taylor and Mike Weidner took home the Lewis Class awards. The chili trophy was taken by Dennis Koah, the "High Youth" by B. J. Siewert and the "High Woman's" by Janet Hoenigman.

At the 2004 Ohio Chapter's Annual Meeting, the following awards were presented:

**President's Award** – For chairing the 2003 Summer Seminars: Tim Boehmer, Heather White and Brad Worth.

**OTCC 2004 Conference Chair Awards** – Tom Munn, Municipal; Mike Weidner, Commercial; Brad Worth, Utility.

**Arbor Day Projects** – Work on the Jesse Owens English Oak at Rhodes High School, Cleveland: Mark Hoenigman, Busy Bee Services; Lauren Lanphear, Forest City Tree Protection.

**Tour des Trees** – Ohio riders in the 2003 Tour des Trees were Courtney Schumm and Tim Boehmer.

**Award of Merit** – Tom Munn for serving as the OTCC Conference Chair.

### **25 YEARS OF PRODUCTIVE PARTNERING**

Over the last 25 years, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry program has provided significant support to the Ohio Chapter. Since its inception in 1979, the ODNR Urban Forestry program had contributed 3 chapter Presidents (Ann Miller, Alan Siewert and Drew Todd), several Board and committee members, as well as countless hours of Chapter work.

The state's Urban Forestry Program had also helped bring arboricultural awareness to Ohio's municipal officials. Many communities now have comprehensive tree care programs as a result of the Division's Technical and Organizational Services, and thanks to a strong relationship with our Chapter, many of these municipalities require the work be performed by ISA Certified Arborists.

One other area where the Urban Forestry Program supports the Chapter, involves referrals. As the Division addresses their mission, the state urban foresters make numerous referrals to the private sector. Over the course of an average year, they make approximately 100 referrals to Ohio's arboricultural and green industry.

**ARBOR DAY 2004** – The Hamilton County Park District, through a generous donation to ISA, the Ohio Chapter from Cinergy Vegetation Management Division, celebrated Arbor Day with the City of Forest Park. Fifty people attended this year's event.

Back Tree Service and Wessling Tree Service donated equipment and labor to remove undesirable plants under electrical wires. Park District and City of Forest Park staff planted appropriate plants at the site.

This year's event received media attention, Channel 12 and Waycross Communications covered the event.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Arbor Day held in southwestern Ohio was wet and rainy, but it did not prevent the celebration. There was a great turnout at Hamilton County Park District's Winton Woods Park. A ceremonial dogwood tree was planted at Meadow Links Golf Academy. Several other trees were planted in honor of the day. The location was at an intersection near the entrance to a public golf course and entryway into the city. Plants that grow low at maturity were planted. The purpose was to educate others regarding planting proper species of vegetation under overhead power lines.

2004 Ohio Chapter ISA Tree Climbing Championship results were as follows:

Belayed Speed Climb	Andres Lipcsey
Secured Footlock	Richard Hattier
Throwline	Richard Hattier
Aerial Rescue	Mike Fasig
Work Climb	Tracy Layne

#### **Walk the Walk!**

**"Climbers are a breed apart.** You don't hear trash talk at tree climbing championships. They don't need to talk; they just do what needs doing. If you stop to trash talk, you'll find yourself looking up at their safety gear and staring at the time to beat.

"Maybe it is because when they are at the top of a 100 foot tall oak with power lines on one side and a Victorian greenhouse below on the other side, there is no one to bail them out. They are there because it is too tough for the bucket truck jockeys. They just have to get it done.

"Everyone wants to be the **big dog climber**, but it takes more than yapping from the front porch to run with the big dawgs! If you are going to talk the talk you got to walk the walk.

"So are you a **Certified Tree Worker?** Are you a climber ... really ... or just a want-to-be? Are you going to run with the big dawgs, or just yap from the porch?

"Sure, I know it's simple... throw your rope into the tree, zip up and hit a few flags and come back down. You're not going to tell me why you don't need it, are you? You're not going to yap from the porch are you? If it's so simple, then **every climber would be a Certified Tree Worker!**" [Written by Alan R. Siewert, Ohio Chapter ISA Certification Liaison.]

#### **Scholarship Opportunities**

##### **The 2004 Peter J. Knittel Memorial Scholarship**

The Ohio Chapter ISA will be awarding \$1,000 in scholarships. Applications must be received by **December 31, 2004**. For information and applications, call the Ohio Chapter ISA.

##### **The 2004 Robert Felix Scholarship**

The Robert Felix Scholarship is an annual scholarship awarded by the TREE Fund. The scholarship recipients should be pursuing a career in commercial arboriculture. The scholarship amount will be \$3,000 each. Applications are due no later than **May 1, 2005**. For more information, contact the TREE Fund.

#### **GOLF OUTING A SUCCESS**

On July 16 in Johnstown, 44 golfers participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Arbor Fund Golf Outing. Through the generous support of sponsors and participants, the outing raised over \$4,660 for the fund. The Arbor Fund was established by the Ohio Chapter ISA to raise funds for the ISA's Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund), and for the Ohio Chapter's scholarship fund. The winning team was Team BANDIT: Ed Dodak, Mark Alten, Bud Pack and Dennis Blubaugh. **FITCH DID NOT WIN!**

## ARBORISTS CLIMB TO THE SKY IN PITTSBURGH, PA 20<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP

The sky (or at least the tops of the trees) was the limit on August 7-8 when the ISA held its 28<sup>th</sup> International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC) at West Park in Pittsburgh, PA. Bernd Strasser (Gomadingen, Germany) and Kathy Holzer (Seattle, WA) were named male and female international champions.

The event showcased the talents of some of the best climbers in the world as they competed for the title of world champion. The competitors are arborists – “professionals in tree care and preservation.” Through these competitions “arborists around the world can learn new techniques from one another and have the opportunity to see new and different equipment,” said ISA Executive Director Jim Skiera.

### ISA PITTSBURGH 2004 THE OHIO CHAPTER SHOWED ITS STUFF

Two Ohioans received ISA awards at the time of the annual banquet, they were:

**Award of Achievement** – Richard E. Abbott, Founder of ACRT, Inc. He had more than 50 years of service to the field of arboriculture as an administrator, consultant, field researcher, teacher and businessman. He was the co-founder and first Executive Director/Editor of the 2,000+ members of the Utility Arborist Association and a Past President of ISA.

**Richard W. Harris Author's Citation** – Sharon Lilly authored dozens of books, workbooks and articles. Her most significant single publication was the ***Arborist's Certification Study Guide***, which had become the standard textbook for general arboriculture. Sharon served as President of the Ohio Chapter ISA in 1991.

#### 2005 **Shelley Buettner, President** (second year)

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Ohio Chapter ISA Sporting Clays Tournament, which benefited the Arbor Fund, was held at Black Wing Shooting Center, Delaware.

OTCC and Trade Show were held February 13-15 at the Columbus Marriott North Hotel, Columbus. The Chapter heard two keynote speakers. **Case Turnbull**, Founder of “Plant Amnesty” in 1987, spoke on “Pruning Art vs. Pruning Atrocity.” Ms. Turnbull is dedicated to ending senseless torture and mutilation of trees and shrubs. She has received awards for her work from the ISA and the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF), and is a noted author.

“Brown Makes Green-Soil Strategies for Better Urban Trees,” **Jim Urban**, American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), is a landscape architect who has written the book on the installation of trees in the urban environment. Jim has received recognition for his work from the ASLA, ISA and American Forest. He also was a noted author and had taught at Harvard University.

The following 2005 Chapter Awards were given during the Annual Business Meeting:

**Special President's Award** – Al Shauck for organizing the annual clay's tournament.

**Award of Merit** – Alan Siewert for his efforts in establishing the Arbor Fund and his tireless fund raising efforts for the Fund.

**President's Awards for the 2005 OTCC** – Matt Dickman, municipal program chair; Rebecca Spach, utility program chair; Tom Munn, OTCC 2005 chair; Al Shauck, arbor fund work; Mark Hoenigman, TREE Fund liaison; Jennifer Milbrandt, certification prep classes; Enrico Bonello, Tree Search chair.

**President's Awards for 2004 Regional Meetings** – Melissa Hutson, Hilliard meeting chair; Jennifer Milbrandt, Strongsville meeting chair; Tim Boehmer and Tim Back, Cincinnati meeting co- chairs.

Lauren Lanphear was elected as the next President Elect of ISA.

### 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ARBOR FUND GOLF OUTING SET RECORDS FOR ATTENDANCE AND FUNDS RAISED June 16, Columbus

Eighty-two players enjoyed the beautiful weather as they participated in the golf outing at Champions Golf Course. The record number eclipsed the previous record of 68 players and raised a record \$6,528 for the Arbor Fund.

Once again, both Morbark and Bandit Industries were the cornerstone sponsors, who have provided us with a foundation of support to build a very successful golf outing.

A big thank you goes out to the 2005 Golf Committee: Heather White, chair; Mike Pisarsky, Bill Fitch and Alan Siewert for their countless hours of work.

**The Columbus Summer Meeting and Tree Climbing Championship** were held at Schiller Park in German Village (Columbus) on June 18. Rip Tompkins spoke at the Summer Meeting and gave a day-long demonstration on climbing and safety techniques as well as providing an important question and answer session. Rip and his assistant Michael stayed through the climbing championship on Saturday and were helpful in clarifying some questions about different aspects of the events. The Friday "Climber's Corner" was sponsored in part by Husqvarna.

Congratulations to our tree climbing champions – Josh Jump and Jennifer Roberts, both of whom will represent Ohio at the ISA Tree Climbing Championship in Nashville, TN, August 4-6.

**2005 Ohio Chapter ISA Tree Climbing Championship Results:**

Men's Belayed Speed Climb	Tracy Nethers
Men's Secured Footlock	John Jump
Men's Throwline	Chris Ahlum
Men's Aerial Rescue	Chris Ahlum
Men's Work Climb	Jose Fernandez
Women's Belayed Speed Climb	Jennifer Roberts
Women's Secured Footlock	Jennifer Roberts
Women's Throwline	Toni Hattier
Women's Aerial Rescue	Jennifer Roberts
Women's Work Climb	Toni Hattier

**ISA – INTERACTIVE PRUNING CD AVAILABLE**

It was announced by the ISA that they have released the 3<sup>rd</sup> CD in their interactive training series. The self-paced, highly interactive series of CD's is being designed to supplement the "Arborists' Certification Study Guide". The "Introduction to Arboriculture: Pruning" CD was the latest development in the new educational series.

It was further stated that individuals could use the CD to learn pruning in a new exciting way. Lessons included topics such as: pruning objectives, how much and when to prune, specialty pruning and proper pruning cuts.

The CD uses interactive exercises to teach proper techniques. Use of the CD with completion of the quiz questions could earn a Certified Arborist 4 Continuing Education Units (CEU's). This installment of the series is currently available in English, but a Spanish version will follow.

The "Introduction to Arboriculture" series will include a total of 10 CD's once completed. ISA was developing this educational project via additional funding contributed by other industry organizations and corporations. The CD's that are available have been partly sponsored by one or more of the following: United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service; Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); STIHL, Inc; and the Utility Arborist Association (UAA).

The "Introduction to Arboriculture: Pruning" CD as well as other CD's in the series are available through the ISA for \$69.95 each (\$59.95 for ISA members). "Introduction to Arboriculture: Tree Biology" is currently available in English and Spanish. The Spanish version of "Introduction to Arboriculture: Identification and Selection" is currently under development.

**OHIO ISA PLANTS SEEDS FOR TREE FUND  
AT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND TOUR DES TREES**

The Gala Auction, which benefited the TREE Fund, at the International Convention in Nashville, TN raised \$125,000. The Ohio Chapter was responsible for raising \$600 of that total with the donation of a rare bonsai tree. In addition to Ohio's efforts at the auction, the Tour des Trees had 45 full-time riders, five part-time riders and four support people and as of August 12, had raised \$220,000 for the TREE Fund. Many members expressed reservations and concerns about the effectiveness of the fundraiser

due to what seemed to be "lavish" costs. However, according to Janet Bornancin, Executive Director of the TREE Fund, many of the 54 people who were out raising money for the ISA would not be involved if not for the Tour. This year, some of the riders not only raised their \$3,500 entrance fee, but \$9,000-\$16,000 above and beyond their fees. The Tour has also raised public awareness with this high-visibility promotion of not only the TREE Fund, but of ISA in general.

Many things happened within the Ohio Chapter during the past few months...

**Alan Klonowski** resigned as Executive Director to pursue other interests. The Board voted to make him the TREE Fund Liaison. In this position, he will be responsible for working on the Chapter Challenge and for raising donations for the TREE Fund auction that takes place every year at the International convention.

Alan will report to the International Board as well as to the Chapter Board.

**Mark Hoenigman** has taken on the position of Chapter Representative to International. He will continue on with Lauren's duties by attending International Board Meetings, etc. The Chapter representative brings back information and activities of the International Board to the Chapter.

**Cincinnati Fall Education Meeting was Deemed a Success** – The Ohio Chapter and Ohio Department of Natural Resources teamed up to present an exceptional urban forestry educational program in southwest Ohio. The meeting was held September 29 at the Hamilton County Parks – Winton Woods Center. Over 100 were in attendance.

Attendees included the "usual suspects" – Certified Arborists from cities, utilities and commercial tree care companies. But because of the partnership with ODNR, tree board members, city officials and concerned citizens also joined in the meetings.

Many thanks to the presenters – Joe Boggs, Rich Hattier, Stacy Adams, Stephanie Miller, Tom Borgman and Alan Siewert.

#### **TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Ohio Chapter thanked **Tommy Williams, Mark Noark and Sean Stephens** for organizing the 2005 climbing championship with the Columbus Parks District. A very special thank you went to **Columbus Parks, Davey Tree and ACRT** for their support in donating equipment and man power. **NOTE: John Montgomery** volunteered to head up next year's climbing championship in Troy. Tommy Williams will be assisting him in this endeavor.

#### **2006 Janet Hoenigman, President**

#### **ISA CONTINUED ITS SUPPORT OF THE TREE FUND**

ISA presented the TREE Fund with a check for \$25,000. The presentation was part of this year's annual contribution by the organization to help support the work of the TREE Fund.

"The TREE Fund appreciates the continued support of ISA, as demonstrated by the generous unrestricted gift," said Janet Bornancin, TREE Fund Executive Director.

"The mission of the TREE Fund is to fund research projects and programs, advancing knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry to benefit people, trees and the environment. ISA's financial contribution to the TREE Fund assists them in achieving that mission..."

"The donation was provided to demonstrate on-going commitments to research and researchers and their efforts to improve the practice of arboriculture and the quality of life for people world-wide..."

"Since the merger of the ISA Research Trust and the National Arborist Foundation, ISA's support of the TREE Fund had been strong. ISA not only donates a lump sum at the end of each year, the organization also encourages and provides support through other avenues. ISA invites its members to donate to the TREE Fund..."

"Since 2003, ISA members have openly given more than \$15,500 via their membership renewals. The members of ISA have always been strong supporters of the need for more and better research," stated Jim Skiera, ISA Executive Director.

## **HOLDEN ARBORETUM CELEBRATES 75 YEARS**

What started as a tribute for a daughter who died early in life has evolved into one of the largest landmass arboreta in the United States. Cleveland is one of America's leading cultural cities and the Holden Arboretum is part of that fabric.

Straddling the Chagrin River's East Branch in Kirtland with 100 acres of rolling terrain in 1931, Holden has grown to 3,500 acres. Holden now reaches into two adjacent townships holding onto northeast Ohio's geological and ecological treasures.

Ancient windswept white pines are seen on the south slope of Little Mountain from Lake County's most visible inland landmarks. It is rich with plants and lore, being once the playground of the wealthy, but is now in preservation.

Rugged Stebbins Gulch cuts deep into Ohio's geologic history creating a unique and isolated northern plant habitat holding some of Ohio's rarest and oldest plant taxus.

Tall stately conifers greet visitors arriving on Sperry Road driving north to the Corning Visitor Center. The holly collection on a concealed slope would be a missed treasure when dressed in her autumn colors.

Arborvitae and False cypress collections give quick sentry-like glimpses when driving by Corning Lake.

Holden's plant collections are themed in two settings. Established gardens meander within walking distance of the visitor center while genus collections lay in the outer areas. Flowered explosions abound in themed gardens sequentially firing throughout the growing season. Grand vistas and deep ravines surprise guests on their ventures, mixing nature and horticulture. Gentrified Lantern Court blends formal and informal, native and exotic, giving this estate garden a flare of its own.

More than 11,000 plants are accessioned in the Holden collection. [AUTHOR'S NOTE: Taken from the Holden's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration brochure.]

## **ARBOR FUND ENJOYS GREAT SUPPORT AT THE 2006 OHIO TREE CARE CONFERENCE**

Three Arbor Fund activities enjoyed great support and success at the OTCC Meetings. The Arbor Fund year kicked off with the seventh Annual Clays Shoot at Black Wing Shooting Club just outside of Delaware. A record number of participants, 63 in all, shot rounds of trap skeet; wobble trap and new this year, Five Stand.

Bill Fitch took top honors with a score of 95 out of a possible 99. High non-member and overall high score went to Clyde Findlay with a 96. The Lewis Class winner was Al Shauck with an 86.

Shooting wasn't the only competition going on. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off was held and for the third year in a row, Dennis Koah took the top honors. Mark Hoenigman took best non-chili dish with his version of split pea soup. The shoot raised an estimated \$4,500.

## **THE WHEELS OF THE TREE FUND ARE MAKING TRACKS**

On the research trail, the TREE Fund's Research Committee had reviewed 31 John Z. Dulling Grant applications. The Committee was expected to make recommendations at the February Board Meeting. Upon approval of the recommendations, awardees will be notified in March.

The request for proposals for the 2006 Hyland Johns Grants also will to be distributed in March. A revised grant application form was posted at [www.treefund.org](http://www.treefund.org).

On the education scene, the TREE Fund sent out Robert Felix Memorial Scholarship applications to more than 1,000 educational institutions and professors for distribution to students.

The most exciting news was the planned release of a new DVD entitled, "Careers in Arboriculture". Targeting high school age and young adult students, the DVD will be an excellent tool for guidance counselors and companies to use at job fairs.

## **2006 OHIO CHAPTER ISA SUMMER MEETING AND TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP**

The 2006 Ohio Chapter ISA Summer Meeting and Tree Climbing Championship were held in Troy, on June 9 and 10. The meeting began Friday morning with a look back at the history of tree care with guest speaker, Don Blair.

Don is the current Vice-Chairman of the Z133 Safety Standards Committee. Chapter Board member Rich Hattier assisted in demonstrating some of the new techniques and equipment. The meeting was held at Troy Junior High School.

Don has dedicated the last four decades of his life to professional arboriculture. Classically trained in commercial arboriculture, Don earned fame for his innovations in tree equipment design of everything from rope and truck bodies to tree saddles and rigging equipment.

Don was the first arborist to develop training seminars and programs in the United States and Canada, and then in Australia, Europe and the United Kingdom.

### **DESPITE WET WEATHER, TOP CLIMBERS ROSE TO THE OCCASION**

Thanks to John Montgomery and the City of Troy, the Chapter had an excellent site to hold the 2006 Tree Climbing Championship. The trees were beautiful with many possible choices for set up. The facilities were fantastic, and Tommy Williams, Sean Stephens and a large staff of volunteers put in a ton of work to get everything set up smoothly. The only problem was that someone forgot to pay off the weatherman. The rain started around 6:15 am and lasted until...well...the second to the last climber exited the work climb.

The climbers took a vote in the morning and opted to hold the event despite the rain (once the judges assured them that the trees would be safe to climb), and there could be no doubt that the climbers were put through a much tougher day than they would have had normally.

Due to the conditions, it was decided (again by the climbers) to hold the Master Climb at a future date. The Master Climb for the men was held on June 24 at the same site as the original competition and thanks went out once again to John Montgomery and the City of Troy for hosting the event. The final results of the Master Climb for the men were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jay Butcher
2 <sup>nd</sup> Second	Jose Fernandez
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Josh Jump

The final result of the Master Climb for the women was Jen Roberts, who won 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Both Jay Butcher and Jen Roberts represented the Ohio Chapter at the International Competition on July 29-30, in Minneapolis, MN.

### **HOLE-IN-ONE HIGHLIGHTED THE EIGHTH ANNUAL ARBOR FUND GOLF OUTING**

For the first time in the history of the Arbor Fund Golf Outing, a participant hit a once in a lifetime shot – **a hole-in-one!** Dennis Koeh of Team Morbark, using an 8-iron on the 136 yard, par 3, 5<sup>th</sup> hole, dropped his tee shot eight feet shy of the cup, and it rolled in for an ace. CONGRATULATIONS, Dennis.

The hole-in-one gave Koeh the top honors in the closest to the pin and overall first pick of the prizes. He selected a new driver made by Fitch Golf, Ltd. Apparently, he was happy with his 8-iron.

Seventy golfers participated in the event, which was held on June 15 at Champions Golf Course in Columbus. Team Busy Bee, captained by B. J. Siewert, took top honors by shooting a 7-under-par 63. One shot back was Franklin Tractor Sales, and taking third on the momentum of their hole-in-one was Team Morbark.

The big winner of the day was again the Arbor Fund. The 2006 edition of the Golf Outing raised \$5,337 for the Fund. The year's additions brought the total raised by the Golf Outing to \$26,518!

A Golf Tournament of this kind does not run by itself, it takes the help of many including our cornerstone sponsors – Morbark and Bandit Industries. For the past six years, these two fine companies have made significant contributions to this event, as well as making the Golf Tournament possible.

Prize Hole Sponsors including ACRT, Asplundh, BASF, Busy Bee, Davey, Nelson, the Past Presidents of the Ohio Chapter and Rayco, have supported us and allowed us to have a prize and something to play for on many of the holes.

Finally, special thanks to Heather White, Chairman of the Golf Outing from 2001-2006 and her Committee: Mike Pirsarsky, Bill Fitch and Alan Siewert.

**Position Available** – The City of Shaker Heights is seeking a heavy equipment operator (aerial lift truck) to perform all types of tree maintenance work. The person will operate a variety of equipment, including loader, winch truck, log truck, chipper, tractor and snow and ice equipment. [Must be a Certified Arborist with a valid Class B Commercial Driver's License with air brake endorsement and good driving record. Must obtain Line Clearance Certification within 30-days of the hiring, as well as a Pesticide Applicator's license for ornamental plant and shade tree pest control and turf pest control within one year of hiring.] Starting pay: \$22.64 per hour, with excellent benefits package.

#### **EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE**

A new quarantine has been established in Franklin County. According to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, evidence of Emerald Ash Borer has been found in Blendon Township, which is located in the northern part of Columbus, in Franklin County.

**OSHA, TCIA Partner on Web-Based Safety Resource** – A web-based assistance tool for workers and employers in the tree care industry is available on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) website. The Safety and Health Topics page is a cooperative effort of OSHA and the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA). Users can access information to develop and implement comprehensive safety and health programs, as well as learn how to recognize and address potential industry hazards including overhead power lines, falling branches and faulty safety equipment, to name just a few of the dangers.

Jonathan L. Snare, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, said "The tree-care industry topics page is a great example of how an effective alliance can leverage our joint resources to improve worker safety and health." Information is available on the website [www.osha.gov/SLTC/treecare/index.html](http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/treecare/index.html).

#### **BUILDING WITH TREES SEMINAR HELD IN COLUMBUS**

The National Arbor Day Foundation presented a day-long seminar in Columbus on October 3. The "Building with Trees" seminar was designed to help construction and green industry professionals retain trees during building and land development.

"We focus on the three stages of any project – planning, construction and maintenance," said Charles Stewart, seminar instructor. "If you are going to be successful, the trees being protected must be considered at every stage of the project. With proper planning and cooperation among all building site professionals, trees can be preserved."

Charles, a leading consultant on saving trees during construction, is President of Urban Forest Management, Inc., of Fox River Grove, IL. He said more and more people are interested in protecting mature trees during construction and land development.

The seminar was presented by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of Home Builders. It was designed to benefit all individuals involved in the development process, including developers, builders, construction managers, land owners, architects, landscape architects, community foresters, urban planners, urban forestry consultants and professors in related fields.

## **DEDICATED TOUR DES TREES RIDERS HONOR THE MEMORY OF A GREAT TREE FUND SUPPORTER**

On June 12, six Tour des Trees riders from five states arrived at Trees Florida, the Florida Chapter ISA Conference, with a special mission in mind. The dedicated cyclists were about to begin a 230-mile ride to honor their friend **John White**, a long-time TREE Fund liaison and six-time Tour des Trees rider who passed away on July 31, 2005.

Harry Bunker, Stuart Crow, Andy Kittsley, Dick Maloney, Tim Womick and Paul Wood were introduced at the general assembly of the Conference where the specifics of their special ride were described. With fanfare and a standing ovation, the riders left the Conference site near Fort Myers at 1:30 pm on Tuesday and arrived at Leu Gardens in Orlando the following day at around 2:30 pm. That was 230 miles in 25 hours! The guys deserve some extra special pledges for that performance in honor of a great TREE Fund supporter.

The 2006 International Tree Climbing Championship took place at Loring Park in Minneapolis, MN during a heat spell that enveloped the climbers in 100 degree temperatures and threatened to make an already anxious time that much more challenging. All told, 52 climbers from around the world gathered to compete, including 17 women. This was an all-time record for female competitors, but one which would hopefully be surpassed the following year, and every year thereafter. The Ohio Chapter representatives were Jay Butcher (Madison Tree, Cincinnati) and Jen Roberts (Independent Tree, Novelty).

The camaraderie between the climbers was something that must truly be experienced in order to believe. Whether it is six time champion Bernd Strasser from Germany or first time competitor Elena O'Neil from New Zealand, the climbers are always ready to answer questions about a certain piece of gear or to offer up some friendly advice for each other. At this point of the climbing, all the competitors are winners and have mutual respect for one another.

The day of the actual competition proved to be yet another scorcher, but with the incredible planning and support of the ISA and the help of many of the exhibitors, neither the climbers nor spectators lacked for water. Some incredibly gritty performances were put in by the climbers, and once again we got to see why these climbers are rated as the best in the world.

At the end of the day, the following climbers moved on to the Master's Challenge:

Men:

Bernd Strasser, Germany  
Mark Chisholm, New Jersey Chapter  
Dan Kraus, (returning champion) Western Chapter  
Ronny Epple, (European champion) Germany

Women:

Chrissy Spence, (returning champion), New Zealand  
Kathy Holzer, Western Chapter  
Elena O'Neil, New Zealand

The mood of the crowd going into the Master's Challenge was one of incredible excitement. The climbers representing the men had a combined nine overall first place finishes, and two of the women were former world champions, as well.

Both Jay Butcher and Jen Roberts performed extremely well and represented the Ohio Chapter with class and professionalism. Due to an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish in the foot lock preliminary event with a time of 17 seconds, Jay earned his way into the head-to-head foot lock event where the winner was awarded a cash prize of \$500. Jay took full advantage of his incredible skill at foot locking and set a new Ohio Chapter record of 16 seconds for the 50-foot climb.

This time was good enough to earn 4<sup>th</sup> place in the event and placed Jay among the top in the world for this particular skill. Jen Roberts finished in 16<sup>th</sup> place overall in the world among the women, while Jay finished with an impressive 21<sup>st</sup> place in the men's Division. [AUTHOR'S NOTE: Article written by Richard Hattier.]

## A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE MONT HOLLINGSWORTH

Mont Hollingsworth, age 90, passed away on July 31, 2006. He was the former owner of Kuemmerling Associates, Inc., Columbus. Mont was an Honorary Life Member of the Ohio Chapter ISA, a member of the NAA and the ISA, as well as a guiding force in the industry. Entrusted friend and colleague, he touched the lives of the people around him.

## A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE JOE LILLY

Joe Lilly passed away on August 22, 2006, at the age of 70. A member of the Ohio Chapter and the ISA, he was the founder and owner of Expert Tree Service located in Worthington. He was best remembered as the voice of the Tree Climbing Jamboree Auctioneer. Joe added a level of professionalism to the event. If you weren't careful, he'd auction the shirt right off of your back. Joe gave of his time selflessly and was always willing to lend a helping hand where needed.

## NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Ohio Chapter welcomed Chris Andrews as the new Executive Director. Chris was selected from many qualified applicants. Her energy and enthusiasm, as well as her knowledge of the green industry and 501(c) 3's, put her over the top as the outstanding choice.

Known as a "Jack of all trades", Chris brought to the Ohio Chapter 15 years' experience in non-profit management and volunteerism. Her past experience in interior/exterior landscaping, including Ameriflora '92, provided her with a strong foundation in horticulture. As the wife of a certified arborist, she has come to know the Ohio Chapter and its events through her husband's involvement for the past 16 years.

**Kudos went to Alan Siewert** who was appointed to the Governance Task Force of the TREE Fund. The Governance Committee oversees the general overall effectiveness of the Board and its circle of influence.

Alan had been invited to be a member of the Ohio Chapter's Governance Task Force because of his passion for the TREE Fund, his knowledge of how not-for-profits were supposed to work and his willingness to dedicate volunteer time to participate.

## A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE ALEX L. SHIGO

Dr. Alex L. Shigo died unexpectedly on October 6, 2006, from a fall at his summer home. Alex was born in Duquesne, PA in 1930. Music was a large part of his life. He was a talented clarinetist and played in the official Air Force Band in Washington, DC for four years during the Korean War.

Alex received a PhD in Plant Pathology from West Virginia University and was hired by the USDA Forest Service, where he eventually became chief scientist and did his work on decay and discoloration in northern hardwoods.

After he retired from the Forest Service, Alex started another career as author and publisher of many books on tree biology, tree care and tree anatomy. He lectured in many countries of the world and was called "**The Father of Modern Arboriculture**". He was responsible for changing the way trees were pruned, resulting in healthier trees because of this technique.

## EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB)

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an ash tree killing insect from Asia, was identified in Ohio in 2003. Since then, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) has been battling the pest through detection and regulation to protect the state's more than 3.8 billion ash trees.

The Department quarantined parts of Ohio to help stop the movement of EAB through ash tree material, which can harbor the destructive pest and possibly carry it to other parts of the state. It is illegal to take ash trees, parts of ash trees, and all hardwood firewood out of Ohio's quarantined areas.

At the present time, ODA is in the process of taking down more than 10,000 infected trees statewide and inspecting them. Unfortunately, the pest has expanded its range. For more information regarding EAB go to [www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab](http://www.ohioagriculture.gov/eab).

#### 2007 **Al Shauck, President**

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Al Shauck assumed the office of President from Janet Hoenigman who resigned due to health issues.]

The OTCC was held February 11-13, 2007 in Columbus. New for the convention was a talk given by Dr. Dan Herms from The Ohio State University, OARDC. Dan talked about ***"Emerald Ash Borer Invasion: The Beginning of the End of Ash in North America"***. He is one of the foremost researchers of the emerald ash borer in the world. He indicated that Emerald Ash Borer will decimate ash trees throughout Ohio and beyond as it continues to spread, with impacts reminiscent of Dutch Elm disease and Chestnut blight. The presentation provided an overview of the current status of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation, future outlook and management options.

At the time of the Annual Meeting, President Janet Hoenigman, announced that she was resigning as both President and acting Executive Director due to health issues. Al Shauck, current Vice-President, was to assume the remaining time left of Janet's term of office as President. Also with the hiring of a new Executive Director, Chris Andrews, Hoenigman's term with this office would also cease.

In addition to the changes with both the President's office as well as the Executive Director's office, many changes would be taking place, including new By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation would be coming to fruition with the progress reported by Hoenigman's ad hoc By-Laws Committee. Many more changes were yet to come, and the Board of Directors was able to continue to work towards the things that matter to the lasting success of the Ohio Chapter.

#### **TCIA ALIGNS WITH OSHA ON HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The TCIA had renewed its alliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to further safety and health for employees in the tree care industry. The alliance, signed at TCI EXPO, in Baltimore, MD focused on providing TCIA members and others in the industry with information, guidance and access to training resources with a particular focus on preventing exposure to tree removal, electrical, falls and struck-by-hazards... "Employees in the tree-care industry are often exposed to very dangerous hazards", said OSHA Administrator Ed Foulke. "By working with industry leaders, we believe we can make positive strides in ensuring that employees in this important industry are armed with the tools they need to stay safe and at work."

Cynthia Mills, TCIA President and CEO, said the Association strived to keep safety at the forefront of all of its efforts, and the alliance with OSHA reinforces that mission. "We are committed to lowering the accident and fatality rate, and TCIA is proud to form this relationship with OSHA", said Cynthia.

#### **OHIO TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT HOLDEN ARBORETUM**

The 2007 Ohio Tree Climbing Championship was held on June 2 at the Holden Arboretum in Kirkland. In an effort to eliminate any potential bias, judging for the Aerial Rescue, Master Climb and Work Climb events were conducted entirely by qualified and experienced out-of-state judges. Volunteers from the Ohio Chapter, as well as representatives from the Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Pennsylvania Chapters, assisted with set-up and event day activities. The actual Tree Climbing Championship was held in the Rhododendron Garden.

#### **NEWS FROM THE TREE FUND**

Thank you to Bandit Chippers and Power Great Lakes for successfully auctioning off a Bandit Model 1590 drum chipper at the TCI Expo to benefit the TREE Fund. Tim Gamma, a TREE Fund Trustee and owner of Gamma's Shield Shade Tree in St. Louis, MO was the highest bidder.

According to Bandit's Jerry Money, who was a past TREE Fund Treasurer and the auction's organizer, the Fund was to receive a gift of over \$15,000 as a result of the event.

The ***"Our Careers in Arboriculture DVD"*** won two media awards. The 2006 Jersey Short Public Relations and Advertising Associations Silver JASPER Award and a BMA Impact Award for 2006. More than 3,000 DVD's have been distributed to urban and community schools.

The TREE Fund Board of Trustees passed the 2007-2010 Strategic Plans and the 2007 budget to sustain the TREE Fund into the future. In 2006, the Research Committee, led by Dr. Robert Miller, Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, recommended that the Board approve awarding more than \$220,000 in research grants. In addition, the TREE Fund provided more than \$10,000 in scholarships to arboriculture students and continued to fulfill their commitments to multi-year awards over the past five years.

The following grants brought \$32,354, in research monies to Ohio in 2006.

#### **2006 OHIO JOHN Z. DULING GRANT WINNERS**

**Identification of signaling molecules in the systemic induced resistance phenomenon in Austrian pine:** Perluigi Bonello, The Ohio State University – \$7,500. Identification of the signaling molecules involved in SIR to Diplodia tip blight of Austrian pine for possible use to induce disease resistance.

**Effects of soil type, cultural practices and mycorrhizal inoculations on native mycorrhizal, carbon allocation, and tolerance in paper birch:** Perluigi Bonello, The Ohio State University – \$7,500. Determine the effects of fertilizer amendment and treatment with commercial inoculants on the mycorrhizal associations of paper birch in two soil types.

#### **2006 OHIO HYLAND JOHNS GRANT WINNER**

**New technology to improve post-plant survival and stress resistance in urban trees:** Dr. Bruce R. Roberts, Ohio Wesleyan University – \$17,354. Efficacy of new humectants technology to improve post-planting survival and performance of containerized woody seedlings. Humectants are long-lasting and environmentally safe compounds that attract free water molecules from surrounding soil.

#### **ISA UNVEILED NEW ONLINE REFERRAL SERVICE FOR CERTIFIED ARBORISTS**

The ISA rolled out on its website ([www.treesaregood.com](http://www.treesaregood.com)) a new optional service targeted for ISA certificants for their companies available for hire.

It was called ***Find a Tree Care Service***. This new search tool was available to ISA certificants around the world and the first-year subscription was FREE. It was a great way to advertise your company services, whether you were self-employed or not.

Added features of the new website included identification of your American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA) membership or your employer's TCIA membership; listing multiple counties of service; customization of all contact information; listing of available services. ***Find a Tree Care Service*** would provide a great resource for homeowners seeking to hire a certified arborist in their area. "The Trees Are Good" website received nearly 40,000 visitors on average each month.

The Ohio Chapter ISA moved its office to the central Ohio area.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2007 OHIO TREE CARE CONFERENCE**

The Sunday session with Dan Herms educated those in attendance on the newest EAB material. Lisa Hattier gave CPR and first aid training. Eric Draper from The Ohio State University and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources forestry gang had a full house for the Certified Arborist prep class.

On Monday morning, the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Ed Gilman, presented a talk on tree failure. He also participated in a roundtable discussion with four experts and audience participation of their ideas about tree maintenance. The afternoon featured sessions about mature oak care by Dr. Bruce Fraedrich from Bartlett Tree Research Center. Ralph Sievert, from Minneapolis, MN explained the city's elm maintenance program and Tim Back, Cincinnati, detailed working in the storm-devastated south.

During the Annual Ohio Chapter Meeting, the following awards were presented:

**Honorary Life Membership** – Past President Shelley (Buettnner) Rockwell who served as President during 2004-06.

**Special Citation** – Cindy Anderson, Associate Sales Manager of the Columbus Marriott North Hotel, for their support and assistance over the last few years with the OTCC.

**Award of Achievement** – Stephanie Foster-Miller, Regional ODNR Forester, for the work that she had done organizing the Findlay Certified Arborist Preparation Course. Her efforts led to the expansion of the program to other parts of the state.

**Award of Merit** – Presented to Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Regional State Forester Alan Siewert for all the time that he had dedicated to the Ohio Chapter ISA. Alan joined the Chapter in 1988 and had been active ever since. Not only has he taught numerous classes, but he had served on the Board of Directors, as well as serving as both Vice-President and President (1998-1999).

The Ohio Chapter is proud to have these dedicated members recognized. Thanks to all for your valuable time and support.

#### **2007 CLAYS TOURNAMENT SET SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECORD**

The 2007 Clays Tournament was held in Delaware during the “Blizzard of '07 that struck Columbus during the time of the OTCC. Seventy-one shooters braved the cold and raised a record \$4,600 for the Ohio Scholarship Fund. The high score overall of 85 was achieved by **Bob Shauck** (father of Al Shauck) who, at 74 years old, managed to put all in attendance in their place.

The high score for an ISA member was **John Butcher** with 73. The Lewis Class winners were: **Mike Witte, Ron Trenkamp, John Holt** and **Eric Drozdowski**. The Humanitarian Award went to **Dave Greenawalt**. **Marvin Staggs**, from Back Tree Service, won the Thompson Omega. A second muzzle loader, donated by Mark Moore, was won by **Deric Ritchie**, also a member from “Team Back Tree”.

With 15 entries, the Chili Cook-Off was won by the perennial favorite, **Dennis Koah**. The entries were all excellent, with no illness or fatalities reported, but a few could take the skin off your tongue!

#### **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ROLLED OUT THE TOOLS FOR EMERALD ASH BORER EDUCATION**

The Ohio Department of Agriculture launched a new website and promoting businesses and practices compliant with Ohio's Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) quarantine and the state's efforts to slow the spread of the ash tree killing insect. The new tools aim to build consumer and industry awareness and a more thorough understanding of the state's quarantine.

Since it was first discovered in Ohio in 2003, EAB had been identified in 26 counties. Ash trees infested with EAB typically die within five years. The pest belongs to a group of metallic wood-boring beetles. Adults are dark green, one-half inch in length and one-eighth inch wide, and fly only from early May until September.

Larvae spend the rest of the year beneath the bark of ash trees, and when they emerge as adults, leave D-shaped exit holes in the bark about one-eighth inch wide.

#### **DON'T FORGET ARBOR DAY**

The idea for Arbor Day originally came from Nebraska. A visit to Nebraska today wouldn't indicate that the state was once a treeless plain. Yet it was the lack of trees there that led to the founding of Arbor Day in the 1800's. Today, the most common date for state observances is the last Friday in April, and several United States Presidents have proclaimed a National Arbor Day on that date. But a number of state Arbor Days are at other times to coincide with the best tree-planting weather from January and February in the south, to May in the far north.

Arbor Day now has spread beyond the United States and is observed in many countries of the world. In some, it is the King or Queen who leads the national celebration, and in many countries exotic trees not suited to North America are planted in commemoration of the day. J. Sterling Morton was proud of the success of Arbor Day, and noted, “other holidays repose upon the past, Arbor Day purposes for the future.”

#### **26<sup>th</sup> STRAIGHT YEAR OF OHIO LEADING THE NATION IN TREE CITY COMMUNITIES**

Ohio retained its ranking as the Nation's Leader in Tree-City USA communities, with 249 participating cities, villages and municipalities, according to the ODNR Division of Forestry. The year 2007 marked Ohio's 26<sup>th</sup> year as the top Tree-City USA state. As part of this nationwide program, Ohioans last year

planted more than 35,000 trees, pruned more than 111,000 trees, volunteered more than 48,000 hours and invested more than \$36 million towards urban forestry efforts.

Since 1979, the ODNR Division of Forestry had assisted communities in enhancing the quality of life within cities and villages through comprehensive tree planting and care programs. In 1997, Ohio became the first state to have more than 200 Tree City USA communities. "Citizens living within any of Ohio's 249 Tree City USA communities enjoyed a variety of benefits that came with having more trees, such as increased greenery, storm water absorption and decreased noise levels," said John Dorka, Chief of the ODNR Division of Forestry. "With Emerald Ash Borer threatening the state, it's even more important that communities embrace the Tree City USA standards to ensure that these benefits don't suffer."

### **OHIO'S TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP**

The state's top tree climbers demonstrated how in tune they were with the trees in Kirtland on June 2, when the Ohio Chapter ISA held its 28<sup>th</sup> Ohio Tree Climbing Championship at the Holden Arboretum. The event showcased the talents of some of the best tree climbers in the state as they competed for the title of State Champion. Twenty-three competitors performed five different climbs. The climbers demonstrated their ability to quickly, professionally and safely maneuver in a tree while performing work-related tasks. The top four scorers moved on to the Men's Masters' Challenge Championship round. The climbers performed for the crowd of spectators as they vied for the title of Ohio Champion.

Chris Bramlage of Madison Tree Care & Landscaping in Milford captured the title of 2007 Men's Ohio Tree Climbing Champion. He received a prize package from ArborMaster, as well as a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii as the Ohio representative to the ITCC in July.

A very special "thank you" goes out to Rich Hattier and his amazing band of national judges and technicians who descended upon Holden Arboretum and created one of the best climbing competitions ever seen in Ohio. The positive feedback was still reverberating. Thanks also goes to the incredible staff and volunteers at the arboretum for all of their support and for the use of their beautiful rhododendron garden.

### **NINTH ANNUAL OHIO CHAPTER GOLF OUTING**

Forty-eight golfers took to Champions Golf Course on June 15 for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Chapter ISA Golf outing in Columbus. Cheers could be heard as the ball hit by Jon Holt, of Holt Family Tree Care, dropped into the cup for an **Eagle** on the 355-yard, par 4, 4<sup>th</sup> hole – the hole his company sponsored! Jon then proceeded to hit the longest putt on the eighth hole, a victory soon to be eclipsed by the ultimate winner of the longest putt prize, Gary Williams of Team Asplundh. Fellow teammate Mike Baynes of Team Asplundh captured the closest-to-the-pin award, while Dennis Schutte from US Hydraulic Services, secured the longest drive.

Team Bandit/Southeastern Equipment, captained by Bud Pack, garnered the top prize by shooting a 7-under-par 63. Tied for second, and one shot back, were the Arbor Mang Group and Team Asplundh. Team Morbark took the dubious honor of high score as well as highest number of beers consumed in a single golf outing. What better way to spend a summer afternoon than on the greens to raise some "green" for a good cause – the TREE Fund. More than \$5,400 was raised.

### **OHIOAN COMPETED IN CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP**

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual ISA Conference and Trade Show was held in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 28 – August 1. Chris Bramlage of Madison Tree Care and Landscaping, Inc. had the amazing opportunity to compete at the ITCC. The international event brought together the best in the world. Climbers from the United States, Canada, Europe, Australia and New Zealand went head to head for the title of World Champion. Of the 37 climbers who competed, Chris placed 15<sup>th</sup> overall! This was Chris's first time in Hawaii, and he said, "This was an experience worth repeating."

**2007 Tour des Trees** – Ohio Chapter members Courtney Schumm, City of Aurora Forester and Elaine Mattern, of Davey Tree Expert Corporate Communications, rode in the 2007 Tour des Trees. The Tour des Trees was a seven-day cycling event/fund raiser of the TREE Fund, a 501(c)(3) organization. The event took place in California and covered more than 550 miles and had 75 riders.

The ride went from Sacramento to Clearlake, with a steep three mile climb over Mount St. Helena at mile 70 in 104 degree weather! The tour started in Sacramento with a tree planting and a wonderful send-off from the community as well as California's Lt. Governor and his wife. The tour proceeded to Clearlake, and ended up in San Jose.

"I loved the varied terrain on the rides to San Francisco and Santa Cruz", said Courtney. Crossing the Golden Gate Bridge was a cool reward – literally and figuratively – after a very challenging climb and long descent in San Francisco."

A special guest joined the ride from Santa Cruz to Marina/Monterey. P. Allen Smith, award winning garden designer and host of the public television program, **P. Allen Smith's Garden Home**.

#### **ISA REACHES THE 20,000<sup>TH</sup> MEMBER**

Many great milestones are reached by standing on the shoulders of those who went before us. ISA celebrated a milestone 83 years in the making. On July 27, an order was processed for the 20,000<sup>th</sup> ISA member. Never before had the number of ISA members reached this number.

The lucky individual was Steve Walsh of Meisner & Associates, a landscape architectural firm in Cincinnati. This was especially appropriate because this record-breaking membership came from the **First ISA Chapter**. The Ohio Chapter joined the NSTC in 1942, along with the Southern and Western Chapters. ISA has enjoyed 24 consecutive years of membership growth, and had processed more than 42,000 memberships including those for chapter and professional affiliations.

As important as this milestone is, it would not have been accomplished without the 19,999 other ISA members from 47 countries around the world who made the same commitment to arboriculture as Steve did. The nine members just before Steve included: two from Australia, one from Canada, as well as arborists spanning the United States from Hawaii to Maryland.

ISA is truly moving to fill its role as an international organization, and every single member benefits from this far-reaching and still-growing network through the exchange of arboricultural knowledge, skills and attitudes. All 20,000+ members are now linked to the first National Shade Tree Symposium attendees, held in 1924, and to all future ISA members.

#### **MORE THAN 100 ATTEND CENTRAL OHIO SUMMER MEETING**

Great speakers, a great venue and great attendance all added up to a great meeting. Over 100+ attended the central Ohio Summer Meeting in August at The Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens. The support that the Chapter received from the arboretum staff was endless and greatly appreciated.

#### **OHIO CHAPTER ISA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED**

The Ohio Chapter ISA Board of Directors congratulated Karen Hancock, recipient of the 2007 Ohio Chapter ISA scholarship. Karen was studying at Kent State University-Salem Campus, majoring in horticulture technology. It was announced that she wore many hats – mother, wife and full-time student, while maintaining a 3.5 GPA. As the winner, she received \$2,000 toward her studies.

#### **LAUREN LANPHEAR NAMED ISA PRESIDENT**

The Ohio Chapter ISA was very proud to announce that Lauren Lanphear had been elected to serve as the President of the ISA.

Lauren had been involved in the ISA since 1976 when he served as Editor of ***The Buckeye Arborist*** for 11 years from 1981-1992, as well as serving as a Director on the International Board from 1994-2005. In 1996, he served as the Conference Chair of the ISA Annual Conference – Arboriculture Rocks in the Forest City (Cleveland).

Lauren's vision for moving the ISA and the profession forward are rooted in his strong belief in ISA's mission of education and research. He would like to encourage members of the Ohio Chapter ISA to take full advantage of the opportunity their membership affords them to network with arborists, not only in the Buckeye state, or even the United States, but with arborists around the world.

Lauren stated, "Consider that we in the United States have, in most cases, been caring for trees for a far shorter period of time than most other parts of the world, there is a great deal to be learned. Encourage your chapter leadership to consider inviting speakers to Ohio from Germany, the Czech Republic, Hong Kong, etc. Avail yourselves of the capacities that today's technology, such as the Internet, that allows you to contact and exchange information with arborists in every part of the world."

#### **NEW TREE FUND LIAISON FOR THE OHIO CHAPTER**

It was announced that Charles Owen, City of Brecksville's Arborist and Horticulturist, had accepted the position of the Ohio Chapter's TREE Fund Liaison. Charles will be the primary contact between the Chapter and the TREE Fund. The TREE Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to identifying and funding projects and programs that advance knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry to benefit people, trees and the environment.

#### **RESEARCH PROJECTS FUNDED BY TREE FUND**

The TREE Fund reviewed 57 grant applications in 2007 requesting more than \$890,000 in funding. The Fund awarded \$197,941 to 16 projects. In addition, the TREE Fund initiated the management of the ISA Penn-Del Chapter grant: ***Bacterial Leaf Scorch*** at Rutgers University, by Dr. Anne Gould.

The TREE Fund continues to manage multi-year grants, in particular, **The Hyland R. Johns Grants**, which focuses on research priorities identified at the 2002 Research Summit. **The John Z. Duling Grants**, provided seed money for cutting edge research in arboriculture and urban forestry. Summaries of research projects can be found on the organizations website at [www.treefund.org](http://www.treefund.org).

#### **THREE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS NAMED**

The TREE Fund Education Committee congratulated the following three students who were recently approved by the TREE Fund Board to each receive \$3,000 **Robert Felix Memorial Scholarships**:

**George Christie Murray**, Lexington, IN

School: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Pursued Degree: Urban Forestry and Business Management

**Kyle Andrejezyk**, Clinton, MA

School: University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

Pursued Degree: Urban Forestry and Journalism

**Ramie Renee Pierce**, Tacoma, WA

School: The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA

Pursued Degree: Urban Forestry

#### **NORTHERN OHIO FALL MEETING HELD IN STRONGSVILLE**

The Ohio Chapter's Northern Meeting was held with more than eighty people in attendance at Strongsville's Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation and Senior Center on September 28. Strongsville was the site of a study on planting depth and root relationships by Dr. T. Davis Sydnor and Richard Rathjens.

Drew Todd from the ODNR, Dan Dillman from the Helen Chemical Company, Richard Rathgens from The Ohio State University, Dr. Bal Rao from the Davey Research Group, Alan Siewert and Stephanie Miller from ODNR along with Jim Chatfield from The Ohio State University and Randy Zondag from The Ohio State University Extension Service, provided new information on tree installation, insect and disease problems, and root problems caused by poor plantings.

The pine wilt nematode looks like it may become another big problem in Ohio, along with EAB, oak wilt, amalaria and pest problems.

Ohio is fortunate to have the great educators and scientists who devote their time to travel and to educate us all.

**2008 Alan Shauck, President (second year)**

#### **THE BUCKEYE ARBORIST NEWSLETTER WILL BE OFFERING CLASSIFIED ADS**

New for 2008, is a classified ad section in ***The Buckeye Arborist***. What better way to sell that unused equipment gathering dust in the corner of the shop. Classified ads are \$10 per insertion for Ohio Chapter ISA members in good standing, unless a commercial product or service is being advertised.

Dr. John Ball of South Dakota State University was the Keynote Speaker at the opening of the OTCC and Trade Show giving an address entitled "Ethics in Arboriculture".

"...Arboriculture is a triangle combining the health requirements of the trees, the wishes of the clients and the capability of the company. Trying to find a balance in meeting these sometimes conflicting needs can be difficult.

"...Arboriculture is a high-risk profession that involves heavy weights, great heights and power equipment. The odds of being seriously injured or killed in any given year are in the 1 per 100's, compared to 1 per 1,000's in most other occupations," John said.

#### **TREE FUND NEWS: WHAT IS THE TREE FUND?**

It is not a part of ISA. It is an independent, non-profit organization that was formed from the Research and Scholarship Divisions of ISA and the National Arborist Foundation [now representing the commercial end of the profession as TCIA (Tree Care Industry Association).] Charles Owen, liaison said, "When I was riding for research at the Tour des Trees in 1998 and 1999, I was riding to benefit the ISA Research Trust. But, now (since 2002) proceeds from the Tour and the Chapter Challenge go to the TREE Fund."

In 2007, the TREE Fund reviewed 57 grant applications and awarded a total of almost \$200,000 to 16 projects. Scholarships for students in the field of arboriculture are also available every year.

The Ohio Chapter presented the following awards during the Annual Meeting:

**Honorary Life Membership** – Past President, Jenny Gulick

**Honorary Membership (non-member)** – The Holden Arboretum for their support of the 2007 Ohio Tree Climbing Championship.

**Award of Achievement** – Wendi Van Buren, Regional ODNR Forester, for outstanding efforts in organizing the Xenia Certified Arborist Preparation Course. There were 43 present for the course.

**President's Award** – Chris Ahlum of Ahlum and Arbor Tree Preservation, for serving as Chair of the 2007 Central Ohio Summer Meeting and 2008 OTCC events.

**Award of Merit** – Tommy Williams, arborist for the City of Columbus. Tommy joined the Ohio Chapter in the early 90's and became involved with the Ohio Tree Climbing Championship and was in charge from 2005-08.

The Ohio Chapter ISA held the 29<sup>th</sup> State Climbing Championship at The Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens on June 28.

Twenty-two competitors performed five different climbs: Secured Footlock, Throwline, Belayed Speed Climb, Aerial Rescue and Work Climb. Chris Bramlage of Madison Tree Care and Landscaping in Milford captured the title of 2008 Men's Ohio Tree Climbing Champion.

Overall points for the three top Masters' Climb were:

Chris Bramlage	296.61
Jose Fernandez	204.16
Brian Griffith	124.21

Chris Bramlage represented the Ohio Chapter for the second year at the International Convention in St. Louis, MO where he joined the world's best climbers. Chris placed an impressive eighth overall in a field of 37 competitors, moving up the ranks seven notches from 15<sup>th</sup> place in the 2007 ITCC.

The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the **Guide to Appraisal of Trees and Other Plants in Ohio** became available in June.

The 84<sup>th</sup> ISA's Annual Conference and Trade Show was held July 26-30 in St. Louis, MO.

#### **2009 Lana Ahlum, President**

The Ohio Chapter ISA held the 2009 OTCC in February, with Dr. Kathleen Wolf, University of Washington, as the Keynote Speaker. She provided an overview of science-based facts about the services provided by city trees, with an emphasis on human health and well-being.

The return of the TREE Fund Silent Auction brought a lot of interesting items to be auctioned, as well as providing monies for the TREE Fund.

The 2009 Clays Tournament is now history, and once again Bill Fitch was the high scorer overall. Other winners were **Lewis Class** – Scott Murdoch, John Wolfe and Mike Young.

The following 2009 Chapter awards were presented during the Annual Meeting on February 16:

**Honorary Life Membership** – Alan Shauck, Immediate Past President, 2007-08

**Special Citation Awards** were presented to:

1. Brumbaugh Nature Center, for their support of the Central Ohio Summer Meeting/Tree Climbing Championship.
2. The Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens (Columbus).
3. The Dawes Arboretum (Newark)

**President's Award** – Joe Boggs, Jim Chatfield, Bruce Cubberley and Dan Herms for contributing the CEU's tests.

**The Award of Merit** – Barbara A. Chadwick (daughter of Dr. Chadwick, Founder of the Ohio Chapter) currently serving as Chairman of the History Committee. Barbara has served the Chapter for more than a decade, gathering and preserving the pieces of the Chapter history that laid the strong foundation on which this Chapter was built; Barbara is now writing the complete history of the Chapter. She embodies the spirit of the Chapter through her willingness to help as well as her commitment to arboriculture.

Chris Ahlum of Ahlum and Arbor Tree Preservation, Hilliard, became a Registered Consulting Arborist with the American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA). Chris is currently one of eight Registered Consulting Arborists in Ohio.

Mark Hoenigman of Busy Bee Services was reappointed by the Ohio Chapter ISA Board of Directors to serve a second three-year term on the International Board of Directors.

The 2008 Tour des Trees is in the books. Team Ohio did the Ohio Chapter proud. Courtney Schumm of the City of Aurora and Elaine Mattern of the Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent, collectively known as Team Ohio, completed the Tour. Courtney pedaled the entire 535-mile route, while Elaine did fewer miles. Fifty-nine riders from around the country started their epic journey with two laps around the famous Indianapolis 500 Track and ended 5½ days later in St. Louis, at the ITCC. Nearly \$300,000 was raised for the TREE Fund.

Ohio Chapter ISA Certification Liaison, Alan Siewert, ODNR Division of Forestry, was elected to the ISA Certification Board of Directors. This appointment was a three-year term commencing at the end of the ISA Conference in St. Louis.

**Edwin E. Irish** received the **2008 ISA President's Award** at the Annual Meeting in St. Louis. The award was presented by President Lauren Lanphear. Lauren stated, "It is a tremendous honor for me to present my 2008 ISA President's Award to Ed for his lifelong dedication and devotion to arboriculture, his inspirational leadership of arborists and the friendship and support he extended to me and my father before me." Ed was born in Cleveland; the same year the NSTC (now ISA) was founded, and was a graduate of the Ohio State University. Ed was raised working in the family business started by his Father, Charles F. Irish, in 1910.

A member of what had been called America's greatest generation, Ed served in the United States Army during World War II, landing on France's Omaha Beach the day after D-Day. Following the war, Ed joined what was then the NSTC and the NAA, organizations that his Father helped found. Ed eventually served as President of the Ohio Chapter, ISTC, now ISA, and the NAA, now TCIA. He had been recognized by both organizations with their Awards of Merit.

#### **TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP HELD**

The Ohio Chapter held the Southern Ohio Regional Meeting and Tree Climbing Championship in Cincinnati at Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum.

Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum was established in 1845 and is considered one of the most magnificent examples of landscape architecture in the nation. In April 2007, Spring Grove was designated a National Historic Landmark – one of only five cemeteries in the nation to hold this distinction. In 1987, in recognition of the cemetery's active involvement in forestry, nursery and horticultural activities, the Board of Trustees formally adopted the name “Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum”. Spring Grove remains an Arboretum with more than 1,200 species, 1,000 labeled for study. The city's rich tradition and history are beautifully preserved among acres of towering trees, 15 lakes, a cascading waterfall and more than 44 miles of paved roadways. Originally designed as a “contemporary park for the living,” Spring Grove remains committed to a variety of public service goals. [AUTHOR'S NOTE: information about Spring Grove Cemetery was taken from a brochure about the area.]

**Chinkapin oak** was chosen the Urban Tree of the Year by the Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA) for 2009. The winner had to be adaptable to a variety of harsh conditions and have strong ornamental traits. The contest has been running for 14 years and past winners included: **Black Tupelo** (2008), **Bald Cypress** (2007), **Kentucky Coffeetree** (2006), **'Chanticleer' Flowering Pear** (2005) and **'Autumn Blaze' Red Maple** (2004).

Over 1,300 members of the SMA practice urban forestry all over North America and beyond. Municipal arborists from across the United States sang the praises of the Chinkapin Oak, a tough, adaptable tree for urban use.

#### A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE KENNETH H. FUNK

*Kenneth H. Funk (also known as “Cap” to many friends) died at the age of 88. He grew up on the family farm near Jeromesville. He learned the skills of arboriculture working with Davey Tree Expert Company and, along with two of his brothers, established Funk Brothers Tree Service, Inc.*

*Ken was a Past President of the Ohio Chapter ISA as well as a member of the NAA and the ASCA.*

#### ELEVENTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING HELD

The Ohio Chapter held the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing at Oakhurst Country Club in Grove City, OH, on June 25 with all the proceeds benefiting the TREE Fund.

#### DAN STRUVE AWARDED FOR ARBORICULTURAL RESEARCH

The ISA Awards Committee and the ISA Board of Directors selected Dr. Dan Struve as the recipient of ISA's 2009 **L. C. Chadwick Award for Arboriculture Research**. The award is granted to individuals in recognition of research that has contributed valuable information to arboriculture.

For more than 25 years, Dan had served on the faculty of The Ohio State University while at the same time, provided high-quality research and service to the green industry and to arboriculture in particular.

The Ohio Chapter ISA congratulated Dan on being chosen for this well-deserved award.

#### A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE CHARLES “CHUCK” RITZ

*Charles “Chuck” Ritz, 89, President and Chairman of Karl Kuemmerling, Inc., in Massillon, passed away on March 21, 2009. Chuck took over leadership of the business in 1963 from his father-in-law, Karl Kuemmerling, who started the arborist supply company in 1945. Under the leadership of Chuck, the company expanded to offer more products and services to the tree care industry starting with the acquisition of **Lynskey Tree Feeders** and **Subject Feeders** in the late 70's, followed by **Mitts and Merrill Chippers** in the mid 80's. He worked hard to provide the tree care profession with excellent service and products for over 50 years.*

#### A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE STEVE SANDFORT

*Steve Sandfort died suddenly on May 23, 2009 at the age of 66. Steve was a registered forester and a Certified Arborist earning his BS degree in Forest Management from the University of Missouri. He worked for the Georgia Forestry Commission for nine years practicing urban and rural forestry. He*

guided the City of Cincinnati's first forestry program becoming the City's Urban Forest Manager until his retirement in 2008.

**Professionals of Arboriculture** – ISA proudly announced that 42 deserving individuals received nominations from employers, colleagues and customers, as well as from family and friends. Thank you to the many people who sent in nominations for those professionals you believed truly deserved this recognition. The winners were announced at the Opening Ceremony of the ISA Annual Conference on July 26 in Providence, RI.

**Smokey Bear License Plate Benefits ODNR** – Support the ODNR by considering the purchase of the Smokey Bear license plates. \$15 of the total plate cost will be distributed to the ODNR to promote forest fire prevention and education efforts together with an increase in public awareness concerning combating wildfires in the state of Ohio.

**ISA Tour des Trees** raised over \$425,680 for the TREE Fund in individual donations collected by the 70 riders. The money will go toward funding programs in urban tree research and for scholarships.

In 2009, the Chapter changed its fiscal year to September 1 through October 31.

**2010 John Butcher, President**

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clays Tournament** was held prior to the annual OTCC Meetings at the Handlebar Ranch with 34 contestants participating. Mark Coleman had the highest score, with Bill Fitch, Stephen Carbonara, Joel Thomas and Shawn Haines taking the Lewis plaques, and Joe Liss winning the Flying Turkey.

The Chili Cook-Off went well, and everyone had enough to heat the Blue Jackets Stadium. Justin Haines and Al Shauck tied for first place.

**ANNUAL OHIO TREE CARE CONFERENCE**

The Annual OTCC was held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in downtown Columbus on February 14-16 for the first time. It was agreed by all that this was a great move for the Ohio Chapter.

The theme for the convention was “**Arboriculture ... A Journey Not a Destination.**”

The Keynote Speaker on Monday morning was Jeremy Barrell, of Barrell Tree Consultancy (BTC). Jeremy was Director of BTC, one of the United Kingdom's most accomplished arboricultural practices, working primarily in the planning of legal sectors. His talk was entitled “Climate Change and the Emerging Role of Arborists.” As the dramatic implications of global warming emerge, suddenly trees do matter, and the people that manage them are becoming influential.

The following Chapter Awards were presented at the Annual Meeting:

**Special Citation Awards:**

1. The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens
2. Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum for their support of the 2009 Southern Ohio Summer Meeting and the OTCC.

**Safety Award:** Ernie Brinker, Nelson Tree Service

**Honorary Membership Award (non-member):** Becky McCann, of The Ohio State University, Extension ABE Center, for her leadership of the Bowling Green Certified Arborist Preparation Course.

**Award of Achievement:** Dr. Dan Herms, for his extensive arboricultural research, including his studies on effective options for protecting ash trees from the Emerald Ash Borer.

**President's Award:** Katrina Schnobrich for her outstanding contributions as a Board Member and OTCC Chairman for the past two years.

**Award of Merit:** Al Shauck, for his service on the Board, as well as Chairman of the Clays Tournament.

**BACTERIAL LEAF SCORCH FOUND IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

During the fall, a white oak sample from a Franklin County community tested positive for Bacterial Leaf Scorch (*Xylella fastidiosa*). Bacterial Leaf Scorch (BLS) is a chronic and eventually fatal disease that displays its most noticeable symptoms in late summer/early fall. The symptoms included premature leaf

browning, marginal necrosis and defoliation. The symptoms typically begin at the leaf margins and migrate to the midrib of the leaf.

The following year the tree leafs out normally, but leaves on a few more branches turn prematurely brown and dieback will occur. Since this disease can be easily confused with other disorders, it is best to have the suspect tree tested by collecting samples. BLS is seriously affecting urban forests in New Jersey and Delaware, and because of the positive find in Franklin County, the ODNR, Division of Forestry was to conduct a statewide BLS survey in the late summer/early fall of 2010.

**TREE Fund News:** Thanks to all who helped the Ohio Chapter meet its fund-raising goal to benefit the TREE Fund. The Ohio Chapter's donation came to a total of \$11,668 for the 2009 year. With the official count of 560 ISA members, the Ohio Chapter qualified as contributors at the Bronze Leaf Level.

#### **TWENTY-NINE PASSED THE ARBORISTS PREPARATION COURSE**

The Ohio Chapter congratulated twenty-nine people from around the state who recently completed the 2009 Bowling Green Certified Arborist Preparation Course.

**Up By Roots Workshop** with James Urban, FASLA, was held on June 18 at the Ohio Chapter's Central Regional Meeting in Columbus. James presented principles from his latest book, "Up By Roots: Healthy Soils in Trees in the Built Environment". James is a landscape architect with more than 30 years of experience in the field of urban development.

**The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing** was held on June 24 at Oakhurst Country Club in Grove City. Net proceeds from the outing benefited the TREE Fund. 52 golfers took to the greens, and more than \$3,000 was raised for the fund.

Congratulations to the following winners:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Dave Ahlum Fan Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ahlum and Arbor

**Northern Regional Meeting** was held at the Toledo Zoo on June 4 with more than 35 registrants who were treated to a day-long adventure at the Toledo Zoo. On June 5, the state's top tree climbers gathered to compete in the 31<sup>st</sup> Ohio Tree Climbing Championship at Walbridge Park in Toledo. Seventeen competitors performed five different climbs, which included: Secured Footlock, Throwline, Belayed Speed Climb, Aerial Rescue and Work Climb. Justin McVey, from Ahlum and Arbor Tree Preservation, Hilliard, captured the title of 2010 Men's Ohio Tree Climbing Champion. He was to represent the Ohio Chapter at the ITCC in Chicago, IL at the Annual ISA Convention.

The top three winners were:

Justin McVey	217.33 points
Brain Griffith	215.00 points
Jay Butcher	185.57 points

**Tree Biomechanics Week** – An exciting collaborative research opportunity was developed in conjunction with the Davey Tree Expert Company, the ISA, BioCompliance Consulting and the TREE Fund, as well as other industry groups and individuals.

The plan was to give leading researchers in the area of tree biomechanics an ideal shared environment at the Davey Research Farm, Shalersville, OH, where they could conduct field tests and gather data in an intensive weeklong coordinated effort. The safety and effectiveness of arborists in all corners of the arboriculture industry would benefit from the quantitative and qualitative information that was generated. Details on dates, researchers involved, and volunteer and sponsorship opportunities were still to come and would be posted on the TREE Fund website.

**Mark Hoenigman** of Busy Bee Services, accepted a 3-year term as a Trustee on the TREE Fund Board. The TREE Fund provides research grants, scholarships and educational programs to advance knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry. Mark also serves as Ohio's Representative to ISA's Council of Component Representatives.

**Volunteer Survey for Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB)** – The Ohio Chapter ISA was collaborating with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine (USDA APHIS PPQ) and the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) to survey for this pest that threatens a wide range of hardwood trees. Its primary hosts include maple, birch, elm, willow and horsechestnut. The first ALB infestation in the United States was discovered in Brooklyn, NY in 1996.

Other infestations were detected in Illinois (1998), New Jersey (2002) and Massachusetts (2008). The Massachusetts infestation, with over 17,000 infested trees detected, was discovered more than a decade after the insect's establishment. Cooperative eradication programs were implemented for each infestation.

The goal of this survey is to detect ALB, if present, in the early stage of infestation in order to eradicate it and minimize any damage. If ALB were to become established, it could become one of the most destructive and costly invasive species ever to enter the USA. It threatens shade trees, forests and recreational resources, and industries, including maple syrup production, hardwood lumber processing, nurseries and tourism.

ALB adults are 1 to 1½ inches in length with long antennae and are shiny black with small white markings on the body and antennae. ALB larvae bore deep into the wood of their host trees. Signs of infestation include shallow depressions in the bark where the eggs are laid (termed **oviposition niches**) and dime-sized, perfectly round exit holes. Sap may be present on the ground and the branches.

[Article written by John Michael Burch, State Plant Health Director for the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine.]

#### **A LEGEND IN ARBORICULTURE EDWIN E. IRISH**

*It is with deep sorrow that word was received that Past President of the Ohio Chapter, Edwin E. "Ed" Irish, passed away on May 22, 2010 in Michigan. [For complete biographical information on Ed, refer to his Past President biography information.]*

#### **WARD PETERSON ELECTED TO ISA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Ward Peterson, Manager of Utility and Urban Resources for Davey Resource Group, Kent, was elected to the new 15-member ISA Board of Directors.

As a member of the ISA Board of Directors, Ward hoped to focus on innovative approaches to research, education and communication, and ways to develop the next generation of leaders in arboriculture. He believed that all facets of arboriculture have advanced over the years, in large part because of the ISA.

**The TREE Fund's** biggest fundraiser, Stihl Tour des Trees, finished in Chicago on July, 24. The 102 riders raised a total of \$368,284. The Ohio Chapter was lucky enough to be represented by two hardy souls: Beth Buchanan of Hiram and Kevin Jones of Akron.

#### **AMERICAN FORESTS UNVEIL 733 NATIONAL CHAMPION TREES**

American Forests National Register of Big Trees marked its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a total of 733 Champion and Co-Champion trees from 637 native and naturalized tree species in the US.

At the top of the 2010 list remained Sequoia National Park's "General Sherman" giant sequoia – not only the Register's highest scoring tree with 1,321 points, but earth's largest living thing and one of only three perennial champs since the first Register in 1940. While all but one of the 15 biggest species in the country have held their rankings since the last Register, this year saw the crowning of 175 new Champions or Co-Champions, while 164 were dethroned.

**TREE Fund News** – Charles Owen, TREE Fund Liaison, announced his resignation due to work-related pressures. The new liaison will be Dr. Elizabeth L. Buchanan. Beth had over 27 years of experience in urban forestry and arboriculture and enough formal education for several people. She started her career with Davey Tree in 1983 and then helped start an off-shoot company – ACRT, Inc., also based in Kent.

In other TREE Fund news, the STIHL Tour des Trees brought in about \$450,000 and the Raise Your Hand for Research Auction about \$87,000.

## **2011 John Butcher, President**

The 2011 Ohio Tree Care Conference was held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. The following awards were presented:

**Award of Merit:** Chris Carlson

**Award of Achievement:** Why Trees Matter Group

**Gold Leaf Award:** Tim Back & Shinji Turner-Yamamoto for Hanging Garden

**Honorary Membership Award (non-member):** Tom McNutt

**Special Citation:** Ryan Lewis

In addition to Butcher as President, the 2011 Board of Directors included Davis Sydnor, Vice President; Lola Lewis, Treasurer; Directors – David Bienemann, Stephan Carbonara, Wess McCullough, Tod Miller, Carrie Paulus and Jerry Western. The Secretary and Executive Director was Chris Andrews.

The 2010-2011 membership year recorded 676 regular members and 152 chapter only members.

## **2011-12 T. Davis Sydnor, President**

The 2012 Ohio Tree Care Conference was held on February 26-28 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. The following awards were presented:

**President's Award of Merit:** Lola Lewis

**Award of Merit:** Chris Andrews

The Board completed a **Policies & Procedures Manual** for the Chapter. The document was the result of lots of hard work and dedication to the Chapter by Lana Ahlum, Lola Lewis, Katrina Schnobrich, and T. Davis Sydnor.

The **Ohio Chapter ISA Endowment Fund** was created to support Ohio arboretums, botanic gardens and civic garden centers. The Board voted to work with the Tree Research and Education Endowment (TREE) Fund to establish the Ohio Endowment Fund with a \$125,000 contribution (funded over five years) enabling the Chapter to fund a \$5,000 grant annually to support arboricultural education and outreach programs in Ohio.

Chris Andrews resigned as Executive Director to pursue other interests. Offinger Management Co. (OMC) headquartered in Zanesville was selected as the new management firm for the Chapter. OMC is an association management company with experience in green industry organizations.

Eighteen tree climbers competed in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ohio Tree Climbing Championship at Jeffrey Park in Bexley. Climbers competed in five separate preliminary events - Secured Footlock, Belayed Speed Climb, Throwline, Work Climb, and Aerial Rescue. Winners at this year's competition were:

Champion – Jay Butcher, Madison Tree Care & Landscaping, Milford, Ohio

2nd place - Brian Griffith, Madison Tree Care & Landscaping, Milford, Ohio

3rd place – Matt Cornell, L.E. Savory Tree Service Inc., Toledo, Ohio

## **2012-13 Katrina Schnobrich, President**

Additional **Board members** included Gerald Western, Vice President; Fred Dotson, Treasurer; Directors Joe Boggs, Ernie Brinker, Stephan Carbonara, Alan Klonowski, Joe Russell and Shirley Vaughn.

**Ohio Tree Climbing Championship** – In May, the annual event was held at the Frederick H. Alms Memorial Park in Cincinnati. The 2012 Masters' Challenge winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> place Jacob Sauer (Columbus)

2<sup>nd</sup> place Brian Griffith (Loveland)

3<sup>rd</sup> place Matt Cornell (Toledo).

Individual event 1<sup>st</sup> place winners were: Aerial Rescue – Tyler Avery (Cincinnati); Belayed Speed Climb, Secured Footlock and Work Climb – Brian Griffith; Throwline – Nic Rataiczak (Novelty). Sauer went on to represent the Ohio Chapter in August at the ISA championship in Oregon where there were 60 other competitors from throughout the world.

**Ohio Chapter Endowment Fund** – The first Ohio Chapter ISA Education Grant was awarded by the TREE Fund to The Ohio State University's Secret Arboretum in Wooster. The specific objective of their

unique project is to fund an intern to help build upon the current, incomplete and publicly-inaccessible, tree germplasm inventory at the Arboretum, and help make this expanded inventory accessible to the public through an interactive website, interpretive signage, and educational programs. All of these activities will be geared toward illustrating the environmental, economic and social value of trees, dovetailing with modern tree models such as i-Tree.

**Annual Golf Outing** – The 14<sup>th</sup> annual event was held at Oakhurst Country Club in Grove City in June. Thanks to the coordination efforts of Dave Ahlum and Bill Fitch, the event raised \$6,140 to benefit the TREE Fund and Team Ohio. Boasting 52 players this year, the race to the top was very competitive. Scoring a very low 58, JTS Tree & Landscape (Jobie McCoy III, Jobie McCoy IV, Andrew Belliveau and Andy Heskett) took first place. Second place was awarded to FirstEnergy (Andy Liedel, Tim Mencer, John Raddish and Rob Raddish) who scored 60 points.

Additional awards winners were Andrew Belliveau – Longest Drive; Closest to the Pin – Patrick Patton, Andy Liedel, Steve Heavener and Jerry Rothman; Longest Putt – Jack Lowe.

**Scholarship Program Announced & Awarded** – In September, the Chapter presented its' new scholarship program, designed to promote professional arboriculture within the state of Ohio to two winners. The goal was to assist individuals with the financial responsibility of professional arboricultural development through higher education in the field or via the International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist program. Recipients of the \$500 scholarship for professional development were John Siefer III and Debbie Palmisano.

The membership year closed with 650 regular members, 159 Chapter only members, 6 honorary members and 7 students for a total of 822 members.

The 2013 **Ohio Tree Care Conference** was held at the Dayton Convention Center in February. Dr. John Ball, Professor of Forestry at South Dakota State University, served as the keynote speaker and Jim Skiera, ISA Executive Director, delivered a special message during the Annual Meeting.

The following awards were presented at the February 12, 2013 Annual Meeting:

<b>Award of Merit</b>	Chris Ahlum
<b>Award of Achievement</b>	Beth Buchanan
<b>President's Award</b>	Al Shauck
<b>Safety Award</b>	City of Bexley Tree Crew
<b>Special Awards</b>	Bill Fitch, Dan Herms, Ryan Lewis, Stephanie Miller and Charles Owen

**Necrology Report** – It was with deep sorrow that word was received that Herbert Dotson, retired from Nelson Tree Service, passed away in 2013.

#### **2013-14 Gerald Western, President**

Additional **Board members** included Joe Russell, Vice President; Tom Munn, Treasurer; Directors Joe Boggs, Ernie Brinker, Eric Davis, Richard Rathjens, Craig Schaar and Shirley Vaughn.

For a 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, the Ohio Chapter and **Team Ohio** achieved Platinum status for their fundraising efforts for the TREE Fund. There were 10 riders in the Stihl Tour des Trees event.

The **Ohio Tree Climbing Championship** was conducted at Sunset Memorial Gardens, North Olmsted, in May. The 2013 Masters' Challenge winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place Matt Cornell (Toledo), 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jacob Sauer (Columbus) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Justin McVey (Dayton). Cornell went on to represent the Ohio Chapter at the ITCC championship in Ontario Canada in August. Individual event 1<sup>st</sup> place awards were presented to Jake Carufel (MI) – Aerial Rescue; Throwline – Justin McVey; Belayed Speed Climb, Work Climb & Secured Footlock – Jacob Sauer.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ohio Education Endowment Grant** was awarded by the TREE Fund to Hiram College for their project titled "Environmental Tree Awareness Curriculum". The program will empower high school students and teachers to learn about the relationship of urban forest and the health of their local streams and watersheds.

The 15<sup>th</sup> **Annual Golf Outing** was held at Oakhurst Country Club in Grove City in August. Thanks to the efforts of Team Ohio, the event raised over \$7,500 to benefit the TREE Fund. Scoring a low 61 was team FirstEnergy (Jeff Eicher, Andy Liedel, Tim Mencer and Rob Raddish). Second place was awarded to Team Bandit (Mike LaPoe, Jim McLaughlin, Jerry Rathmann and Seth Kienzle) who scored 63 points. Additional award winners were: Andy Liedel – Longest Drive; Jerry Rathmann – Closest to the Pin; and Longest Putt – Jeff Richards.

The following **2013 Scholarships** were awarded in April:

Certified Arborist (\$750 Scholarships): James Hazelrigg, John Hilkert, John Hutt III, Chris Zakrzewski

Traditional Student (\$1,000 Scholarships): Kurtis Magnello, Kodi Stebner, William Suplit

The 2013 membership year closed with 782 members; ISA reported that membership for the year was down for most chapters and the ISA overall.

The Chapter provided numerous **educational opportunities** throughout the year including an Arborist Certification Prep Course, a Utility Specialist Prep Course, plus three workshops presented across the state taught by Dr. Ed Gilman.

The Ohio Chapter was one of several sponsors for the **2013 Tree Biomechanics Research Week**. The work that took place this year built upon the work performed following the 2010 Research Week.

Thanks to various volunteers across the state, the Ohio Chapter **table top exhibit** traveled to numerous public events designed to educate consumers on proper tree care and the arboriculture profession. The booth, along with ISA brochures, were on display at the Akron Home & Flower Show, the North Coast Urban Forestry Conference, various Tree City USA events, the Vermilion Gardener's Fair, and OARDC's Plant Discovery Day, among many other places.

**Necrology Report** – The following individuals have passed away since the last meeting: Charles Edwin Irish, President of The Charles F. Irish Landscaping Company; Jack Joy, former President & Chairman of Davey Tree Expert Company; Daryl Boe, Supervisor with Asplundh Tree Company in Columbus; and Bill Robinson, Manager for Asplundh in Cincinnati.

### **Awards**

The following awards were presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting:

**Award of Merit** - Mark Hoenigman

**Award of Achievement** - Ward Peterson & John Goodfellow

**President's Award** - Katrina Schnobrich & Team OHISA (Offinger Management Company)

**Safety Award** - Roy Montan

**Special Awards** - 1) Wess McCullough, Tod Miller, Stephan Carbonara (New Board Member Orientation); 2) Fred Dotson (past treasurer); 3) Lola Lewis & Carrie Paulus (scholarship and educational offerings); 4) Alan Siewert, Jason Knowles, Stephanie Miller, Tom Rodhe (Tree Bio Mechanics Week); 5) Barbara Chadwick & History Committee (Chapter History Book)

### **2014-15 Peter (Joe) Russell, President**

Additional **Board members** included Shirley Vaughn, Vice President; Tom Munn, Treasurer; Directors Joe Boggs, Ernie Brinker, Eric Davis, Richard Rathjens, Craig Schaar and Samantha Simmons.

**Scholarships Awarded** – In September 2014, the Chapter awarded 11 scholarships! The goal in offering the scholarships is to assist individuals with the financial responsibility of professional arboricultural development through higher education in the field or via the International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist program. The following were awarded:

Certified Arborist – \$750 Scholarships

► Jason Keltner      ► John Lewis      ► Robert Powell      ► Debra Wallace

Traditional Student – \$1,000 Scholarships

► Rachel Bienemann      ► Anna Detoro      ► John Siefer      ► Kodi Stebner

Professional Development – \$500 Scholarships

► John Hilkert      ► Kurtis Magnello      ► Carrie Paulus

Eight cyclists represented **Team Ohio** in the 2014 Stihl Tour des Trees ride covering about 600 miles in Wisconsin. Team Ohio raised over \$36,000 in the 2014 event, again surpassing its fundraising goals. We are extremely grateful to have Beth Buchanan and Charles Owen leading the team and welcome Laurie Skul who's in training to replace Beth. Show your support – visit [www.treefund.org](http://www.treefund.org) to sign up as a rider or supporter.

In February, the Chapter held its 2014 **Ohio Tree Care Conference** in Sandusky at the Kalahari Conference Center. It was great to see little ones running the halls as many members took the opportunity to turn the trip into a family vacation. Nearly 430 professionals attended the annual conference.

In May, the Chapter held its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **Tree Climbing Championship**. 22 competitors participated in the Westerville, Ohio event. **The Masters' Challenge winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place Brian Griffith (Cincinnati), 2<sup>nd</sup> place Nick Markley (Madison) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Jacob Sauer (Columbus).** Markley went on to represent the Chapter at the ISA championship in Wisconsin in August.

A second event took place in December in an effort to better match the timing of the ITCC's new schedule. Taking place in Bexley, the 22 male competitors and 1 female competitor participated in the 5 events leading up to the Masters' Challenge. Following a grueling competition, 1<sup>st</sup> place in the men's division was awarded to Nick Markley, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Justin McVey and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Jacob Sauer. Ellie Vosler (Columbus) placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the female division. Both Nick and Ellie will head to Florida to represent the Chapter in the 2015 International event.

Congratulations to all climbers and thank you to the many volunteers and sponsors necessary to produce the two events.

**Ohio Chapter ISA Endowment Fund** – The second Ohio Chapter ISA Education Grant was awarded by the TREE Fund to Hiram College for their program "Learning Communities Enhancing Urban Forests". The program will empower high school students and teachers to learn about the relationship of urban forest and the health of their local streams and watersheds.

**Annual Golf Outing** – The 16<sup>th</sup> annual event was again held in Grove City in August. Thanks to the efforts of Team Ohio, the event raised funds to benefit Team Ohio and the TREE Fund. Scoring a low 56, the Cincinnati team from Stang's Certified Tree Care took first place. This team consisted of Dave Stang, Mark Becker, Dave Haller and Pete Hesser. Second place was awarded to Team Bartlett Tree Experts who scored only 4 points behind the 1<sup>st</sup> place team. Team members included Carl Hart Jr., Daniel McCarthy, Mike Roley and free-agent Mick Saulman from Nelson Tree Service.

**Executive Director's Report** – On September 30, 2014 the membership year closed with 815 members.

**Educational Opportunities** – The Chapter provided numerous educational opportunities including Certification Prep Courses, TRAQ courses, plus three workshops presented across the state instructed by Dr. John Ball.

**Public Outreach** – The exhibit booth traveled to numerous public events designed to educate consumers on proper tree care and the arboriculture profession. In 2014, the Chapter's message, along with ISA brochures, were on display at the Akron Home & Flower Show, various Urban Forestry Conferences, various Tree City USA events throughout the state, the Vermilion Gardener's Fair, and OARDC's Plant and Arbor Day events among many other places. We encourage members to borrow the table top display for use at your local functions.

## **2015-16 Shirley Vaughn, President**

Additional **Board members** included Richard Rathjens, Vice President; Tom Munn, Treasurer; Directors Danny Bagwell, Joe Boggs, Brad McBride, Jennifer Milbrandt, Craig Schaar and Samantha Simmons.

**Scholarships Awarded** – In September 2015, the Chapter awarded 9 scholarships:

Certified Arborist – \$750 Scholarships

► Michael Huxsoll      ► Otis Gordon      ► Nicholas Rataiczak      ► Marcus Tackett

Professional Development – \$500 Scholarships

► Nathan Smith	► Jason Douglas
Traditional Student – \$1,000 Scholarships	► Anthony Carely
► Kodi Stebner	► Katelyn Johnson

Thirteen cyclists represented **Team Ohio** in the 2015 Stihl Tour des Trees ride covering over 500 miles in Florida. **Team Ohio raised over \$65,000** in the event, not only surpassing its fundraising goal, but also making **Ohio the #1 Fundraising Team!** The Chapter is extremely grateful to Beth Buchanan for leading the team.

In February 2015, the Chapter held its **Ohio Tree Care Conference** at the Dayton Convention Center. Themed “Branching Out, keynote speaker Dr. Frank Telewski, Michigan State University, taught sessions on Dendrochronology, Thigmomorphogenesis, and Tree Biomechanics & Risk Assessment. Over 480 professionals attended the conference.

In October, the Chapter held its 36<sup>th</sup> Annual **Tree Climbing Championship**. 19 men and 1 woman competed in the event held at the Cincinnati Zoo. Due to inclement weather producing unsafe conditions, the Masters’ Challenge was held a week later. Competing for the title and pictured left-right, Justin McVey (Dayton), Ellie Vosler (Columbus), Jacob Sauer (Columbus), and Eric Moell (Loveland). **Congratulations Justin McVey and Ellie Vosler on winning the male and female Master’s Challenges.**

Contestants competed in 5 preliminary events in order to qualify for the Masters. Individual event winners were:

Aerial	Belayed Speed Climb	Secured Foot Lock	Throwline
1 <sup>st</sup> Nick Markley	1 <sup>st</sup> Justin McVey	1 <sup>st</sup> O Gassaway	1 <sup>st</sup> Brian Griffith
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jacob Sauer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jacob Sauer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Brian Griffith	2 <sup>nd</sup> Brian Gadd
3 <sup>rd</sup> Brian Griffith	3 <sup>rd</sup> Brian Griffith	3 <sup>rd</sup> Eric Moell	3 <sup>rd</sup> James Masters

Brian Griffith qualified but chose not to compete in the Master’s Challenge.

**Ohio Chapter ISA Endowment Fund** – In 2015 Cuyahoga River Restoration (formerly Cuyahoga River Community Planning) was awarded for their program titled *Tree Training Intensives*; a series of workshops for community leaders, tree commission members, and students considering careers in arboriculture and urban forestry.

**Annual Golf Outing** – Oakhurst Country Club in Grove City hosted the 17<sup>th</sup> annual event on June 10. The event raised funds to benefit Team Ohio and the TREE Fund.

Scoring a low of 60, Team Davey Tree Experts (Dick Foote, Mark Noark, Jeff Stevens, Max Walter) took 1<sup>st</sup> place. With only 2 points behind 1<sup>st</sup> place, to Team Asplundh/FirstEnergy (Paul Barkoukis, Kris Keefer, Andy Liedel, Tim Mencer) was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Other contest included: Longest Drive – Danny Stuart, Closest to Pin – Brian Morgan, Longest Putt – Karon Wise and last place went to Team Asplundh Tree Expert (Keith Carrier, Keith Confere, Jim Jenkins, Bob Jernigan).

**Executive Director’s Report** – The 2015 membership year closed out with 854 members.

**Educational Opportunities** – The Chapter provided numerous educational opportunities including a 7-week Certified Arborist Prep Course in October/November, a TRAQ course in October, and a one-day workshop on “The Future of Trees is in Your Hands-The Best Practices of Tree Planting” presented at Holden Arboretum in February.

**Public Outreach** – Thanks to various volunteers across the state, the Ohio Chapter exhibit booth traveled to numerous public events designed to educate consumers on proper tree care and the arboriculture profession. In 2015, the Chapter’s message and ISA brochures were on display at the Canton Arbor Day Celebration, East Palestine Arbor Day Awards Banquet, Holden Arboretum, Kent State University Stark, Mt. Union Conference, North Coast Urban Forestry Conference, Sandusky Tree City USA, Southeast Urban Forestry Conference and the Southwest Ohio Urban Forestry Conference, among others.

## 2016-17 Richard Rathjens, President

Additional **Board members** included Ernie Brinker, Vice President; Tom Munn, Treasurer; Directors Danny Bagwell, Jim Jenkins, Brad McBride, Jennifer Milbrandt, Samantha Simmons and Tyler Stevenson.

**Ohio Tree Care Conference** - Last February, the conference was held at Kalahari Convention Center. Nearly 400 professionals "Made a Splash in Arboriculture" including keynote speaker Dr. Tom Smiley who taught sessions on Tree Risk Assessment, Growing Trees Near Concrete and Soil Management Best Practices.

**Scholarships** – In September, the Chapter awarded 9 scholarships. The goal in offering the scholarships is to assist individuals with the financial responsibility of professional arboricultural development through higher education in the field or via the International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist program. The following scholarships were awarded:

### Certified Arborist – \$750 Scholarships

► Robert Boehle      ► Carl Stevens      ► Matthew Stewart      ► Kelin Wilkins

### Professional Development – \$500 Scholarships

► Josè Fernandez      ► Jennifer Roberts

### Traditional Student – \$1,000 Scholarships

► Ann Detoro      ► Matthew McDermott      ► Ryan Vogel

**Ohio Tree Climbing Championship** – On September 24, the 37<sup>th</sup> annual competition was held at The Holden Arboretum. 28 men, including 4 from outside Ohio, and 2 women competed. Contestants competed in 5 preliminary events to qualify for the Masters. Individual event winners were:

#### Men's Division

Aerial	Belayed Speed Climb	Secured Foot Lock	Throwline	Work Climb
1 <sup>st</sup> Nick Markley	1 <sup>st</sup> Michael Moore	1 <sup>st</sup> Jacob Sauer	1 <sup>st</sup> Nick Markley	1 <sup>st</sup> Nick Markley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jacob Sauer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Brennan Kissman	2 <sup>nd</sup> Justin McVey	2 <sup>nd</sup> Archie Autenreith	2 <sup>nd</sup> Justin McVey
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nic Rataiczak	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mick Stabile	3 <sup>rd</sup> Michael Moore	3 <sup>rd</sup> Menno Schlabach	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jacob Sauer

#### Women's Division

Aerial	Belayed Speed Climb	Throwline	Work Climb
1 <sup>st</sup> Ellie Vosler			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cody Antonini			

Finalists for the master's challenge men's division were Justin McVey, Nick Markley and Jacob Sauer. Competing in the women's division were Ellie Vosler and Cody Antonini. Congratulations Justin and Ellie on winning your Master's Challenge; both will represent Ohio at the International Tree Climbing Championship, August 2017, in Washington, DC.

**Ohio Chapter ISA Endowment Fund** – The Ohio Chapter ISA Education Grant was awarded to The Holden Arboretum for its new pilot program, Forest Immersion XP camp. Funds will be used to increase awareness and interests in the areas of community forestry and arboriculture to have a positive impact on the industry and create possible career paths for students who may not hear about these opportunities otherwise. This two-day camp for middle and high school students, slated for spring 2017, will help them better understand the benefits and importance of trees in their community and will enlighten them to the plethora of related professional opportunities.

**TREE Fund's Team Ohio** – Nine cyclists represented Ohio in the 2016 Stihl Tour des Trees ride covering over 500 miles in North and South Carolina. Team Ohio raised over \$62,254 in the 2016 event, once again surpassing its fundraising goal! We are extremely grateful to Beth Buchanan for leading the team and serving as Ohio's TREE Fund Liaison.

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing was held at The Virtues Golf Club on June 21. Formerly known as the Longaberger Golf Course, the event attracted 40 players and raised \$3,365 for Team Ohio. With an impressive score of 60, Team Freddy (Pat Bender, Kurt Lutz, Jeff Mussay and Greg Rauch) took 1<sup>st</sup> place. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place scoring 61 on this difficult course was Team Davey (Richard Foote, Bill DiGamarino, Mark Noark, Jeff Stephens). Other contests included: Longest Drive – Skip Young, Closest to the Pin – Andy Liedel,

Longest Putt – Greg Rauch. And the team who had the most enjoyable day (coming in last place), Team Energy Co-op (Josh Filler, Sheamus Mulligan, Kevin & Kaylee Walker)

**Educational Opportunities** – In 2016, the Chapter provided several educational opportunities including two 7-week Certified Arborist Preparation courses and two TRAQ courses.

**Public Outreach** – Thanks to various volunteers across the state, in 2016 the Chapter's message and ISA brochures were on display at various Tree City USA Award ceremonies, regional and local ODNR urban forestry events, Lakeland Community College, the Holden Arboretum, Kent State University Stark and many other locations across the state. We encourage members to borrow the table top display for use at their local functions. Contact the Chapter for details.

#### **2017-18 Ernie Brinker, President**

Additional **Board members** included Eric Davis Vice President; Tom Munn, Treasurer; Directors Chad Clink, Jim Jenkins, Kevin Jones, Samantha Simmons, Tyler Stevenson and Mark Webber.

This year marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ohio Chapter. In honor of founding member, Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" Chadwick, on October 13, a tree planting and celebration reception were held at Chadwick Arboretum. Chad's daughter, Barbara, addressed members, former students and special friends with a look back at the Chapter's history including fond stories about her father. Nearly 400 commemorative t-shirts were sold to members throughout the year.

**Ohio Tree Care Conference** – Last winter, *Building Bridges in Arboriculture* was held at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati. 458 professionals attended including keynote speaker Dr. Dan Herms who taught sessions on Tree Health Care & Pest Management and Sustainable Use of Chemicals in Management of Tree Health Care. There were 33 exhibiting companies.

**Scholarships** – In September, the Chapter awarded 8 scholarships:

Certified Arborist – \$750 Scholarships

► Diana Sette      ► Josias Baltodano      ► Krista Harris      ► David Villarreal

Professional Development – \$500 Scholarships

► Mark Hoover      ► Matthew Ulrey

Traditional Student – \$1,000 Scholarships

► Elizabeth Bossler      ► Ryan Vogel

**Ohio Tree Climbing Championship** – Due to the change again with the International Tree Climbing Championship, the Chapter opted to not hold a competition in 2017. Instead, monies were used to fund new equipment to insure future events are held with the utmost safety in mind. In 2018, the championship will return to the Spring.

**Ohio Chapter ISA Endowment Fund** – The Ohio Chapter ISA Education Grant was awarded to Columbus State Arboriculture Education Expansion & Tree Care Academy Project. Columbus State Community College has been a regional education leader in horticulture-related education for more than 20 years and strives for currency in skills training. The existing landscape program at Columbus State was established in 1988 and has a long-standing track record of success. Arboriculture as a specialty places the College at the center of a growing interest in green spaces as a tenet of urban planning and conservation. This project will establish awareness of this important field and create an entry point for the Arboriculture Technician Pathway in the central Ohio region to increase the supply of qualified technicians.

**TREE Fund's Team Ohio** – 10 cyclists represented Ohio in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Stihl Tour des Trees ride in August cycling through Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC. Team Ohio raised the most money – \$42,165! The Chapter is grateful to Beth Buchanan for again leading the team to victory in its fundraising efforts!

**Annual Golf Outing** – The 19<sup>th</sup> annual outing was held at The Virtues Golf Club on June 14. The former Longaberger Golf Course proved to be a challenge for 28 golfers, the event attracted 40 players and raised nearly \$6,000 for Team Ohio. With an impressive score of 55, Team JTS (Andrew Belliveau, Keegan Billingham, Jobie McCoy & Doug Owens) took 1<sup>st</sup> place. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place scoring 61 with a scorecard playoff, was

Team Davey (Mike Mittiga, Mark Vaughn, Shirley Vaughn & Karen Wise). Other contests included: Longest Drive – Shirley Vaughn, Closest to the Pin – Kris Keefer and Longest Putt – Gerald Conn.

**Educational Opportunities** – In 2017, the Chapter provided several educational opportunities including four ISA Certified Arborist Preparation or Review courses and two TRAQ courses. At the end of 2017, the Chapter recorded 1,062 individuals holding ISA certifications and 150 TRAQ professionals.

**Public Outreach** – Thanks to various volunteers across the state, in 2017 the Chapter's message and ISA brochures were on display at various Tree City USA Award ceremonies, regional and local ODNR urban forestry events, Lakeland Community College, the Holden Arboretum, Kent State University Stark, the Midwest Green Industry Xperience (MGIX formerly known as CENTS) and many other locations across the state. We encourage members to borrow the table top display for use at their local functions. Contact the Chapter for details.

For the second year, the Chapter has been a sponsor of the **Ohio High School Landscape Olympics**. The Olympics tests students' skills through hands-on, competitions designed by green industry professionals. The even broadens the high school education experience and introduces students to the many opportunities offered by a career in the green industry. In November 2017, the Chapter joined Ohio Nursery & Landscape Association (ONLA) in welcoming 250 high school students from across Ohio for the event at ATI in Wooster. Students from 20 schools competed in ten events. The Chapter is working with ONLA to add an arboriculture-related event or competition to the Olympics.

**Executive Director's Report** – In 2017, Jennifer Clegg joined Dixie Russell to help locally with the day-to-day operations of the Chapter. EpiCenter Management continues to perform accounting functions and provides proprietary software for the website and database management.

As of September 30, 2017, the Chapter reported 927 members. After following the ISA's lead on offering qualified students with free membership, the Ohio Chapter now has over 20 student members that we communicate with regularly on the benefits of becoming an ISA Certified Arborist and careers in arboriculture.

## **2018-19 Eric Davis, President**

Additional **Board members** included Tyler Stevenson Vice President; Thomas Munn, Treasurer; Directors Virginia Bowman, Chad Clink, Kevin Jones, Sue Mottl, Steve Schneider, and Mark Webber.

**Ohio Tree Care Conference (OTCC)** – February 2018, the Chapter held the annual conference at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North. As the Chapter brought the 75th anniversary year to a close, it only seemed fitting to return to the site where so many members made friendships during previous conferences as they were “packed like sardines”. Also, due to the International ISA Conference scheduled for Columbus in August, the OTCC did not include exhibitors. Even though OTCC was smaller, there were still nearly 320 professionals who attended the conference. Speakers, including keynote speaker Dr. Kim Coder, taught sessions guided toward “Trees, Bees & More”.

**Scholarships** – In September, the Chapter awarded 6 scholarships. The goal in offering the scholarships is to assist individuals with the financial responsibility of professional arboricultural development through higher education in the field or via the International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist program. The following scholarships were awarded:

Certified Arborist – \$750 Scholarships

► Meagen Kresge ► Carl Wunderlee III

Professional Development – \$500 Scholarships

► Diana Sette

Traditional Student – \$1,000 Scholarships

► Robert Hammond ► Joseph Moeglin ► Ryan Vogel

Visit the Chapter's website at [ohiochapterisa.org/Chapter Information/Chapter Scholarships](http://ohiochapterisa.org/Chapter%20Information/Chapter%20Scholarships) for complete details. Deadline for applications July 1.

**Ohio Tree Climbing Championship** – In March, the competition was held in Columbus. 26 men from Ohio plus 3 from Michigan competed. There was one female competitor. Preliminary Winners in the Men’s Division:

**Aerial Rescue**

Nick Markley – 1st  
Evan Beck – 2nd  
Jacob Sauer – 3rd

**Belayed Speed Climb**

Josias Baltodano – 1st  
Tom Bartman – 2nd  
Justin McVey – 3rd

**Work Climb**

Justin McVey – 1st  
Tony Baker – 2nd  
Nick Markley – 3rd

**Ascent Event**

Nick Markley – 1st  
Chris Campbell – 2nd  
Evan Beck – 3rd

**Throwline**

Josias Baltodano – 1st  
Cody Beshire – 2nd  
Chris Campbell – 3rd

In the Women’s Division, Cody Antonini completed Aerial Rescue, Belayed Speed Climb, and Work Climb. The Masters’ round included Nick Markley with an overall score of 245, Evan Beck with an overall score of 226.67 and Josias (Sam) Baltodano with an overall score of 210. Following a challenge course, Nick Markley came in first and Evan Beck was runner up. Nick represented the Ohio Chapter in August at the International Championship held in Columbus.

**Endowment Fund/Education Grant** – The Chapter’s Education Grant was awarded to Kent Roosevelt High School. Their Forestry and Landscape Management Program has been in existence for over 20 years and their equipment has experienced wear and tear. Although some equipment has been replaced throughout the years, tree work is hard on equipment. It is important that tree gear be frequently replaced to remain safe requiring a great deal of expense.

Established in 2011 within the Tree Research and Education Endowment (TREE) Fund, the \$5,000 annual grant is fully funded by the Ohio Chapter ISA to increase public awareness and support the advancement of knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry. The grant application process is open to 501(c)(3) organizations including, but not limited to, arboretums, public gardens, high schools, vocational schools, 2-year colleges and 4-year colleges, which serve a target population of 16 years of age or older. The annual application deadline is March 15. (<http://www.TREEFund.org/grants/education-program-grants/ohio>)

**TREE Fund’s Team Ohio** – 18 riders represented Ohio in the 2018 Tour des Trees ride in August cycling through Ohio just prior to the International ISA Conference. Team Ohio once again raised the most money prior to the event – \$56,642!

**Annual Golf Outing** – The 20th annual outing was held at Hawk’s Nest Golf Course in Creston on June 14. The new course proved to be challenging for 28 golfers and raised nearly \$3,000 for Team Ohio. With an impressive score of 60, Team Davey (Scott Deevers, Mark & Shirley Vaughn, Karen Wise) took 1st place. Each member of the team received a \$100 Amazon gift card. In 2nd place scoring 65 with a scorecard playoff, was Team Altec; however, they didn’t stay for the awards so Team ArborMetrics (Paul Barkoukis, Ron Didyk, Tyler Woody, Fred Wynn) was deemed the winner! Team members each received a \$50 Amazon gift card. Other contests included: Longest Drive – Shirley Vaughn, Closest to the Pin – Dustin Ehrmantraut and Longest Putt – Phil Olsen. Davey Tree Expert Co. sponsored the prize hole. Epicenter Management, Ohio Chapter Past Presidents and Team Ohio were hole sponsors and prizes were donated by ACRT, Davey Tree Expert and Fred Marvin Associates.

**Educational Opportunities** – In 2018, the Chapter provided several educational opportunities including 3 ISA Certified Arborist Preparation courses, 1 ISA Municipal Specialist Preparation class, 5 Tailgating with Trees lunch and learn workshops, 2 TRAQ courses and 3 TRAQ Requalification courses. At the end of 2018, the Chapter recorded 1,154 individuals holding ISA certifications and 183 TRAQ professionals.

**Public Outreach** – Thanks to various volunteers across the state, in 2018 the Chapter’s message and ISA brochures were on display at Tree City USA Award ceremonies, regional and local ODNR urban forestry events, the Holden Arboretum, Kent State University Stark, the Midwest Green Industry Xperience (MGIX formerly known as CENTS) and many other locations across the state. We encourage members to borrow the table top display for use at their local functions. Contact the Chapter for details.

For the second year, the Chapter was a sponsor at the **Ohio High School Landscape Olympics**. The Olympics test students' skills through hands-on, competitions designed by green industry professionals. The event broadens the high school education experience and introduces students to the many opportunities offered by a career in the green industry. The Chapter is working with ONLA to add an arboriculture-related event or competition to the 2019 Olympics.

**Membership Report** – As of September 30, 2018, the Chapter reported 956 members compared to 926 at the end of the 2017 membership year and 898 in 2016.

## 2019-20 Tyler Stevenson, President

Additional **Board members** included Dave Bienemann Vice President; Eric Davis, Treasurer; Directors Virginia Bowman, Scott Conover, Dale Hopkins, Kevin Jones, Sue Mottl, and Steve Schneider.

**Ohio Tree Care Conference** (OTCC) – The Chapter held the annual conference February 24-26 at the Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky. There were 391 tree care professionals in attendance and 23 companies in the exhibit hall. Dr. John Ball was the keynote speaker focusing on *The New Z: Paragraphs to Live By* and diversity in the urban forest. One session discussed how drones can assist tree care professionals from inventory to removal.

**Scholarships** – In August, the Chapter awarded 5 scholarships. The goal in offering the scholarships is to assist individuals with the financial responsibility of professional arboricultural development through higher education in the field or via the International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist program. The following scholarships were awarded:

- Certified Arborist - \$750 Scholarship
  - David Norris
- Professional Development – \$500 Scholarships
  - Carrie Paulus
  - Dawn Sherman
- Traditional Student – \$1,000 Scholarships
  - Robert Hammond
  - Ryan Vogel

**Ohio Tree Climbing Championship** – In April, the competition was held in Cincinnati. 25 men from Ohio and 4 from Michigan competed. There was one female competitor from Ohio (Betsey Parks) and 2 from outside Ohio. Preliminary Winners in the Men's Division:

<b>Aerial Rescue</b>	<b>Ascent Event</b>	<b>Belayed Speed Climb</b>	<b>Throwline</b>	<b>Work Climb</b>
Dustin Ford 1 <sup>st</sup>	Nick Markley 1 <sup>st</sup>	Josias	Nick Markley 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sam
Evan Beck 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Evan Beck 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Baltodano 1 <sup>st</sup>	Menno	Baltodano 1 <sup>st</sup>
Jacob Sauer 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dennis Boyd 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kyle Webb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Schlabach 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nick
		Tom Bartman 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cody Beshire 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Markley 2 <sup>nd</sup>
				Dustin Ford 3 <sup>rd</sup>

## Women's

### Division:

#### **Aerial Rescue**

Lily Soderlund (KY) 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lily Soderlund 1 <sup>st</sup>			
Betsy Parks 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Betsy Parks 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rachel	Brewster 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rachel
Rachel	Brewster 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brewster 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Betsy Parks 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brewster 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Brewster (TX) 3 <sup>rd</sup>				Betsy Parks 3 <sup>rd</sup>

Following the Masters' round, Dustin Ford and Betsy Parks won their division and represented the Ohio Chapter in August at the International Championship held in Knoxville.

**Endowment Fund/Ohio Education Grant** – The Chapter's Education Grant was awarded to Holden Arboretum for their program "Cleveland Neighborhood Tree Walks." Established in 2011 within the Tree Research and Education Endowment (TREE) Fund, the \$5,000 annual grant is fully funded by the Ohio Chapter ISA to increase public awareness and support the advancement of knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry. The grant application process is open to 501(c)(3) organizations including,

but not limited to, arboreta, public gardens, high schools, vocational schools, 2-year colleges and 4-year colleges, which serve a target population of 16 years of age or older.

**TREE Fund's Team Ohio** – 5 veteran riders represented Ohio in the 2019 Tour des Trees ride in August cycling through Tennessee and Kentucky. Team Ohio raised \$27,765 that went directly to research projects and scholarships administered by the TREE Fund.

**Annual Golf Outing** – On June 14, the annual outing was held at Hawk's Nest Golf Course in Creston. 28 golfers hit the links and raised \$6,000 for Team Ohio. With an impressive score of 64, Team Davey (Mark & Shirley Vaughn, Karen Wise and Dave Goering) took 1<sup>st</sup> place. Each member of the team received a \$100 Amazon gift card and \$30 Arborwear gift card. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place scoring 66, was both ACRT (Kevin Gamble, Kevin Jones, Todd Jones and Troy Ross) and Asplundh (Keith Confere, Jeffrey Anderson, Zachary Miller and Jarrod Rock). Based on a play-off of the 4 most difficult holes, ACRT was deemed the winner. Each player received a \$50 Amazon gift card.

**Educational Opportunities** – In 2019, the Chapter provided several ISA exam opportunities and ISA Certified Arborist preparation courses in addition to more Tailgating with Trees lunch and learn workshops with Mark Webber, 1 TRAQ course and 2 TRAQ requalification courses. The Chapter also hosted one Tree & Plant Appraisal Qualification course. At the end of 2019, the Chapter recorded 1,158 individuals holding ISA certifications and 194 TRAQ professionals; compared to 1,154 and 183 respectively at the end of 2018.

**Public Outreach** – Thanks to various volunteers across the state, in 2019 the Chapter's message and ISA brochures were on display at Tree City USA Award ceremonies, regional and local ODNR urban forestry events, the Holden Arboretum, Kent State University Stark, and many other locations across the state. We encourage members to borrow the display for use at their local functions. Contact the Chapter for details.

For the third year, the Chapter participated in the **Ohio High School Landscape Olympics**. The Olympics test students' skills through hands-on, competitions designed by green industry professionals. The event broadens the high school education experience and introduces students to the many opportunities offered by a career in the green industry. In 2019, the Chapter coordinated a knot tying station as part of the competition. Through the competition, the Chapter was able to introduce arboriculture to 256 students from 18 Ohio high schools and career centers.

**Membership Report** – As of September 30, 2019, the Chapter reported 916 members.

## **2020-21 Dave Bienemann, President**

Additional **Board members** included Virginia Bowman Vice President; Eric Davis, Treasurer; Directors, Jay Butcher, Scott Conover, Dale Hopkins, Kevin Jones, Sue Mottl, Steve Schneider, and Tyler Stevenson.

**Ohio Tree Care Conference (OTCC)** – The Chapter held the annual conference February 25-27 at the Dayton Convention Center. A record 546 tree care professionals attended along with 34 companies in the exhibit hall. The keynote speaker was Dr. David Nowak with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Conference also included an Electrical Hazard Awareness Program, the Arboriculture 101/Certified Arborist Review Course, and various sessions focused on climbers, commercial, municipal, and utility arborists. 45 sessions offered 50.25 ISA continuing education units plus credits toward Ohio commercial pesticide recertification, CTSP, OCNT, and SAF.

**COVID-19** – Shortly after the 2020 Ohio Tree Care Conference, the world was hit hard by COVID-19, the Coronavirus disease first identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. Because it was a new virus, scientists were learning more each day. Although most people who had COVID-19 had mild symptoms, the virus could also cause severe illness and even death. As more and more were learned from the effects of the virus, state and local government mandates were implemented including defining essential work orders, "stay at home" orders, implementing curfews, requiring people to wear face masks covering the nose and mouth, and implementing 6-foot "social distancing" guidelines to help stop the spread. The February Tree Care Conference was the last time the majority of the Ohio Chapter members gathered for a face-to-face event.

**Scholarships** – In September, the Chapter awarded 6 scholarships. The goals of the scholarships are to assist individuals with the financial responsibility of professional arboricultural development through higher

education in the field or via the International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist program. The following scholarships were awarded:

- Certified Arborist - \$750 Scholarship
  - Terry Hall II
- Professional Development – \$500 Scholarships
  - Carrie Paulus
  - Adam Williams
- Traditional Student – \$1,000 Scholarships
  - Hannah Harmon
  - Kasandra Hernandez
  - Beth Whipple

**Ohio Tree Climbing Championship** – Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Chapter did not hold a competition. ITCC and NATCC were also canceled in 2020.

**Endowment Fund/Ohio Education Grant** – The Chapter's Education Grant was awarded to Western Reserve Land Conservancy for their Tree Steward Training Program. Established in 2011 within the Tree Research and Education Endowment (TREE) Fund, the \$5,000 annual grant is fully funded by the Ohio Chapter ISA to increase public awareness and support the advancement of knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry. The grant application process is open to 501(c)(3) organizations including, but not limited to, arboreta, public gardens, high schools, vocational schools, 2-year and 4-year colleges, which serve a target population of 16 years of age or older.

**TREE Fund's Team Ohio** – Once again because of COVID-19, Tour des Trees was a virtual event in 2020. This format made the primary goal of community engagement challenging. However, Team Ohio was still the top fundraising team contributing \$15,615 toward the campaign. Ohio also had the top distance team (riding 7,546 miles) and 3 members of Team Ohio were in the top 10 individual distance riders. Laurie Skul 5<sup>th</sup> place (2,328 mi.), Dave Staats 7<sup>th</sup> place (1,752 mi.), and Jeff McMullen 10<sup>th</sup> place (1,312 mi.). Congratulations Team Ohio for another year of great performance!

**Educational Opportunities** – With the restrictions of COVID-19, virtual learning quickly became a valued resource for training and offering education. In July, the Chapter began holding monthly Tree Talk Tuesday webinars. The one-hour webinars were available free of charge to Chapter members and \$20 for non-members. Individuals who listened to the live webinars were able to earn ISA continuing education credits. Topics ranged from attracting and retaining employees to insect updates, and much more.

With face masks and social distancing in place, the Chapter offered TRAQ qualification and requalification courses in March and August.

**Public Outreach** – For the 4<sup>th</sup> year, the Chapter participated in the Ohio High School Landscape Olympics. Participating schools could choose whether they wanted to attend in person or compete virtually. The Chapter worked with each school to submit their knot tying competition through Zoom. The Olympics test students' skills through hands-on competitions designed by green industry professionals. The event broadens the high school education experience and introduces students to the many opportunities offered by a career in the green industry.

**Membership Report** – As of September 30, 2020, the Chapter reported 923 members.

**License Plates** - In 2019, Senate Bill 86 was passed into law issuing "Trees 4 Ohio" license plates. In addition to providing a source of income for the Chapter, the plates encourage readers to visit [www.Trees4Ohio.org](http://www.Trees4Ohio.org), where they can search for Chapter members who are available for hire and they can learn about why to hire a certified arborist, featured tree of the month articles, press releases, and much more. In fiscal year 2019-2020, the Chapter received \$1,594 in revenue from the sale of license plates.

## **2021-22 Virginia Bowman, President**

Additional **Board members** included Sue Mottl Vice President; Thomas Munn, Treasurer; Directors, Jay Butcher, Scott Conover, Andrew Freeman, Brian Goodall, Brian Kralovic, Steve Schneider, and Dave Bienemann.

**Ohio Tree Care Conference (OTCC)** – In 2021, the Chapter combined forces with the Kentucky Arborists Association and held a virtual conference in February. The risks of getting COVID-19 were higher in crowded and mass gatherings were limited to fewer than 10 people. 513 tree care professionals participated and there

were 20 companies in the virtual trade show. The keynote speaker was Dr. Geoffrey Donovan and sessions were focused on the theme Essential Canopy ~ Thriving Communities.

**Scholarships** – In September, the Chapter awarded 4 scholarships. The goal of the scholarships are to assist individuals with the financial responsibility of professional arboricultural development through higher education in the field or via the International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist program. The following scholarships were awarded:

- Certified Arborist - \$750 Scholarship
  - Jesse Beyer      ► Thomas Lamont
- Professional Development – \$500 Scholarship
  - Amanda Mumford
- Traditional Student – \$1,000 Scholarship
  - Peyton Musgrave

The Chapter is grateful to Ahlum & Arbor Tree Preservation, Davey Resource Group, and LaRoche Tree Service for their financial donation enabling these awards.

**Ohio Tree Climbing Championship** – Thanks to the hard work of co-chairs Jay Butcher and Chris Ahlum, the Chapter held a fun climb at Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus. The event quickly sold out with 25 men and 3 women competing for a spot in the 2022 Ohio championship where the winner of the female and male divisions will receive an expense-paid trip to Sweden for the 2022 International championship.

Congratulations Nick Markley and Jenny Rexroad! The Chapter is grateful for the many volunteers who helped make the event a success and the financial and prize support from Ahlum & Arbor, Arbortech Chip Bodies, Arborwear, Bartlett Tree Experts, Columbus Tree Care, Endors Arborist & Rope Supply, Brian Goodall Arborist, Jacob Sauer Tree Care, Madison Tree Care, Parks Tree, and Weaver Arborist.

**TREE Fund Update** – Once again COVID-19 impacted Tour des Trees. Team Ohio riders and supporters included Laurie Skul, Lisa Meranti, Jack McCabe, Jeff McMullen, and Kevin Jones. Laurie and Kevin were grateful to be able to make the trip to Colorado. Laurie also volunteers on the tour planning committee in addition to logging thousands of miles each year. Jack led the team in fundraising with his virtual tour. Team Ohio raised more than \$16,000 for the TREE Fund.

The 2021 annual golf outing was not the traditional outing. The event was held at Topgolf in Columbus, a sports entertainment complex that features an inclusive, high-tech golf game. In a climate-controlled hitting bay, participants enjoyed music, great food, and a fun-filled afternoon of 2 rounds of “non-traditional” golf.

The Chapter's Education Grant/Endowment Fund administered by the TREE Fund was awarded to Akron Parks Collaborative youth corps project. The \$5,000 grant was used to bring urban forestry to the neighborhoods and business districts, engaging youth, residents, and businesses in the process of creating and stewarding a forest, while educating on its importance and introducing urban forestry job skills to youth. The purpose of the grant is to increase public awareness and support the advancement of knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry. The grant application process is open to 501(c)(3) organizations including, but not limited to; arboretums, public gardens, high schools, vocational schools, 2-year, and 4-year colleges, which serve a target population of 16 years of age or older. The annual application deadline is March 15.

In September, the Chapter was truly saddened at the passing of Dave Ahlum. Dave devoted a significant amount of time and energy over the years helping to grow and develop the arboriculture industry. Dave was involved in starting the certified arborist program and sat for the first exam, and he served as Chapter president in 1990 and chaired the Ohio Tree Climbing Championship for many years. Time will not steal the treasures that we carry in our hearts for Dave Ahlum.

**Educational Opportunities** – The Chapter continued holding monthly Tree Talk Tuesday webinars. The one-hour webinars were available free of charge to Chapter members and \$20 for non-members. Individuals who listened to the live webinars were able to earn ISA continuing education credits. Topics included pneumatic air excavation, plant diagnosis, safety, pests, and much more.

With face masks and social distancing in place, the Chapter held an aerial lift skills test, TRAQ courses, a certified arborist prep course, and a First Aid/CPR course. A utility specialist prep course was conducted virtually.

**Public Outreach** – For the 5<sup>th</sup> year, the Chapter participated in the Ohio High School Landscape Olympics. The Olympic events test students' skills through hands-on competitions designed by green industry professionals. The event broadens the high school education experience and introduces students to the many opportunities offered by a career in the green industry. The Chapter's event was knot tying.

The Chapter also offered 2 educational sessions and had a trade show booth at the Paul Bunyan Show in Cambridge. It was a great opportunity to share stories and help educate the forestry industry.

**Membership Report** – As of September 30, 2021, the Chapter reported 923 members.

**Marketing** – The Chapter's "Trees 4 Ohio" license plates continued to be purchased across the state. In addition to providing a source of income for the Chapter, the plates encourage readers to visit [www.Trees4Ohio.org](http://www.Trees4Ohio.org), where they can search for Chapter members who are available for hire. Thanks to the efforts of the marketing committee, there were over 17,000 radio commercials aired across the state and nearly 715,000 Facebook impressions, all directing consumers to [Trees4Ohio.org](http://www.Trees4Ohio.org).

## **2022-23 Sue Mottl President**

Additional **Board members** included Steve Schneider vice president, Tom Munn treasurer, directors: Jay Butcher, Andrew Freeman, Brian Goodall, Brian Kralovic, Frank McGraw, Kodi Riedel, and past president Virginia Bowman. Dixie Russell continued to serve as the executive director and secretary.

**Ohio Tree Care Conference (OTCC)** – In February 2021, the Chapter returned to meeting in person. The conference was held at the Cleveland Convention Center and nearly 450 individuals attended and there were 33 companies represented on the trade show floor. The keynote speaker was Dr. R. J. Laverne and sessions were focused on the theme Rooted Together. 41 sessions were offered that included ISA, CTSP, SAF, Ohio Pesticide Recertification, and OCNT credits. Individuals who maximized their time and attended all 3 days were able to obtain 19.75 ISA continuing education credits.

**Scholarships** – In August, the Chapter awarded 4 scholarships. The goal of the scholarships is to assist individuals with the financial responsibility of professional arboricultural development through higher education in the field or via the International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist program. The following scholarships were awarded:

Certified Arborist - \$750 Scholarship	► Colin Batu	► Steven Martinez	► Jotham Smith
Traditional Student – \$1,000 Scholarship	► John Schaefer, University of Cincinnati		

The Chapter is grateful to Ahlum & Arbor Tree Preservation, Davey Resource Group, and LaRoche Tree Service for their financial donation enabling these awards. If you want to see the scholarship program continue, contact the Chapter to make your tax-deductible contribution or visit [ohiochapterisa.org/Programs/Scholarships](http://ohiochapterisa.org/Programs/Scholarships) for complete details. Scholarships will continue in 2023 if sufficient funds are raised.

**Ohio Tree Climbing Championship** – Thanks to the hard work of co-chairs Alan & Lisa Kraus, the Chapter held the annual competition in June at Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland. The event quickly sold out with 27 men and 3 women competing for a spot in the 2022 International Tree Climbing Championship. Congratulations Lily Soderlund and Nick Markley who won the master's challenge and represented Ohio in Denmark! The Chapter is grateful for the many volunteers who helped make the event a success and the financial and prize support from Ahlum & Arbor, Arbortech Chip Bodies, Arborwear, Bartlett Tree Experts, Busy Bee Services, Endors Arborist & Rope Supply, Forrest Lytle & Sons, Brian Goodall Arborist, Lake View Cemetery, SaveATree, SpeakEasy Communications, and Weaver Arborist.

**TREE Fund Update** – The 2022 Tour des Trees route through Iowa included Team Ohio riders Laurie Skul with Davey, Lisa Meranti with Summit County Metroparks, Jeff McMullen with Denny Lumber, and Kevin Jones with ACRT.

The Chapter's Education Grant/Endowment Fund administered by the TREE Fund was awarded to Western Reserve Land Conservancy for their "Tree Steward Training" program. The purpose of the Ohio educational grant is to increase public awareness and support the advancement of knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry. The grant application process is open to 501(c)(3) organizations including, but not limited to; arboreums, public gardens, high schools, vocational schools, 2-year, and 4-year colleges, which serve a target population of 16 years of age or older. The annual application deadline is March 15.

**Educational Opportunities** – The Chapter continued holding Tree Talk Tuesday webinars. The one-hour monthly webinars were available free of charge to Chapter members and \$20 for non-members. Individuals who listened to the live webinars were able to earn ISA continuing education credits. Topics included urban forest management plans, proper planting and pruning, disease and pest updates, urban trees and their effect on wildlife habitat, and first aid.

During the year, the Chapter held TRAQ courses, a certified arborist prep course, a municipal specialist preparation course, and a First Aid/CPR course.

**Public Outreach** – For the 7<sup>th</sup> year, the Chapter participated in the Ohio High School Landscape Olympics hosted by the Ohio Green Industry Association/OGIA (formerly known as the Ohio Nursery & Landscape Association). The events test students' skills through hands-on competitions designed by green industry professionals designed to broaden the student's educational experience and introduce them to career opportunities in the green industry. This year, our event was designed for students to demonstrate the tying and use of knots used with a throw ball and throw line to set a climbing line into a tree and to establish a climbing system for ascending into and out of the tree. Students were required to show that the climbing system was safe and functioned appropriately.

The Chapter also had an exhibit at the Paul Bunyan Show in Cambridge that provided a great opportunity to help educate consumers and foresters.

**Membership Report** – As of September 30, 2022, the Chapter reported 917 members.

**Consumer Marketing** – The Chapter's "Trees 4 Ohio" license plates continued to be sold through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. In addition to providing a source of income for the Chapter, the plates encouraged readers to visit [www.Trees4Ohio.org](http://www.Trees4Ohio.org), where they can search for Chapter members who are available for hire. Thanks to the continued efforts of the marketing committee led by Mark Webber, there were over 14,000 radio commercials aired across the state and 1,669,770 digital impressions, all directing consumers to *Trees4Ohio.org*.

**Tree Planter Training** – The Chapter realized a need to reteach the importance of proper planting and began to research and develop a program that will include a guide and video on how to properly plant a tree. A committee was developed and they are working with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Ohio Green Industry Association (formerly known as the Ohio Nursery & Landscape Association) to update the Ohio tree planting specs, as part of the program. The Chapter hopes to unveil the program in 2023.

## **2023-24 Steven Schneider President**

Additional **Board members** included Vice President Scott Conover, Treasurer Tom Munn, directors: Jose Fernandez, Andrew Freeman, Brian Goodall, Frank McGraw, Kodi Riedel, Zack Shier, and past president Sue Mottl. Dixie Russell continued to serve as the executive director and secretary.

This year was particularly sad for the Chapter because of the passing of past president Alan Klonowski in May 2023.

**Ohio Tree Care Conference (OTCC)** – In February 2022, the conference was held at Cherry Valley Hotel in Newark. Over 500 individuals attended, and 42 companies were represented on the trade show floor. Lindsey Purcell was the keynote speaker, and sessions focused on the theme Arboriculture—Cultivating our Profession. Forty-three sessions offered ISA, CTSP, SAF, Ohio Pesticide Recertification, and OCNT credits.

**Ohio Tree Climbing Championship** – Thanks to the hard work of Ahlum & Arbor Tree Preservation, the Chapter held the annual competition in early May at the American Legion Park in Marysville. The event quickly sold out with 27 men and 3 women competing for a spot in the 2023 International Tree Climbing Championship. Congratulations Dustin Ford and Jenny Rexroad who won the master's challenges and

represented Ohio in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Sponsors included Ahlum & Arbor, ArborMaster, Arborwear, @ Height, Arbsession, Busy Bee Services, City of Marysville, Columbus Tree Care, Davey Tree Expert Co., Delmar Tree Service, Endor's Arborist & Rope Supply, Brian Goodall, Jacob Sauer Tree Care, Joseph Tree, and Russell Tree Experts.

**TREE Fund Update** – Team Ohio Captain Brian Kralovic rode in the 2023 Tour des Trees route from Reno to Lake Tahoe to Modesto to San Jose. The Chapter's Education Grant/Endowment Fund, administered by the TREE Fund, was awarded to the University of Findlay for their project, *Arcadia Arbor-Team*. The Chapter's educational grant is designed to increase public awareness and support the advancement of knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry. The grant application process is open to 501(c)(3) organizations including, but not limited to; arboreta, public gardens, high schools, vocational schools, 2-year, and 4-year colleges, which serve a target population of 16 years of age or older.

**Educational Opportunities** – The Chapter offered 12 Tree Talk Tuesday webinars. The one-hour monthly online learning opportunities were available free of charge to Chapter members and for \$20 to non-members. Funds raised help support the scholarship fund. Individuals who listened to the live webinars were able to earn ISA continuing education credits. Topics included electrical hazard awareness, various disease and pest-related updates, soil science, proper planting and pruning, a look at tree support systems, tree equity, and an i-Tree update.

During the year, the Chapter also held TRAQ qualification and renewal courses, two certified arborist prep courses, and a utility arborist training course.

**Public Outreach** – For the 8<sup>th</sup> year, the Chapter participated in the Ohio High School Landscape Olympics hosted by the Ohio Green Industry Association. Various events tested the skills of 229 students from 15 schools through hands-on competitions hosted by green industry professionals designed to broaden the student's educational experience and introduce them to career opportunities in the green industry. In addition to students demonstrating knot tying, the Chapter's event required students to demonstrate that their climbing system was safe and functioned appropriately.

The Chapter also had an exhibit at the Paul Bunyan Show in Cambridge that provided a great opportunity to help educate consumers and foresters.

**Membership Report** – As of September 30, 2023, the Chapter reported 983 members.

**Consumer Marketing** – The Chapter's "Trees 4 Ohio" license plates are available for purchase across the state. In addition to providing funds for Chapter educational events, the plates encourage readers to visit [www.Trees4Ohio.org](http://www.Trees4Ohio.org), where they can search for Chapter members who are available for hire. Thanks to the continued efforts of the marketing committee, Chapter radio commercials and advertisements reached over 1,000,000 adults statewide.

## **2024-25 Scott Conover President**

Additional **Board members** included Vice President Brian Kralovic, Treasurer Tom Munn, directors: Jose Fernandez, Brian Goodall, Frank McGraw, Stephanie Miller, Kodi Riedel, Zack Shier, and past president Stephen Schneider. Dixie Russell continued to serve as the executive director and secretary.

This year brought great sadness with the loss of several industry greats, including past presidents Dr. Davis Sydnor and Alan Shauck, and our ISA Council of Representatives volunteer, Mark Hoenigman.

**Ohio Tree Care Conference (OTCC)** – The conference was held in February 2023 at Cherry Valley Hotel in Newark. There were 502 tree care professionals in attendance, and 42 companies were represented on the trade show floor. Ashley Kulhanek with the Medina County OSU Extension Office was the keynote presenter, and sessions focused on the theme, *Arboriculture – Cultivating our Profession*. Forty-two sessions offered ISA, CTSP, SAF, Ohio Pesticide Recertification, and OCNT credits.

**Ohio Tree Climbing Championship** – In April, the annual competition was held at Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati. Forty individuals competed in the event, and Evan Beck and Lily Soderlund, winners of the Masters' Challenge, proudly represented Ohio at the International competition in Atlanta. Five students from

Cuyahoga Community College participated in a new student competition, and the safety committee sponsored the recreational climb. Thanks to the hard work of Chair Jay Butcher and the numerous volunteers and sponsors, the competition was educational and successful.

**TREE Fund Update** – Team Ohio Captain Brian Kralovic, Laurie Skul, and Jenny Rexroad represented Ohio in the 2024 Tour des Trees in New England.

**Educational Opportunities** – The Chapter offered 12 Tree Talk Tuesday webinars. The one-hour monthly online learning opportunities were available free of charge to Chapter members and for \$20 to non-members. Funds raised help support the scholarship fund. Individuals who listened to the live webinars earned ISA continuing education credits.

The Chapter also held two TRAQ qualification courses, one TRAQ renewal course, one Tree & Plant Appraisal Qualification, three certified arborist prep courses, one municipal arborist prep course, two risk assessment workshops, and one proper tree planting hands-on workshop.

**Public Outreach** – The Chapter participated in the Ohio High School Landscape Olympics hosted by the Ohio Green Industry Association. Eighteen schools participated in the event. The Chapter coordinated two events: one safely demonstrating climbing systems and functionality, and the other focused on chainsaw use and maintenance.

The Chapter also had an exhibit at the Paul Bunyan Show in Cambridge that provided a great opportunity to help educate consumers and foresters.

**Membership Report** – As of September 30, 2024, the Chapter reported 1,026 members, finally attaining its goal of surpassing 1,000 members! A new membership category for Master Gardener Volunteers was added in January.

**Consumer Marketing** – The Chapter’s “Trees 4 Ohio” license plate program continued to generate non-dues revenue and market Trees4Ohio.org. The Chapter continued its marketing efforts through ONN Radio and WBNS, as well as digital display ads that reached adults statewide.

#### **2025-26 Brian Kralovic President**

Additional **Board members** included Vice President Brian Goodall, Treasurer Steve Schneider, directors: Frank McGraw, Stephanie Miller, Joe Puperi, Kodi Riedel, Zack Shier, past president Scott Conover, and ISA Component Council Representative Tyler Stevenson. Dixie Russell continued to serve as the executive director and secretary.

**Ohio Tree Care Conference (OTCC)** – The conference was held in February 2025 at Cherry Valley Hotel in Newark. There were 480 tree care professionals in attendance, and 3 companies were represented on the trade show floor. Dr. Glynn Percival was the keynote presenter, and sessions focused on the theme, *Trees – From the Ground Up*. Forty-two sessions offered ISA, CTSP, SAF, Ohio Pesticide Recertification, and OCNT credits.

**Ohio Tree Climbing Championship** – In May, the annual competition was held at Chadwick Arboretum on The Ohio State University campus. 35 individuals competed in the event, and Dustin Ford and Anna Sonnenfield, winners of the Masters’ Challenge, proudly represented Ohio at the International competition in New Zealand. Five students from Cuyahoga Community College participated in the student competition, and the safety committee sponsored the recreational climb. Thanks to the hard work of Chair Chris Ahlum and the numerous volunteers and sponsors, the competition was educational and successful.

**TREE Fund Update** – Team Ohio Captain Brian Kralovic and Laurie Skul represented Ohio in the 2025 Tour des Trees in Michigan.

**Educational Opportunities** – The Chapter offered 12 Tree Talk Tuesday webinars. The one-hour monthly online learning opportunities were available free of charge to Chapter members and for \$20 to non-members. Funds raised help support the scholarship fund. Individuals who listened to the live webinars earned ISA continuing education credits.

The Chapter also held three TRAQ qualification courses, one TRAQ renewal course, one Tree & Plant Appraisal Qualification, and a Prescription Pruning Qualification course. There were three certified arborist prep courses, one utility arborist prep course, and a field day event offering hands-on training.

**Public Outreach** – The Chapter took part in the Ohio High School Landscape Olympics, hosted by the Ohio Green Industry Association, an event that brought together 260 students representing 16 high schools. As contributors to the competition, the Chapter coordinated two hands-on events: one showcasing safe climbing systems and their proper functionality, and another focused on chainsaw operation and maintenance.

**Membership Report** – As of September 30, 2025, the Chapter reported 1,001 members. The membership category for Master Gardener Volunteers was changed to Associate Member to encompass individuals who are interested in arboriculture but not employed in the profession such as tree commissioners, Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists, etc.

**Consumer Marketing** – The Chapter’s “Trees 4 Ohio” license plate program generated \$3,200 in non-dues revenue. The Chapter continued its marketing efforts through ONN Radio and WBNS, as well as digital display ads that reached over 1.3 million adults across Ohio. Trees4Ohio advertising was also heard by listeners on 97.1 *The Fan* radio during two Ohio State University football games.

**Scholarships** – Thanks to the leadership of Chris Ahlum and the Workforce Development Committee, Ahlum & Arbor, PennLine Tree Service, and The Townsend Family Foundation have pledged contributions that will fully and permanently fund the scholarship account within five years. Two \$500 professional development scholarships were awarded to David Passarelli and Jotham Smith. Three students were awarded \$1,000 traditional student scholarships: Ryan Culp, Hannah Derrickson, and Noah Richards.

## The Launching of Arborist Certification in Ohio

Arborist certification began in the Ohio Chapter in the mid-1980's when some members read about a program that was starting up in the Western Chapter. Executive Director Alan Cook asked Sharon Lilly, an Ohio State University graduate student, to investigate certification and report back to the Chapter Board of Directors.

Sharon started by developing a survey of the Chapter membership to determine whether they were in favor of a certification program in Ohio. Though the talk in the halls at Chapter Meetings was generally positive, the Chapter leadership was surprised by the overwhelming positive response to the survey – 95% of those responded in favor.

The Board then charged Sharon with investigating certification further and formed a committee to consider the matter. Sharon started with researching what other organizations were doing and she contacted the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association, as well as each of the other ISA Chapters that were launching programs, to gather information. John Hendrickson from the Illinois Chapter provided a study that had been done by another organization. That study mentioned some work by an attorney named Jerry Jacobs who had done some legal research related to professional certifications. The references in that study allowed Sharon to more thoroughly research the legal implications and precedents at the OSU Law Library. Jerry went on to become one of the premier attorneys in the United States in certification and association law.

Armed with a summary of legal issues, Sharon convened the Committee for its first meeting. Most of the Committee members were in favor of developing a certification program, but the representative of the utility sector was strongly opposed. His tactic to kill the proposition was to create a fear of litigation within the Chapter leadership. But Sharon's homework proved contrary to the claim of legal risk and the Committee voted to move forward.

Sharon moved on in her research to gain expertise in standards and best practices of testing. She found the information needed in the OSU Education Library and within a field known as psychometrics. A great deal of information was available relating to test development and administration including guidelines for ensuring a valid and reliable testing instrument. Later, Dr. Larry Early, an OSU graduate in psychometrics, would become an ISA consultant for the international certification program.

Sharon worked with the Chapter leadership to assemble a new committee of subject-matter experts to develop the committee that would write certification exam questions. The Committee worked for many months, on several occasions retreating to remote locations and sequestering themselves for marathon working meetings. The exam bank and domain (subject area) weighting was developed and the exam questions were pretested out of state prior to the launch of the program.

Sharon worked concurrently on a policies and procedures manual for management and administration of the program, a communications and marketing plan for rollout, plans for a study packet, and design concepts for a new logo, all of which were packaged for presentation to the Chapter Board of Directors as part of the final program approval. The Board approved and endorsed the program and the Committee moved forward toward an official launch in January of 1986.

The first exam registration group numbered more than 100 arborists due to anticipation of the program and a desire to be in the first certification "class." The Chapter offered a half-day pretest workshop, designed to be a review session prior to the test and, despite a complete power outage at the start of the workshop throwing the convention center into darkness, both the workshop and the first exam were successful.

The Ohio Chapter continued to refine the program and the number of certified arborists grew rapidly. In 1988 ISA President Bob Skiera visited the Ohio Chapter Meeting and learned about the certification program. He asked Sharon to head a committee to take the program to the international level.

Sharon worked with the leaders of several other chapter programs to develop a plan to merge them all into an international program. While feelings of ownership at the chapter level and representatives' beliefs that their own chapter had "the best" approach there were hurdles to overcome. In the end, each chapter opted to support an international program. ISA launched its International Arborist Certification program in 1992.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Article written by Sharon Lilly, Past President of the Ohio Chapter.]

## Foreman's Training Workshops

**Larry Holkenborg of the Ohio Chapter put together the first training and education programs aimed at the workman in the field with the encouragement of Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick.**

The Ohio Chapter and the Wooster Area Extension Center of the Ohio State University sponsored the first four workshops. Fred Buscher, Horticulture Extension Agent in Wooster was very helpful in the start of these yearly meetings.

Larry arranged each meeting, starting December 17, 1977, and every year thereafter until March 4, 1994. The meetings were mostly held on Saturdays, so as not to interfere with a work day. The registration fee started at \$6 and ended in 1994 at \$30, which included lunch that year. The first program held in Columbus, was at the Ohio State University on December 15, 1981.

The meetings were moved from Wooster to Columbus, because of a request from the southern Ohio members to reduce travel time and be centrally located. Dr. Elton Smith, of the Ohio State University, took over to set up meetings in Columbus.

The program topics covered many responsibilities of the Foreman, such as safety, administration, leadership, training, work skills, equipment needs and repairs. Safety was always **key**, but it was kept on a low profile.

There were many speakers, too many to name individually from the Tree Care Industry, the Ohio State University, the Division of Forestry, equipment manufacturers, utilities, etc. Other ISA Chapters subsequently adopted similar programs.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Information for this article was received from Larry Holkenborg, Past President of the Ohio Chapter ISA.]

# Ohio Chapter Awards & Recipients

## 1942 – Present

**Award of Merit**: The Award of Merit, the highest honor the Chapter can bestow, is to recognize outstanding meritorious service in advancing the principles, ideals and practices of arboriculture, and to one who has contributed materially to the promotion of the Chapter. The award shall be granted only to members of the Chapter who have made material contributions to the advancement of arboriculture either through internal organizations, general research, invention, promotion, or field practice. The Award of Merit shall be limited to not more than one individual annually.

**Award of Achievement**: The Award of Achievement may be granted to an individual or firm who has, through specific projects, programs, or research, contributed to the advancement of the use and/or maintenance of shade trees and other landscape plants in the Ohio area. The person or firm being considered for this award is recognized for outstanding accomplishments during recent years. The Award shall be limited to not more than one individual or firm annually. The nominees do not need to be members of the Ohio Chapter of ISA.

**Honorary Life Membership**: Chapter Honorary Life Membership shall be granted only to Chapter members who have contributed materially and substantially to the progress of arboriculture and have given unselfishly of their efforts in supporting and promoting the objectives of the Chapter. Chapter Honorary Life Membership may be awarded to not more than one member annually. Serving as an officer is not the only criteria to be considered for a nominee of this award.

**Honorary Membership (non-member)**: This award, providing a one year free membership, recognizes those individuals who are not members of the Chapter who have shown continued interest and have given outstanding service in promoting arboriculture. Recipients will have given material contributions to the advancement of arboriculture either through research, field practice, promotion, invention, or literature. Chapter Honorary Membership shall be limited to not more than one individual annually.

**President's Award**: The President's Award is given at the sole discretion and determination of the current President for services deemed significant and substantial. The Award shall be bestowed upon that individual that has demonstrated the most substantial contribution of commitment, support and assistance to the President during his/her term of office.

**Safety Awards**: The Awards Committee shall consider for approval the Safety Award nominees as presented by the Safety and Risk Management Committee. The outstanding crew/individual performance award recognizes an individual's or crew's heroic reaction to an emergency situation and/or an outstanding company contribution award recognizes a member's proactive program to address safety issues within its own company or community. This award shall be bestowed upon not more than two individuals, organizations, firms or other entities in recognition of an outstanding effort in promoting safety. The nominees do not need to be members of the Ohio Chapter or ISA.

**Gold Leaf Award**: Gold Leaf Award traditionally recognizes individuals, groups, or businesses for outstanding Arbor Day recognition activities or community beautification projects. The Gold Leaf Award is an ISA award. See ISA policies and procedures, for guidelines. The ISA policy statement and application form can be found at [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com).

**Special Awards**: Other awards (such as the service award to outgoing president), citations or honors may be recommended by the Awards Committee for student academic excellence in arboriculture or related fields or programs, and/or to others who have meritoriously contributed to the advancement of the profession of arboriculture, as deemed advisable by the Awards Committee and approved by the Board.

**Outgoing President's Award**: This is presented to the President going out of office, by the incoming President. The plaque has the year of the outgoing President and a gavel.

In checking through "old" newsletters and/or bulletins regarding the Ohio Chapter, I did not find that any awards were given from the beginning of the organization (1942) through 1954.

**1955** Ohio State University received the **National Shade Tree Conference Research Award** (1955-59) for Project Folier Analysis as an Index to the Fertilizer Requirements of Trees.

**1964** **Distinguished Contributor's Award:** Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" Chadwick, Founder of the Ohio Chapter, National Shade Tree Conference (now the International Society of Arboriculture).

**1971** **Award of Achievement:** Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent  
**Award of Merit:** Richard E. Abbott, Ohio Power Company, Canton

**1972** **Award of Merit** (2 awards were presented):  
(1) Dr. Kenneth W. Reisch for his Scientific Research in Arboriculture. His activities in the Dissemination of Arboriculture Information and his unselfish contribution of time and effort in promoting the objectives and purposes of the Ohio Chapter and the professional of arboriculture.  
(2) Milfred W. "Biff" Staples, Ohio Chapter President, Kent, 1964  
**Award of Achievement:** The City of Wooster

**Ohio Chapter Tree of Life Safety Awards:** The Ohio Chapter Tree of Life Safety Awards for High Merit Rating in Industrial Compensation Rate for Manual 0101 of the Division of Safety and Hygiene. The Industrial Commission of Ohio, were granted to the following companies:  
(1) Asplundh Tree Expert Company, Columbus  
(2) Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent  
(3) Funk Brothers Tree Service, Inc., Ashland  
(4) Charles F. Irish Company, Cleveland  
(5) Karl Kuemmerling Associates, Canton  
(6) Mosier Tree Expert Company, Dayton  
(7) Nelson Tree Service, Inc., Dayton

**1973** **Award of Merit:** Homer L. "Red" Jacobs in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the advancement of arboriculture and for promoting the objectives of the Ohio Chapter and the International Shade Tree Conference.  
**Award of Achievement:** William H. "Bill" Collins, Cole Nursery Company, Circleville, for his efforts in the introduction of new and little known shade and ornamental trees and for his unselfish contribution of time and effort in the promotion of the Shade Tree Evaluation Project of the Ohio Chapter.  
**Academic Membership Award:** Raymond R. Chapin, an Ohio State University graduate student was presented an International Shade Tree Conference Student Membership for 1973.

**Tree of Life Safety Awards:** Frank Spanable, Chief Statistician, Division of Safety and Hygiene, The Industrial Commission of Ohio, presented the following:

Class I	Davey Tree Expert Company	Kent
Class III	Mosier Tree Expert Company	Dayton
Class IV	Funk Brothers Tree Service	Ashland
Class V	Natorp Landscape Organization, Inc.	Cincinnati

**Special Safety Award:** Karl Kuemmerling Associates, Inc., Columbus, for having the greatest improvement in Industrial Compensation Rating in Manual 0101.

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Henry Kohankie

**1974** **Award of Achievement:** City of New Philadelphia, for excellence in City Beautification by the promotion of an Outstanding Street Tree Planting and Maintenance Program.

**1975 Award of Merit:** Leo D. Creed, Ohio Edison Company

**Award of Achievement:** City of Ashland

**Tree of Life Safety Awards:** Presented to the following:

- (1) Funk Brothers Tree Service, Ashland
- (2) Mosier Tree Expert Company, Dayton
- (3) Natorp Landscape Organization, Cincinnati
- (4) Nelson Tree Service, Dayton

**1976 Special Arbor Day Award:** Presented Honorary Membership (non-member) in the Ohio Chapter to Clara E. Weisenborn, Dayton.

**Award of Merit:** Dr. Oliver D. "Ollie" Diller, retired from OARDC staff member and Chairman of the Wooster Shade Tree Commission, for his outstanding service in advancing the principles, ideals and practices of arboriculture and for promoting the purposes and objectives of the Ohio Chapter.

**Award of Achievement:** City of Toledo, who through specific projects and programs, had contributed to the advancement of the use and maintenance of shade trees and other landscape plants in the Ohio area.

**Academic Membership Award:** Terry Mannell, Department of Horticulture, Ohio State University. At the time of the presentation, it was announced that this is the second year that Terry had received the award.

**Tree of Life Safety Awards:** The Tree of Life Safety Awards are limited to members of the Ohio Chapter listed in Manual 0101 of the Division of Safety and Hygiene, Industrial Commission of Ohio. Candidates for these awards must have maintained a credit rating of at least 10% during the past two years and selections are based on the greatest increase in credit rating during the past year and on the highest credit rating with each category:

Class I	Karl Kuemmerling Associates, Inc.	Columbus
Class II	Bartlett Tree Expert Company	Zanesville
Class III	Lemley Forest Service	Cincinnati
Class IV	Funk Brothers Tree Service, Inc.	Ashland
Class V	Natorp Landscape Organization, Inc.	Cincinnati

**1977 Award of Merit:** Bernard E. Swisher, Past President, 1969

**Award of Achievement:** Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati

**1978 Award of Merit:** Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" Chadwick, Founder of the Ohio Chapter, National Shade Tree Conference in 1942

**Award of Achievement:** John D. Siebenthaler, Siebenthaler Nursery, Dayton

**Special Citation:** Lawrence "Larry" Holkenborg

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Otto B. Schoepfle

**1979 Award of Merit:** William H. Collins, Past President, 1970

**Award of Achievement:** City of Delaware

**Special Citation:** Dr. Philip C. Kozel, Ohio State University, Department of Horticulture (posthumously)

**1980 Award of Merit:** Theodore W. "Ted" Parke, Past President, 1955

**Award of Achievement:** Dr. Elton M. Smith, Ohio State University, Department of Horticulture

**Special Citation:** Robert Felix, National Arborists Association

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Walter Rucker

**1981 Award of Merit:** Fred K. Buscher, Wooster

**Honorary Life Membership:** Dr. Bruce Roberts, Delaware

**Honorary Life Membership (non-member):** R. Henry Norweb

**Award of Achievement:** Secrest Arboretum, Wooster

**Special Citation:** Erik H. Haupt, MA

**1982 Academic Award:** Sharon Lilly, a new member of the Ohio Chapter

**Award of Achievement:** Garden Center of Greater Cleveland

**Award of Merit:** Lawrence "Larry" Holkenborg, Past President, 1970

**Special Citation:** Fred C. Galle, Calloway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Stanley M. Rowe

**1983 Award of Merit:** Fredrick W. "Fred" Hower, Worthington, Past President, 1979

**Award of Achievement:** Dawes Arboretum, Newark. The Dawes Arboretum was chartered in 1929; although the idea of such an establishment was conceived in the minds of the founders, many years previous to this date. Today, the Arboretum extends over some 400 acres and is considered one of the foremost educational institutions of its kind.

**Special Citation:** Went to two members of a tree service company, "who went the extra mile" to save the life of another. On July 26, 1982, Ed Butcher of Madison Tree Service Company, Cincinnati, heard a call for help on the police scanner in his car. A young man was pinned in the crotch of a multi-leader Hackberry tree some 35 feet up in the air by a large limb he was removing. Hearing the call for help, Ed picked up his son, Jack, with his rope and saddle and went to the scene. After more than an hour of skillful rescue operation, Jack was able to free the man and lower him to the ground, undoubtedly saving the man from bleeding to death.

**Honorary Life Membership:** Kenneth H. Funk, Funk Brothers Tree Service, Inc., Ashland, Past President, 1973

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** John E. Ford, Curator, Secrest Arboretum located at OARDC, Wooster. John had been associated with OARDC for many years, and under his guidance there had emerged a unique collection of woody plants numbering over 2,000 species, varieties and cultivars. Plantings in the Arboretum started in 1903 and now encompasses an area of over 85 acres.

**Academic Awards:**

- (1) **Undergraduate Academic Award:** Geoffrey S. Hardin, Cincinnati; a senior in the Division of Landscape Horticulture, Ohio State University. He had attained a high academic standing, and for the past five years, he had been employed part time at Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati.
- (2) **Graduate Academic Award:** Daniel Herms, Portsmouth. Dan was working on his BS and MS degrees at the same time, jointly in Landscape Horticulture and Entomology.

The Ohio Chapter Arbor Day Committee had been busy with projects in two parts of the state:

- (1) Three Shumard Oaks were dedicated in an Arbor Day presentation to Past Presidents' of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Tree Dedication at The Chadwick Arboretum located on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus. These trees were planted in honor of **F. Lewis Dinsmore** of Missouri and **Ray Gustin** of Maryland. The trees were donated by the ISA Board of Governors in honor of all ISA Past Presidents. A plaque for the trees is located in Kottman Hall on the Ohio State University campus.

The ceremony was honored by the presence of Harry Banker, Chairman of Arbor Day and the Beautification Committee of ISA; Leslie L. Toth, President of ISA; Dr. Chadwick, Executive Director Emeritus of the Ohio Chapter ISA; and Wayne Randall, President of the Ohio Chapter ISA.

(2) The Ohio Chapter joined the Holden Arboretum in northeast Ohio in an Arbor Day Project which consisted of a tree seedling giveaway and an Arbor Day trail. 1,000 Sweet Gum seedlings were given out from April 23 through May 1.

**1984 Award of Merit:** Alan Cook, Senior Horticulturist at Dawes Arboretum, Newark

**Award of Achievement:** Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, which was established in 1930 and now consists of over 2,800 acres.

**Honorary Life Membership:** Donald E. Richter, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Columbus

**Chapter Honorary Membership:** Jo'Del Hower, Fred W. Hower Company, Worthington

**1985 Award of Merit:** Dr. Elton M. Smith, Professor in Horticulture, Ohio State University, Columbus

**Award of Achievement:** Lloyd Kennedy, associated with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, as a Horticulture Inspector for 13 years; and as an Inspector Supervisor for 25 years.

**Honorary Life Membership:** William H. "Bill" Collins. Bill was a graduate of Iowa State University, Ames, IA, where he studied horticulture. He served as Horticulturist at Kingswood Center in Mansfield, as well as serving on the Board of Directors at The Chadwick Arboretum.

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Dean Ramsey, a graduate of the Ohio State University with a degree in Landscape Architecture. He also served on the Advisory Board for The Chadwick Arboretum.

**Special Citation:** David Ahlum, who owns his own company in Hilliard. Ahlum has been very active in the Ohio Chapter.

#### **Student Academic Excellence Award**

(1) **Undergraduate:** Kim Marie Brand, a recent graduate of the Ohio State University, College of Agriculture, Department of Horticulture. She was Valedictorian of a class of 1,700 students and graduated with a grade point average at 3.96.

(2) **Graduate:** Charles Van Meter Funk who was working in the Department of Horticulture, College of Agriculture, Ohio State University. At the time he received the award, he was finishing up work for his Master's Degree.

#### **Arbor Day Awards**

(1) Clean-land, a non-profit, independent, clean-up and beautification program for the City of Cleveland. It was their mission to initiate and coordinate non-government efforts and cooperate with appropriate governmentally sponsored programs within the City of Cleveland.

(2) Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, is the country's largest non-profit cemetery. There are over 733 acres, including 33 miles of winding, shaded roads; a protected woodland area; a 350 acre managed woodlot; 14 lakes and a waterfall.

The Ohio Chapter presented the **Gold Leaf Award**, posthumously, to Wayne E. Randall. Wayne was a Supervisor with Asplundh Tree Company for 37 years.

**1986 Award of Merit:** Ann Miller

**Honorary Life Membership:** Mont Hollingsworth

**Honorary Membership:** Lana Ahlum

**Golden Buckeye Award:** The Ohio Chapter presented three awards:

- (1) James Murphy, Newark
- (2) Tim Brotzman and Denny Defibaugh
- (3) Don Vest

**Gold Leaf Award:** Fredrick W. "Fred" Hower

**Academic Excellence Award** winners:

- (1) **Undergraduate:** Judith Bear
- (2) **Graduate:** Robert McCartney

**1987 Award of Merit:** Dr. Bruce Roberts, Delaware, Past President, 1982

**Award of Achievement:** Sharon Lilly

**Honorary Life Membership:**

- (1) Fredrick W. "Fred" Hower
- (2) Edwin E. "Ed" Irish
- (3) Emerrick Sabo

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** James Caldwell, Ohio State University, Columbus

**Special Citation:** Joe Rimelspach

**Arbor Day Awards**

**Buckeye Awards:**

- (1) Chairman of the Committee that hosted the 1986 Summer Meeting and Jamboree in Cleveland, Lauren Lanphear.
- (2) Given in recognition of an exceptional Arbor Day Project sponsored by the City of Toledo, Department of Natural Resources.

**Golden Buckeye Awards:**

- (1) The first two awards went to two of Ohio Chapter's companies that adopted the trees at the Governor's residence in Columbus for Arbor Day. (1) Ohio Tree Surgery; (2) Arbor, Inc.
- (2) The third award was given in recognition of ongoing support for Arbor Day to the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, University Circle, Inc., and the Ohio Chapter ISA.

**Gold Leaf Award:** The recipient for this Award was Dr. L. C. "Chad" Chadwick; who more than qualified in all of the areas. It would take an extremely long time to review everything he had accomplished or even "skim" through the many awards he had received.

**1988 Award of Merit:** Lauren S. Lanphear, Past President, 1986

**Award of Achievement:** Early Settlers Association

**Honorary Life Membership:** Presented to the following Past Presidents:

- (1) 1971 – Henry Gilbertson
- (2) 1977 – Baird Caplinger
- And one to Alan Cook, Executive Director

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Irma (Bartell) Dugan, writer with the **Cleveland Plain Dealer**

**Special Citation:** Barbara Chadwick, "For service to the profession of arboriculture through dedication to the welfare of her Father, The Greatest Tree Man of All (Dr. L. C. "Chad" Chadwick)"

**Arbor Day Awards**

**Buckeye Awards** were presented to:

- (1) David Snyder
- (2) Stone Container Corporation
- (3) Cincinnati Urban Forestry Commission

**Golden Buckeye Awards** were presented to

- (1) Ann Miller
- (2) Lauren S. Lanphear
- (3) Bill Collins

**Gold Leaf Award:** Dr. Elton Smith, Ohio State University, Department of Horticulture

**Arbor Day Tree Dedication:** William Collins

**1989 Award of Merit:** David H. Snyder, Past President, 1989

**Award of Achievement:** City of Cleveland and Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company for sponsoring the North Coast Urban Forestry Conference.

**Honorary Life Membership** presented to the following Past Presidents:

- (1) 1955 – Theodore “Ted” Parke
- (2) 1960 – S. Clyde Gordon
- (3) 1961 – Joseph O. “Joe” Edgerly
- (4) 1963 – George Kase
- (5) 1966 – James D. Dacey

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Victor Merullo

**Arbor Day Awards**

**Gold Leaf Award:** Alan D. Cook

**Golden Buckeye Award;** Arbor Day Tree Planting dedication to William P. Lanphear

**Golden Buckeye Awards:**

- (1) Pat O'Brien, City of Toledo
- (2) Robert Nosse, Ohio Edison

**1990 Award of Merit:** Edwin E. “Ed” Irish, Past President, 1958

**Award of Achievement:** Arbortech

**Honorary Life Membership** presented to the following Past Presidents:

- (1) 1953 – Walter Bender
- (2) 1967 – Harold Simon
- (3) 1969 – Bernard “Bud” Swisher
- (4) 1970 – Lawrence “Larry” Holkenborg
- (5) 1976 – Alex Wynstra, Jr.

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Bob Evans, Bob Evans Farms, Rio Grande

**Gold Leaf Award:** Sharon Lilly

**Special Citation:** Denny Defibaugh, Ohio Tree Climbers’ Jamboree Champion five times

**1991 Award of Merit:** Ed Butcher, Madison Tree Service, Cincinnati

**Award of Achievement:** Clean-land, Cleveland

**Honorary Life Membership** presented to the following Past Presidents:

- (1) 1974 – Jack Brown
- (2) 1976 – Charles Wilson
- (3) 1978 – Ralph Veverka
- (4) 1980 – Richard Woods
- (5) 1981 – James Carter

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Dr. Richard Miller, The Ohio State University, Extension Entomologist (retired), Columbus

**Special Citation:** Greg Clemens, The Natorp Landscape Organization, Cincinnati. Greg has been associated with Natorp since 1984 and has been a regular competitor in the Ohio Chapter's Jamboree.

**Student Awards for Academic Excellence**

- (1) **Undergraduate:** Lawrence Parker
- (2) **Graduate:** Rico Gonzales

The Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting was held at The Chadwick Arboretum on April 19<sup>th</sup>. An American Yellowwood tree was planted in honor of Past President Charles Cavanaugh, 1948.

**1992 Award of Merit:** Dr. Robert Partyka, Extension Plant Pathologist, The Ohio State University, Columbus

**Award of Achievement:** The Columbus Landscape Association. The group was founded in 1929 by a small group of landscapers and nurserymen in the Columbus area.

**Honorary Life Membership:** presented to the following Past Presidents:

- (1) 1984 – William “Bill” Fitch
- (2) 1985 – Joe Rimelspach
- (3) 1986 – Lauren S. Lanphear
- (4) 1987 – David Snyder
- (5) 1988 – Ann Miller

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Bill Stalter, Ohio Nurserymen's Association

**Student Awards for Academic Excellence**

- (1) **Undergraduate:** Robert S. Reiser, Mansfield, worked as an Urban Forestry Intern in the City of Upper Arlington. Graduate of Hocking Tech and was enrolled at The Ohio State University.
- (2) **Gradate:** Bruce Searles, graduate of The Ohio State University. He had worked a number of years with Strader's Nursery in Columbus.

**Arbor Day Awards**

**Gold Leaf Award:** Andrew “Drew” Todd, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

**Golden Buckeye Award:** Delaware REC for the Tree Replacement Program

The Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting took place at The Chadwick Arboretum on April 10 in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ohio Chapter ISA.

**1993 Award of Merit:** Dr. Roger Funk

**Award of Achievement:** Lakeview Cemetery

**1994 Award of Merit:** Sharon Lilly, Past President, 1991

**Award of Achievement:** Dr. Robert Roth

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Dr. David Shetlar

**1995 Award of Merit:** Lana Ahlum

**Award of Achievement:** Lawrence “Larry” Holkenborg

**Honorary Membership (non-member):**

- (1) Barbara Chadwick
- (2) James Zampini. (Marie Zampini accepted the award for her Father who was unable to attend.)

**1996 Award of Merit:** William "Bill" Fitch, Past President, 1984

**Award of Achievement:** Peter Bristol, Holden Arboretum

**Honorary Life Membership:** Donald Shope

**Honorary Life Membership:**

- (1) Ward Peterson, Immediate Past President
- (2) Mrs. Rusty Girouard, Madison Tree Service, Inc., Cincinnati. Rusty had been elected to the National Arborist's Association (NAA) Board of Directors in 1996. She was further honored with the NAA's prestigious President's Award for 1996. The President's Award recognized Rusty's contributions to the NAA.

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Sharon McClure

**Special Citation:** Jim Wilson, Certification

**1997 Award of Merit:** David H. Snyder had been admired and respected by everyone he had come in contact with and the Ohio Chapter was fortunate to have him as a member. Past President 1987

**Award of Achievement:** Awarded posthumously to Robert "Bob" Felix, who passed away in the fall of 1996. Bob was best known for his work with the National Arborists Association (NAA). He was a friend and associate throughout the arboriculture industry, as well as a special friend to the members of the Ohio Chapter.

**Honorary Life Membership:** Steve Sandfort, City Forester with the City of Cincinnati

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Denny McKeown. Denny had been associated with the landscape and nursery business for the past 35 years. In 1990, he retired from the Natorp Company located, Cincinnati, after 29 years.

**Special Citations** were presented to the following members for meritorious contributions to the advancement of the profession of arboriculture and the Ohio Chapter:

- (1) **First Citation** – Chris Carlson, Director of Horticulture Technology, Kent State University. For the last three years he served as chairman of the Ohio Chapter Certification Committee.
- (2) **Second Citation** – Involved six very special people, who were the members in the Tour des Trees. These people helped to raise over \$17,000 for the ISA Research Fund. Recipients were Vina and Wayne Parker, R. J. Laverne, Peter Cornellison, Todd Mahlfelder and Ward Peterson.
- (3) **Third Citation** – Recognized the tremendous effort of the Ohio Chapter members who helped make the Cleveland Convention the most successful and enjoyable ISA Convention.

**Safety Award:** City of Columbus, Division of Recreation and Parks, Forestry Section

**1998 Award of Merit:** Ward Peterson, Past President, 1995

**Honorary Life Membership:**

- (1) Alan D. Klonowski
- (2) Dr. T. Davis Sydnor

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Robin Green

**Award of Achievement:** Dave Gamstetter

**Special Citations** were awarded to the following:

- (1) Lana Ahlum
- (2) Ray Bengel
- (3) Mike Ganues
- (4) Mrs. Rusty Girouard
- (5) Jenny Gulick
- (6) Alan D. Klonowski
- (7) Robert Quellos

**1999** **Award of Merit:** David Ahlum, Past President, 1990

**Award of Achievement:** Dr. David Nielson

**Special Citation:** Mike Ganues

**Honorary Membership (non-member)** Brian Holley

**2000** **Honorary Life Memberships:** David and Lana Ahlum for their outstanding service to the Ohio Chapter.

**2001** **Award of Merit:** Alan Klonowski for his work on establishing the Ohio Tree Care Conference (OTCC), Past President, 1996-97

**Honorary Life Membership** (two awards were given):

- (1) Barbara Chadwick, Chairman of the History Committee
- (2) Anne Siewert, Past Executive Director

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Robert Reekers for his work with the Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship

**Award of Achievement** (two awards given):

- (1) Ohio's 2000 Tour des Trees riders for raising \$18,595 for the ISA Research Trust Fund
- (2) The City of Columbus, Parks and Forestry, for their support of the Certified Arborist Training, to Jack Low and Bill Fitch.

**Special Citation:** John Montgomery for chairing the 2000 Summer Meeting

**2002** **Ohio Chapter ISA Members' Remember 9/11 by planting trees in two different areas of the state.**

The September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Tree Planting and Remembrance Ceremony initiated by the Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture was well received by citizens of Forest Park, a suburb located in northwest Hamilton County near Cincinnati. The events included skydivers presenting an aerial display of the American Flag with the Winton Woods High School Band performing a variety of patriotic songs. Along with local officials, politicians, clergy, and police and fire department personnel making brief and moving speeches.

Chapter President Jenny Gulick, was present and had the honor of speaking about the ISA's involvement in this and other events around the world. The highlight of the event was the dedication of the 9/11 Memorial Tree Grove. The memorial grove included two Bald Cypress representing the Twin Towers, five lilac trees for the Pentagon and one lone ash tree for all others lost or hurt in the tragedy.

Back Tree Service, the City of Forest Park and the Hamilton County Park District's combined efforts were instrumental in quickly and effectively implementing the tree planting at Central Park in Forest Park. Back Tree Service and the Hamilton County Park District donated trees, mulch and labor. Dave Buesking of the City of Forest Park coordinated internal arrangements and purchased the permanent stone monument. Bob Harris of the Hamilton County Park District designed the symbolic memorial grove.

Chapter members Tim Back, Tim Boehmer and Jenny Gulick worked with the City of Forest Park and Hamilton County Parks to remember this unfortunate tragedy. The positive relationships that were built among individuals of different organizations and backgrounds made this event worthwhile and rewarding for all.

Two tree planting ceremonies took place in the Cleveland area on 9/11. Two Bald Cypress trees were planted in Cleveland's Highland Park Cemetery and in Cleveland Height's Lakeview Cemetery.

The simple ceremony at the Highland Park Cemetery included Cleveland's City Forester Chris King; Ohio Chapter Past President Alan Siewert; Ohio Chapter Executive Director Alan Klonowski; Janet and Mark Hoenigman and Bruce Cooper.

The second ceremony of the day at the Lakeview Cemetery included Scottish Piper Garry Quine and singer Brittany Klarich who set the reverent tone of the ceremony. Past President Alan Siewert spoke on behalf of the Chapter and how the trees being planted were a fitting tribute to those who lost their lives on 9/11.

**2003** No information was found that any awards were given.

**2004 Award of Merit:** Tom Munn

**President's Award:** Given for chairing the 2003 Summer Seminars were the following:

- (1) Tim Boehmer
- (2) Heather White
- (3) Brad Worth

**OTCC 2004 Conference Awards:**

- (1) Tom Munor, Municipal Arborists
- (2) Brad Worth, Utility Arborists
- (3) Mark Weidner, Commercial Arborists

**2005 Award of Merit:** Alan Siewert

**President's Awards for 2005** were awarded to the following people:

- (1) Matt Dickman, Municipal Program Chairman
- (2) Rebecca Spach, Utility Program Chairman
- (3) Tom Munn, Ohio Tree Care Conference (OTCC) 2005 Chairman
- (4) Al Shauck, Arbor Fund Work
- (5) Mark Hoenigman, TREE Fund liaison
- (6) Jennifer Milbrandt, Certification Preparation classes
- (7) Enrico Bonello, Tree Search Chairman

**President's Awards for 2004 Regional Meetings** were awarded to the following:

- (1) Melissa Hutson, Hilliard Meeting Chairman
- (2) Jennifer Milbrandt, Strongsville Meeting Chairman
- (3 & 4) Tim Boehmer and Tim Back, Co-Chairmen for the Cincinnati Meeting

**2006** No information was found that any awards were given.

**2007 Award of Merit:** The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Regional State Forester Alan Siewert, for all the time that he had dedicated to the Ohio Chapter ISA.

**Award of Achievement:** Stephanie Foster-Miller, Regional Forester, Ohio Department Natural Resources (ODNR), for her work organizing the Findlay Certified Arborist Preparation Course. Her efforts led to the expansion of the program to other parts of the state. The program she conducted had more than 60 participants.

**Honorary Life Membership:** Shelley (Buettner) Rockwell for her year of service as President of the Ohio Chapter, 2004-05.

**Special Citation Award:** Cindy Anderson, Assistant Sales Manager, Columbus Marriott North Hotel, for their support and assistance during the last few years with OTCC.

**2008** **Award of Merit:** Went to Tommy Williams. He started work at the Ohio Tree Surgery Company, which was bought out by Karl Kuemmerling Associates, Inc., Canton, OH. While he was employed there he worked from tree trimmer to crew foreman, finally becoming a supervisor. He started working for the City of Columbus in 1986 as a tree trimmer and again he worked his way up to being in charge of forestry maintenance operations. He joined the Ohio Chapter in the early 1990's.

**Achievement Award:** Wendy Van Buren for being in charge of the Certification Program in Xenia. Over 43 were in attendance.

**Honorary Life Membership:** Jenny Gulick, Past President 2002-03

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Holden Arboretum for sponsoring the 2007 Summer Meeting

**2009** **Award of Merit:** Barbara Chadwick (daughter of the late Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" Chadwick). Dr. Chadwick was the Founder of the Ohio Chapter National Shade Tree Conference/International Shade Tree Conference (NSTC) in 1942. Barbara, was at the time of the award, serving as Chairman of the History Committee. She had served the Chapter for more than a decade, gathering and preserving the pieces of the Ohio Chapter history that laid the strong foundation on which the Chapter was built. Barbara and her committee were finishing the collection of documents, and in turn writing the complete history of the Chapter. Barbara embodies the spirit of the Chapter through her willingness to help, as well as her commitment to arboriculture.

**Honorary Life Membership:** Alan Shauck, Immediate Past President, 2007-09

**Special Citation Awards:**

- (1) Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens, located on The Ohio State University campus, Columbus
- (2) Dawes Arboretum in Newark
- (3) The Huston-Brambaugh Nature Center for their support of the Central Ohio Summer Meeting and Tree Climbing Championships.

**President's Awards** presented to the following for contributing to the CEU tests:

- (1) Joe Boggs
- (2) Jim Chatfield
- (3) Bruce Cubberley
- (4) Dan Herms

**2010** **Award of Merit:** Al Shauck for his service on the Board of Directors and as Chairman of the Clay Tournament, Past President 2007-09.

**Award of Achievement:** Dr. Dan Herms for his extensive arboricultural research including his studies on effective options for protecting Ash Trees from Emerald Ash Borer.

**Honorary Membership (non-member):** Becky McCann of The Ohio State University Extension ABE Center for her leadership of the Bowling Green Certified Arborist Preparation Course.

**Safety Award:** Ernie Brinker, Nelson Tree Service

**Special Citation Awards** went to the following:

- (1) Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens
- (2) Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum, for their support of the 2009 Southern Ohio Summer Meeting and the Ohio Tree Climbing Championship

**President's Award:** Katrina Schnobrich for her outstanding contributions as a Board Member of the Ohio Chapter and serving as the Ohio Tree Care Conference (OTCC) Chairman for the past two years.

**Honorary Life Memberships** were presented to the following members. Unfortunately, years that they were presented were not found:

- (1) Richard E. Abbott
- (2) Blair Caplinger
- (3) C. B. Cavanaugh
- (4) Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" Chadwick
- (5) Alan Cook
- (6) Dr. Oliver Diller
- (7) J. Melvin Easterday
- (8) George Gaumer
- (9) Henry W. Gilbertson
- (10) Homer L. Jacobs
- (11) John C. Lanphear
- (12) William P. Lanphear
- (13) John Michalko
- (14) R. B. Neiswander
- (15) Dr. Elton Smith
- (16) Milfred W. "Biff" Staples
- (17) Dr. Paul E. Tilford
- (18) B. R. Whitten

**2010** **Award of Merit:** Chris Carlson

**Award of Achievement:** Why Trees Matter Group

**Gold Leaf Award:** Tim Back & Shinji Turner-Yamamoto for Hanging Garden

**Honorary Membership Award (non-member):** Tom McNutt

**Special Citation:** Ryan Lewis

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**2012** **President's Award of Merit:** Lola Lewis

**Award of Merit:** Chris Andrews

**2013** **Award of Merit:** Chris Ahlum

**Award of Achievement:** Beth Buchanan

**President's Award:** Al Shauck

**Safety Award:** City of Bexley Tree Crew

**Special Awards:** Bill Fitch, Dan Herms, Ryan Lewis, Stephanie Miller and Charles Owen

**2014** **Award of Merit:** Mark Hoenigman

**Award of Achievement:** Ward Peterson & John Goodfellow

**President's Award:** Katrina Schnobrich & Team OHISA (Offinger Management Company)

**Safety Award:** Roy Montan

**Special Awards:** 1) Wess McCullough, Tod Miller, Stephan Carbonara (New Board Member Orientation); 2)

Fred Dotson (past treasurer); 3) Lola Lewis & Carrie Paulus (scholarship and educational offerings); 4) Alan Siewert, Jason Knowles, Stephanie Miller, Tom Rodhe (Tree Bio Mechanics Week); 5) Barbara Chadwick & History Committee (Chapter History Book)

**2015** **Award of Merit:** R.J. Laverne

**Award of Achievement:** Joe Boggs

**Honorary Life Membership:** Beth Buchanan

**President's Award:** Gerald Western

**Gold Leaf Award:** City of Piqua, City of Cincinnati & College of Wooster

**Special Awards:** 1) Dave Bienemann (OTCC), 2) Jay Butcher (Ohio TCC), and 3) Kent Roosevelt High School (Outstanding Education)

**2016** **Award of Merit:** David Bienemann

**Award of Achievement:** City of Cleveland

**President's Award:** Thomas Munn

**Safety Award:** Jose Fernandez  
**Gold Leaf Award:** City of Hudson  
**Special Awards:** OARDC/Secrest/ATI

**2017** **Honorary Life Membership:** All past presidents, including Shirley Vaughn, Joe Russell, Gerald Western, Katrina Schnobrick, Alan Siewert  
**President's Award:** Chad Clink  
**Safety Award:** Eric Davis & City of Cincinnati  
**Gold Leaf Award:** Chillicothe Tree Commission / Jim Slyh  
**Special Awards:** Independent Tree

**2018** **President's Award:** Richard Rathjens  
**Gold Leaf Award:** Ahlum & Arbor Tree Preservation  
**Special Awards:** Ohio Tree City USA Communities  
**Honorary Life Membership:** Ernie Brinker

**2019** **Award of Merit:** Mark Webber  
**Award of Achievement:** Lola Lewis  
**Honorary Life Member:** Thomas Munn  
**ISA Gold Leaf:** Wendi Van Buren  
**President's Award:** Dixie Russell

**2020** **Award of Merit:** Steve Cothrel  
**Award of Achievement:** Dr. Carolyn Keiffer, American Chestnut Foundation  
**Honorary Life Member:** Jim Chatfield  
**ISA Gold Leaf:** Keep Ohio Beautiful  
**Safety Award:** City of Dayton  
**Special Heartwood Award:** Jennifer Clegg  
**President's Award:** Eric Davis

**2021** **Award of Merit:** Professor Chris Carlson  
**Award of Achievement:** Dr. Anand Persad  
**President's Award:** Tyler Stevenson  
**ISA Gold Leaf Award:** City of Beavercreek

**2022** **Award of Merit:** Dr. Robert J. Laverne  
**Award of Achievement:** FirstEnergy  
**ISA Gold Leaf:** City of Stow  
**Special Heartwood Award:** Chris Ahlum and Jay Butcher

**2023** **Award of Achievement:** AT&T Pioneers  
**Safety Award:** Ohio Department of Transportation  
**President's Award:** Virginia Bowman  
**Honorary Life Member:** Lola Lewis

**2024** **Award of Achievement:** Ernie Brinker and Jose Fernandez  
**President's Award:** Brian Goodall  
**Honorary Chapter Membership:** Steve Schneider

**2025** **Award of Achievement:** Thomas Munn  
**President's Award:** Evan Beck  
**Heartwood Award:** Chris Ahlum  
**Award of Merit:** Mark Webber  
**ISA Gold Leaf Award:** Nature Dads  
**Honorary Chapter Membership:** Scott Conover and John Siefer

## People Who Made a Difference in the Ohio Chapter

Abbott, Richard E. "Dick"

Kent, OH

Dick Abbott was the Founder, Chairman, and CEO of the first National-International Urban Forestry and Utility Forestry Consulting Company, ACRT Environmental Specialist, Inc. registered to do business in 42 states and 3 Canadian Provinces and the United Kingdom. Dick and ACRT employees surveyed the Street Tree Populations and parks plantings and then they prepared Management Plans for over 150 municipalities. Vegetation Management Plans were drawn up for more than 100 Electric Utilities after determining their needs through surveys. ACRT has provided Arboricultural and Urban Forestry training for commercial organizations, governmental agencies, municipalities and the US Forest Service. Dick has established Arborist training at Job Corps Centers nationwide.

Dick is a Past President of the National Shade Tree Conference (NSTC), now known as (ISA). He was first ever Utility Arborist and the youngest President [at that time, 1970]. During his term of office, the Board of Directors had decided it was necessary to have a full time staff and a permanent location. Request for proposals were sent out to universities, institutions and organizations. Initially, the location desired was the Washington, D.C. area. However, Dr. Cedric Carter, [Past President of NTSC,] Illinois National History Survey, offered to have Dr. Gene Himelich as Executive Director at no cost to NSTC. Cal Bundy was made Executive Secretary and was to be paid by NSTC.

Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick [better known as Chad] and Dick moved everything that was owned by NSTC from Columbus, Ohio to Urbana, Illinois in Dick' station wagons. It was a very interesting-trying time as Chad controlled the finances in Ohio and the people in Urbana needed to work through Chad. As President, Dick became facilitator and peace maker.

Dick was Co-Founder and Chairman of the American National Standards Institute, **Z133 Tree Trimming Safety Standard Committee** for fifteen (15) years and then served another eight (8) years as a member. This group makes recommendations to the US Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and must revise and update the standards every five years.

Dick was a member of the American Society of Consulting Arborist and numerous other organizations. He has been called as an expert witness by the US Congress, other groups, and communities to speak and testify about the Green Industry. He has testified in federal, state and local courts on matters involved with trees, electrical conductors and humans in matters of accidents and fatalities. He testified before the United States-Canadian Power Outage Task Force on the August 14, 2003 Blackout.

He was one of the founders and First Executive Director- Editor of the Utility Arborist Association (UAA), 1968 to 1978.

Dick was one of the Organizers and Chairmen of the Shade, Ornamental and Street Tree Evaluation Projects at OARDC in Wooster, Ohio. The project was funded by all Ohio Electric Utilities and was the most comprehensive study on Shade and Street Tree in the country at that time.

He is a **Distinguished Alumni** of the University of Massachusetts and was honored by ISA as one of the '**Legends of Arboriculture**' (2004) and is included in that Video. He has received Honorary Life Memberships by NSTC-1978, UAA-1996, and ISA-2002.

He is the author of **ACRT's Line Clearance Certification Manual, ACRT's Electric Hazard Recognition Manual, Student Activity Guide**, and five other publications relative to the Green Industry and Safety.

Butcher, Edwin Cledis

Cincinnati, OH

Edwin "Ed" Butcher was a "tree doctor" in the tri-state area for nearly 50 years.

It all began, as he described to his children, "with a borrowed 20-dollar bill, a chain saw and a trolley token". Ed's business, Madison Tree Service, Inc., remains one of the largest privately owned residential tree services in the area.

Born in Omar, West Virginia, Ed grew up tending orchards at Peterloon Farm, the old Emery estate in Indian Hill, alongside his Father. You could say he grew up knowing trees, but, in a 1988 *Cincinnati Enquirer* article, Ed attributed his expertise to "self-study and attending all sorts of seminars and meetings".

In March 1946, he set out to start his own business without even a truck, hence the "trolley token". The business flourished and Ed's family began to help. As a tree doctor, his first priority was to try to save the tree, but if it could not be saved, he removed it.

Ed was respected as a private arborist and had an extensive knowledge of the value of trees in court cases. If a tree fell and damaged property, Ed could determine whether the cause was from dead tree roots.

He was a member of the American Board of Forensic Examiners and participated in several court cases. He was also a member of the International Society of Arboriculture, the National Arborist Association and the American Society of Consulting Arborists. In 1990, he received the Ohio Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture's Award of Merit.

Ed was a visiting professor at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, teaching a course in practical arboriculture. He contributed articles to many trade journals and gave talks to commercial arborist groups.

He retired from Madison Tree Service in the early 1990's. His children and grandchildren now operate the business.

Ed served in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II and during the Korean War on the combat submarines USS Redfin, USS Greenfish and the USS Rayton. He was an active member of the United States Submarine Veterans of World War II and served as stat commander in 1990.

In his spare time, Ed listened to bluegrass music, read, played the banjo, gardened, hunted and fished. "He was a man of great dignity, respected as a father figure by people who even just met him. He taught his family to treat nature as something precious", said his daughter, Sandra Kuehn.

In addition to his daughter and wife, Ed is survived by three other daughters, Rusty Girouard, Pamela Miller and Doralynn Osborne; three sons, Richard, Jack and John, 17 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Information taken from obituary written in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, January, 2002. Ed passed away January 8, 2002, he was 78 years old].

## Past Ohio Chapter Presidents

**of the Ohio Chapter, National Shade Tree Conference**  
 (Now known as the Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture)

1942-46	S. W. "Sam" Parmenter	1985	Joe Rimelspach
1947	Karl Kuemmerling	1986	Lauren Lanphear
1948	Charles B. "Charlie" Cavanaugh	1987	David "Dave" Snyder
1949	John C. Lanphear	1988	Ann (Fisher) Miller
1950	Edward H. "Ed" Scanlon	1989	Donald "Don" Vest
1951	D. D. "Dan" Quinn	1990	David "Dave" Ahlum
1952	Everett A. "Sandy" Sanford	1991	Sharon Lilly
1953	Walter Bender	1992	Elton Smith
1954	Sidney "Sid" McNeal	1993	Thomas J. "Tom" Mugridge
1955	Theodore "Ted" Parke	1994	Andrew "Drew" Todd
1956	J. Melvin "Mel" Easterday	1995	Ward Peterson
1957	Frank Lancaster	1996-97	Alan D. "Al" Klonowski
1958	Edwin E. "Ed" Irish	1998-99	Alan R. "Al" Siewert
1959	William P. "Bill" Lanphear, III	2000-01	Richard V. "Dick" Jones
1960	S. Clyde Gordon	2002-03	Jennifer "Jenny" Gulick
1961	Joseph O. "Joe" Edgerly	2004-05	Shelley Buettner
1962	John G. Michalko	2006-07	Janet Hoenigman
1963	George W. Kase	2007-09	Al Shauck
1964	Milfred W. "Biff" Staples	2009	Lana Ahlum
1965	Harold Metzger	2010	John S. Butcher
1966	James D. "Jim" Dacey	2011-12	T. Davis Sydnor
1967	Harold C. Simon	2012-13	Katrina Schnobrich
1968	Thomas Dean "TD" Nell	2013-14	Gerald Western
1969	Bernard E. "Bud" Swisher	2014-15	Peter (Joe) Russell
1970	Lawrence "Larry" Holkenborg	2015-16	Shirley Vaughn
1971	Henry W. "Gil" Gilbertson	2016-17	Richard Rathjens
1972	Alex Wynstra, Jr.	2017-18	Ernie Brinker
1973	Kenneth H. "Ken" Funk	2018-19	Eric Davis
1974	F. N. "Jack" Brown	2019	Tyler Stevenson
1975	William H. "Bill" Collins	2020	David Bienemann
1976	Charles L. "Charlie" Wilson	2021	Virginia Bowman
1977	Blair E. Caplinger	2022	Sue Mottl
1978	Ralph M. Veverka	2023	Steve Schneider
1979	Frederick W. "Fred" Hower	2024	Scott Conover
1980	Richard "Dick" Woods	2025	Brian Kralovic
1981	James "Jim" Carter		
1982	Dr. Bruce Roberts		
1983	Wayne Randall		
1984	William C. "Bill" Fitch		

**PARMENTER, S. W. "Sam"**  
Founding President  
Served as President from 1942-1946

**Business Affiliation:** Parmenter Tree Company, Kent, OH

No additional information available.

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**KUEMMERLING, Karl**  
President – 1947

Karl came from a family that had little in the way of money, but, fortunately, he had two school teacher aunts who supported him financially in his efforts to earn a degree in Forestry from the Ohio State University. In order to help toward his OSU Forestry degree, which he acquired just before the start of World War I, Karl earned money by trimming trees during summer vacation at the National Cash Register Company, in Dayton, OH.

During World War I, Karl served in the Navy. After the war he joined the Nelson Tree Service Company, which was the first line clearing company in the US, which was headquartered in Dayton, OH.

Karl worked his way up through the ranks at the Nelson Tree Company, and finally became part-owner of the company; which then became known as the Nelson-Kuemmerling Company; which by that time had grown to the point where they had crews working in Chicago and St. Louis, as well as in Ohio.

During this period, Karl became very interested in safety and with ideas contributed by his tree crews; he designed the first Tree Safety Saddle, as a much needed harness to keep climbers from falling when a limb snapped under their weight, or a hot wire was accidentally contacted, rendering the climber unconscious. This saddle is still used today and is known as the Nelson Saddle, because Karl was working for the Nelson Tree Company at the time it was designed.

Karl came up with many other useful ideas. He helped Red Wing, design a line of boots specifically for tree men. He encouraged the Fanno Saw Company to redesign one of the pruning saws, to make it cut faster, it is still called the **K24** in honor of Karl, and he patented the first practical pruning saw scabbard, a design which is used by most tree men today. He had ideas that have saved many a wound to the leg or knee cap caused by an un-sheathed, sharp-edged saw swinging freely from the climber's saddle.

The Nelson-Kuemmerling partnership split up sometime before World War II. Karl went on and founded a supply house originally to equip and clothe his own line clearance crews with quality tools and suitable clothing for the rugged outdoor work they were doing. His small "in-house" supply operation grew year by year due to the fact that other tree service companies also began to ask Karl if they could buy supplies from him for their tree service crews. Consequently, in 1945, Karl incorporated his store, moved his supplies out of his attic into a small downtown location where orders were processed. At one time, he had over 300 employees working in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

In 1999 Karl Kuemmerling, Inc. was shipping throughout the US and Canada, as well as to Australia, the Caribbean, Denmark, England, Germany, Indonesia, South Africa and South America. The Kuemmerling Supply Company is still in business and active at state and national conventions.

Karl also worked for many years with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) on various safety councils, implementing safety guidelines, which have significantly reduced injuries among tree workers. He was also active with the National Arborist Association (NAA).

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**CAVANAUGH, Charles B. "Charlie"**  
President 1948

Charles Cavanaugh joined the Ohio Chapter in 1946, to further a better knowledge of the business. He started his business in 1929, after he left The Davey Tree Company in Kent, OH. He did mostly tree care work until he graduated from Ohio State University in 1949, where he studied Landscape Architecture. It was then that the company went into landscape work, as well as golf course construction and finally road construction and parks.

Charles believed that Dr. Chadwick had the greatest influence on him, as he made the most significant contributions which included: Plant ID, Research and Leadership to the profession. In Charles' opinion, the research at Ohio State University in Columbus and OARDC in Wooster, have been the most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter.

Charles died in 1982 at the age of 81. He remained active in the business until a year before his death.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Information on Charles Cavanaugh was received from his son, Dan].

**LANPHEAR, John C.**  
President 1949

Both John C. and his Brother, William P., were planting and nurturing trees as a way of life long before it was fashionable for young people to "find themselves" in the course of deciding upon a career. It never occurred to them to go into any other field, but the arboreal venture, known as the Forest City Tree Protection Company, located in South Euclid, OH, which was established by their Father in 1910.

Both brothers were educated at Western Reserve University, known today as Case Western Reserve University. John majored in speech with a minor in botany. The brothers took care of the trees on campus to cover the cost of tuition. Their Father, William P. Lanphear, Jr., who died in 1966 at the age of 83, must have set an example as a proponent of the barter and trade system. The patriarch was an athletic coach (track) and taught physics at Central High School after graduating from Western Reserve University in 1904.

Brothers, John and Bill joined their Father's tree care business as full partners in 1937. As the business partnership developed, the brothers shared duties – with Bill managing the office and John in charge of raising large trees. They started a tree nursery on 20 acres in Willoughby Hills, adjacent to Warner's Nurseries.

"Then and now, arboreal tools and practices are meaningful to the progressive-thinking business associates. Business is not as labor intensive as it was in the beginning, in the early days, we did not have chain saws or stump routers or mechanical tree spades. Everything was done by hand. Neither did we have automatic brush clippers, haulers, power sprays, chemical injection systems or other aspects of advanced technology that have simplified tree care techniques. Slow release, soluble fertilizers were unknown", quoted by Bill Lanphear.

Current services of the Forest City Tree Protection Company are insect and disease control, pruning, planting, fertilizing and tree removal. Landscaping has been phased down to a small scale since 1958, when chemical and equipment sales were initiated. The company is the John Bean spray representative in northeast Ohio, and a distributor for Mauget, a system of chemical injection for trees. A sideline business is Chim-chim-cher-Ee Professional Chimney Sweeps.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Information taken from background information about Bill Lanphear.]

**SCANLON, Edward H. "Ed"**  
President 1950

Before Ed Scanlon was 30 years old, he had carved a place for himself in the history of arboriculture – and he continued to make history throughout his life.

Ed was born in Toledo, OH. Following graduation from Toledo Central Catholic High School, he spurred his Father's offer to put him thru Notre Dame, in exchange for studying law, and instead went off on his own to study Forestry at the University of Michigan. He also graduated from the Davey Institute of Tree Services (DITS), in Kent, OH. He

took a job with the company for a very short time. He was assigned to a crew that was going to Boston, "in those days, that was like the end of the world", said Ed. After the journey, Ed was sent up into a very large maple tree to do some pruning. Before an hour was over, he fell out of the tree. The fall knocked out a couple of teeth, broke one of his wrists, fractured an assortment of ribs, and rendered him unconscious. The next thing he remembered was waking up in the hospital.

Ed headed for the west coast where he spent time as a US Forest Ranger; however, talking to trees was never more exciting to Ed than talking to people, so he left his horse and the tower and moved back to the city. He found work with a firm specializing in tree care for large estates, famous missions and especially home grounds of movie stars.

Ed's love of traveling and desire to learn the flora of the state of California, led him to join the Landscape Division of the California State Highway Department. He traveled the state with H. Dana Bowers (a landscape engineer), Monday thru Friday for about two years, at which time he knew he had learned his plants. Not only did he know the trees, he had photographed them, and they are among the thousands of pictures and slides of trees that he left for posterity.

At the age of 31, he organized the first Western Shade Tree Conference, predecessor to the Western Chapter of the National Shade Tree Conference (now the International Society of Arboriculture).

In 1936, the Committee for a National Arbor Day (held the last Friday in April) was organized by Ed, and he served as the National Chairman until his death, 40 years later. As he mentioned at the onset of this project, "*The greatest good that can accrue to the country from Arbor Day, is not the planting of one or two trees here and there, but rather the advertising via newspapers, radio and other media which would make everybody tree conscious all through the year*". His words still ring true today. Much national publicity has been lost because there has not been a unified observance of National Arbor Day.

The first issue of Ed's magazine was published in December 1937, and was titled "**Western Trees, Parks and Forests**". From the beginning there was an "along the way". The cover photo was of a stand of Torrey Pines near La Jolla, CA. The lead article was an interview Ed had with Governor Gifford Pinchot, concerning the forestry crises re: The Brownlow Report. In September 1938, the magazine name was changed to "**TREES**". That issue carried news of the 14<sup>th</sup> National Shade Tree Conference, which had been held in St. Louis, MO. **TREES** magazine was required reading in the arboriculture program at the University of Massachusetts.

In 1946, Ed was selected to head the First Division of Shade Trees for the City of Cleveland, OH, with the title of Commissioner of Shade Trees. During the next nine years he planted well over 85,000 form and flowering trees on the streets. He experimented with new trees and new ideas, much of which are delineated in the book he was writing when he died. During his tenure with the City of Cleveland, Ed applied the idea of "fitting the tree to space available", and gained national recognition by prescribing smaller trees for street plantings. He recognized that to do a proper job, the municipal arborist needed to know the mature dimension of any tree being considered. He concentrated on making selections from mature form trees and these were propagated for the use on Cleveland streets.

During the year Ed served as President of the Ohio Chapter, the Chapter was distributing gavels to the Past President's at the Annual Meeting. However, Ed was unable to attend the meeting as he was in the West Indies; the gavel was sent to Ed and it arrived the day after his funeral.

In the above mentioned organizations that Ed belonged to, he also was a Co-Founder of the Society of Municipal Arborists (1964); was a member of the Arboriculture Association of Great Britain; International Dendrology Union; American Association of Botanical Gardens; National Park and Recreation Association; Garden Writers Association of America; and the Royal Horticultural Society.

**Scanlon's Legacy** – The many streets of Cleveland that were planted with trees while Scanlon was Commissioner of Shade Trees between 1946 to 1955 are his legacy to the city for the enjoyment of both its residents and its visitors. Besides being living memorials to the cavalier, self-proclaimed "Wandering Arborist", all of the trees he planted represent long-term performance trials for anyone to observe and possibly to test in like manner.

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Ed Passed away in 1976.

**QUINN, D. D. "Dan"**  
President 1951

Dan Quinn, owned Willo-Dell Nursery, located in Ashland, OH.

No additional information available.

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**SANFORD, Everett A. "Sandy"**  
President 1952

Sandy Sanford, retired as the Superintendent of Dawes Arboretum, located in Newark, OH, in 1966, after 10 years of service. Prior to this he had been Supervisor of Tree Maintenance at W. A. Natorp Company, Cincinnati, for 18 years.

Sandy was an Honorary Life Member of the International Shade Tree Conference (now the International Society of Arboriculture).

Sandy passed away at his home in Freeport, OH, on September 16, 1972.

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**BENDER, Walter**  
President 1953

No information available.

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**McNEAL, Sidney "Sid"**  
President 1954

Like many other arborists, Sidney began his career by working for and attending the school of the Davey Tree Expert Company. In the early thirties he left the Davey Company and established the McNeal Tree Service Company, located in Tiffin, OH. The company provided a complete service for tree owners in the Tiffin area and also engaged in a limited amount of line clearance for utilities.

Sid as he was known by his many friends, was a regular attendee at shade tree meetings. He served on many International Shade Tree Conference Committees and also served on the Board of Governors. He served as President of the Ohio Chapter in 1954; a Charter Member and Past President of the National Arborists Association and a Charter Member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists.

Sid will be remembered as a quiet, friendly person who liked people and loved trees. He would travel most any distance to attend a meeting where tree care was discussed. Probably the job he liked more than any other was to move medium to large-sized trees and he was successful in doing so.

Sidney McNeal passed away June 29, 1969.

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**PARKE, Theodore "Ted"**  
President 1955

Ted Parke joined the Ohio Chapter in 1950 to keep abreast of the times. Ted served as President in 1955. He holds many positive memories of good fellowship. Ted believed Dr. L. C. Chadwick made the most significant contributions to the Chapter.

Ted became a member of the National Arborist Association in 1950, following the death of Bill Speed, who Ted had worked for. He became the owner of Parke-Speed Tree Service. He worked on several committees within the National Arborist Association and regularly attended the meetings, during the time he was owner of the tree business.

Active in professional circles, Ted was Past President of the Columbus Landscape Association and the Ohio Chapter, ISTC. After retirement from the tree service, he served in many capacities as a consulting arborist.

Ted's main "non-professional" love was the Boy Scouts of America. He was active in that organization for over 50 years and received their highest award, The Silver Beaver, for his years of service. He was also active in the Columbus Northland Kiwanis Club.

Ted passed away on September 4, 1994.

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**EASTERDAY, J. Melvin "Mel"**

President 1956

Mel Easterday, was a graduate of Ohio State University, studying under Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick. He was the owner of his own landscape company in Canton, OH.

No additional information available.

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**LANCASTER, Frank**

President 1957

No information available.

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**IRISH, Edwin E. "Ed"**

President 1958

Ed Irish grew up in the business, that his late Father, Charles F. Irish, established in 1912, known as the Charles F. Irish Company in Bratenahl, a northern suburb of Cleveland, OH.

Ed's academic preparation for the world of arboriculture was a couple of years at Ohio State University; plus attendance at seminars, short courses and a string of Ohio State University classes without credit. He studied under old masters like: Professors Alex Laurie; J. H. Gourley; L. C. "Chad" Chadwick, and his Dad. Ed's practical, on-the-job training easily exceeded credits he could have earned on campus. At the early age of 12, he operated a winch truck, when trees were moved downtown, to the Donald Gray Gardens, for Cleveland's 1936 Great Lakes Exposition.

Ed did not do pruning that called for climbing trees until his teen years in high school. A job still fresh in his memory was a 60 foot Red Oak that had to be topped because of die-back. There were no power pruners at that time, so Ed went up with a hand saw to remove dead wood that otherwise would have created an eyesore and a hazard at the Beechmont Country Club. "I was cutting 15 to 18 inch limbs that seemed to be growing faster than I could saw", he recalled; "and I didn't come down until the work was finished because I wasn't about to go up a second time."

Ed served as President of the Ohio Chapter in 1958. He felt his fondest memory was that when he was President it was during the Neil House Hotel (Columbus) days.

Over the years, the most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter in Ed's opinion were good meeting program participation at the Short Course and active interest in the tree associated care programs. Ed also stated the Ohio Chapter always carried a lot of weight in the "old" National Shade Tree Conference. Ohio was the forerunner of many ideas – practices, trial and error, things to make the industry interesting.

Ed received the 2008 ISA President's Award, presented to him by President Lauren Lanphear at the time of the Annual Conference in St. Louis. Lauren stated at the time he presented the award to Ed, "It is a tremendous honor for me to present my 2008 ISA President's Award to Edwin E. Irish for his lifelong dedication and devotion to arboriculture, his inspirational leadership of arborists and the friendship and support he extended to me and my Father before me."

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Ed was a member and Past President of the following organizations: American Society of Consulting Arborists; Cuyahoga Nurserymen's Association; National Arborist Association; and former Associated Building Contractors of southeast Michigan. He served on many ISA Committees and was active in several tree and landscape organizations in the Detroit area. He represented the landscape industry on the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers (CTLA); and for several years he chaired the Tilford Research Trust for the National Arborist Association.]

Ed passed away on May 22, 2010.

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**LANPHEAR, William Pendleton, III, "Bill"**  
President 1959

Bill Lanphear joined the Ohio Chapter in 1942. He said that he had been going to the Ohio State University Short Courses for many years, as well as belonging to the National Shade Tree Conference.

Bill and his brother, John C., were in the tree business long before it was fashionable for young people to "find themselves" in the course of deciding upon a career. Their Father, William P. Lanphear, Jr., who died in 1966 at the age of 83, must have set an example as a proponent of the barter and trade system. When John Davey, an English immigrant and acclaimed "Father of Tree Surgery" came to America, he lived in Warren, OH, with his great-grandfather, John Wesley Lanphear, a Discipline Minister. Near the turn of the century, Davey moved to Kent, OH, where he founded the Davey Tree Expert Company.

Bill as a member and Past President (1977) of the American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA), frequently was called upon to do tree evaluation consulting. He was President of the Ohio Chapter, NSTC in 1959; President of the National Arborist Association (1971); and a member of the International Pesticide Applicators Association. He organized an unofficial Cleveland Chapter of the NAA, a group of 10-15, who met monthly in downtown Cleveland.

In 1982, Bill was awarded Honorary Life Membership in the Ohio Chapter; as well as Honorary Life Membership in ISA in 1988.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Bill became President of Forest City Tree Protection Company, in south Euclid, upon the passing of his Father in 1966. Bill retired in 1983 and was succeeded as President of the company by his son, Lauren.

William P. Lanphear, III, a legend in arboriculture, died December 15, 2001. Bill was friend to many in the Ohio Chapter.

On Friday, April 21, 1989, as part of the Ohio Chapter's Golden Buckeye Award, a White oak tree was planted on the Wade Oval behind the Cleveland Botanical Garden in University Circle in his honor.

[A poem associated with Bill, *The White Oak*, was read at the time of the tree dedication and can be located through the Table of Contents.]

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**GORDON, S. Clyde**  
President 1960

Clyde Gordon was the Head Horticulturist at the Spring Grove Cemetery, located in the Cincinnati area.

Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum was established in 1945, and is considered one of the most magnificent examples of landscape architecture in the nation. In April, 1977, Spring Grove was designated a National Historic Landmark – one of only five cemeteries in the nation to hold this distinction. Originally chartered with 166 acres, today, Spring Grove has grown in to encompass 733 acres, making it the second largest cemetery in the nation. In 1987, in recognition of the cemetery's active involvement in forestry, nursery, and horticultural activities, the Board of Trustees formally adopted the name "Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum". Spring Grove remains an Arboretum with more than 1,200 species; 1,000 labeled for study.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: My late Father, Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" Chadwick, who was a Professor at the Ohio State University, would take his students down to Spring Grove Cemetery, for a plant identification classes, once a year. I believe that it was during that time, that my Father and Clyde Gordon became friends; and Clyde Gordon would always look forward to seeing my Father and his students.]

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**EDGERLY**, Joseph O. "Joe"  
President 1961

Joe was born February 13, 1908, on a farm in Etna, OH. He graduated from Etna High School in 1925.

Joe's first job was with the Pennsylvania Railroad, working in the shop. He then went to work for Bill Helm, his brother-in-law and learned the landscape and tree trimming business from 1935-1938. Joe then started his own business in 1939, which was called the Ohio Tree Surgery Company, located in Columbus, OH. Joe's business became one of the most respected tree care companies in the area.

Joe sold his company to Karl Kuemmerling Associates, Inc. in 1974, but he remained active for approximately 3 more years while he trained Bill Fitch (also a Past President of the Ohio Chapter), on the finer points of sales and tree care.

Joe passed away at the age of 96, on March 3, 2004.

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**MICHALKO**, John G.  
President 1962

John Michalko loved trees! He devoted his entire life to the care, maintenance and promotion of trees. His long career with the City of Cleveland began in 1929, as a tree trimmer for the Department of Shade Trees. As Commissioner of Shade Trees for 13 years, he greatly enhanced Cleveland's reputation as the "forest city" through vigorous tree planting programs. It has been estimated that he planted more than 150,000 trees on city streets and in parks.

John retired from the City of Cleveland in 1968, after 39 years of employment. He then moved right into an active position with the University Circle Development Foundation of Cleveland, as Horticulture Consultant. He was involved in setting up a tree maintenance program for the Foundation, and assisted in the selection of choice plant materials and plant sources for various beautification projects.

A long-time member of the International Shade Tree Conference (ISTC), John served as General Chairman of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Convention held in 1966 in Cleveland. He also was a member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists.

In his work with the City of Cleveland, he was responsible for the design and planting of the Japanese Garden and the Talking Garden for the Blind, adjoining the Rockefeller Park Greenhouse; and for the planting and maintenance of Cleveland's street trees.

A single honor was given to John, Shade Tree Commissioner of Cleveland, OH, and a long-time member of the ISTC; John was awarded the Bronze Medal of the Men's Garden Club of America, given annually only if there was a worthy recipient. He was awarded the plaque at the Annual Meeting of the Men's Garden Club of Chagrin Valley, in recognition of his outstanding efforts on behalf of his design of the Garden for the Blind, and the numerous Arbor Day plantings in which he had participated. He was President of the Cleveland Bonsai Club, and held membership in the Cleveland Horticultural Society and the International Plant Propagators Society.

John received a number of honors for his professional work. Two awards that he valued most were Honorary Life Membership, in the ISTC and the Arbor Day Award, presented by the Governor of the State of Ohio.

Many of the fine specimen trees on the Wade Oval resulted from the Annual Arbor Day festivities for which John would locate a suitable tree at the Warrensville Tree Farm and arrange for its planting either by the city or a private company. Eventually, his efforts grew into the Parklands Project – an ambitious privately supported tree planting and landscaped program for University Circle.

John stayed active until the end. The word "retirement" was not in his vocabulary. To all who would listen, he continued to urge better care of the City's trees and above all, plant more!

As we enjoy the beauty of trees in Wade Oval today, we are reminded of this remarkable individual who so effectively championed an on-going civic beautification program." [Quoted by C. W. E. Paine, at the Arbor Day Tree Dedication to John, Past President, 1962 at Wade Oval on April 23, 1993].

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**KASE, George W.**  
President 1963

From fire spotter and road builder for the US Forest Service to overseer of Mount Airy Forest, George W. Kase made a lifetime of protecting trees.

For 38 years from 1933-1971, he was the Cincinnati Park Board Forester.

Once scarred and eroded, Mount Airy Forest was a nearly treeless series of ridges and slopes made barren by dairy cows, when, in 1911, the Board of Park Commissioners began acquiring land for the preserve. Today, it is 1,466 acres of picnic and play land, hardwood trees, evergreens, shrubs, flowers, herbs and grass. The first purchase was prompted by a man with an idea. Attorney Charles Dolle, a Mount Airy civic leader, dreamed of a forest for his community.

But, seldom does one visionary follow another. This time, though, it happened two decades later. George was a Cincinnati resident who worked for the US Forest Service while studying forestry at Colorado College. He intended to continue that work, checking for forest fires and creating fire trails.

But, in 1932, to please his minister Father, George was interviewed by the park commissioners for a job back home developing Mount Airy Forest. He began February 1, 1933, although he admitted he wasn't very enthusiastic about it.

He started by mapping the land topographically. By chance, one day in 1934, he met and walked with Charles Dolle, "one of the original conservationists", George recalled. George marveled that Charles Dolle, "one man with no real influence could sell an idea" to the city. Today, that idea, Mount Airy Forest, "is worth millions, we could never replace it".

Since that chance meeting, George and his work crews have planted "close to a couple of hundred thousand trees" and created an arboretum where nature lovers watched the development of trees and plants.

The major portion of the forest station was accomplished during the depression years of the late 1930's. With a work force sometimes as large as 300 from the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and Works Program Administration (WPA), George and his crews cleaned and channeled streams, built roads and planted trees and shrubs. "We figured we planted 1,000 trees per acre", George said. "We cut through sod, lined them up, that's where I got some experience handling men". The trees they planted and grew like the man who was in charge.

The work force of CCC and WPA men, many uneducated, all poor, was run like a military unit, complete with reveille to start the day, KP and latrine duty for discipline. Yet, four truckloads of kids went to Hughes High School at night and two were going to the University of Cincinnati. Mount Airy Forest, George said, was 60% man-made.

"Yet, regular maintenance, continued reforestation along with the harvesting and thinning of unwanted or dying trees and good management practices must be resumed, if the forest is to survive. 'Silviculture practice', the science of establishing and tending forests to get the best timber products, has not been practiced there for many years, and it must be to retain the vigor of the forest."

It was not that the park board didn't care about good management, but tight budgets had reduced manpower. Routine maintenance had, by necessity become the major thrust of the work force.

While some may smirk at the CCC and the WPA programs, George insisted that they worked. He felt similar public works should have continued by using public assistance recipients supervised by trained personnel.

George said he would like to see Steve Sandfort, the city's urban forester and a conservationist with a reverence for trees, supervise a new program to maintain Mount Airy Forest.

George also said special plantings, such as the azalea and rhododendron areas and Daisy Jones Garden, took up 75% of the horticulturist's time. Specialization must go hand in hand with an adequate staff, which does not exist today.

George Kase was very proud that he received Honorary Life Membership from the Ohio Chapter ISTC, on January 23, 1989.

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**STAPLES**, Milfred W. "Biff"  
President 1964

Milfred "Biff" Staples was a horticulturist and arborist, with an international reputation. He was a lover of all growing things. He was an expert who with patience took great joy in imparting his knowledge to others. He was a dedicated churchman, civic leader and public servant.

Biff was all of these, yet he remained a modest man whose demeanor belied his noteworthy achievements. Some even may not have known his given name, but his nickname was a household word among the thousands who revered him.

A native of St. Paul, MN, Biff came to Kent in 1915 to attend The Davey Institute of Tree Services (DITS) conducted by the then infant Davey Tree Expert Company. That was the beginning of a 45-year career with Davey, which culminated with his retirement in 1961, as a field supervisor of the tree moving department. He served 20 years as a member of the DITS faculty and even following his retirement remained with the company as a consultant in the landscape department.

His responsibilities took him throughout the nation and he was widely recognized for the quality of Davey tree planting operations. His expertise with trees extended to the City of Kent where he served as City Forester beginning in 1945 and as Secretary of the Kent Shade Tree Commission for 20 years.

It has been said that he was responsible for at least half of Kent's street-side trees and he was the "Father" of the city's TREE CITY designation. Except for the World War I years when he served with the US Army in Germany and a brief period when his duties took him to the East, he resided in Kent for 68 years.

Many local, state and national honors were bestowed upon him and he was the author of numerous articles for large newspapers, and nature and flower magazines. For many years he contributed a monthly column to ***Flower and Garden*** magazine. Perhaps his greatest honor came in 1981, when the Men's Garden Clubs of America, during their convention in Austin, TX presented him with its ***Johnny Appleseed Award***. Unfortunately, Bill was unable to attend, but a delegate returned with the award for local presentation.

A special award – one carved from American Chestnut – was presented to him by the Men's Garden Club of Kent in 1979 in recognition of his many contributions to his community and nation. In keeping with the occasion then, Mayor William Harrington proclaimed a "Biff Staples day", in the city.

Biff was a Charter Member of the Men's Garden Club of Kent, and a Past President, as well as a National Director of the Men's Garden Clubs of America.

Biff served as President of the Ohio Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture, in 1964; as well as holding a Life Membership in the International Society of Arboriculture.

One of the best kept secrets in Kent, was the fact that Biff was responsible in bringing the black squirrels from London, Ontario, Canada, to the Kent State University campus to help protect the friendly gray squirrels from their enemies, the warlike red squirrels.

In 1961, Biff Staples and Larry Wooddell, a Kent State University groundskeeper, began a drawn-out legal process to import Canada's black squirrels. Later in the year, they drove to London in a station wagon to pick up 10 squirrels that had been trapped by Canadian wildlife authorities. Within a few months, Staples and Wooddell returned to Canada for 6 more squirrels for the Portage County campus. They had hoped to get an equal number of each sex to assure proliferation. The squirrels fought a sex determination examination, so the men decided to take what they had and hope for the best.

Apparently there was enough of a mixture. The campus is well populated today and offspring have been spotted in many Ohio communities, including Warren, Cleveland, Kent, Hudson and Barberton.

Biff died in February 1983.

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**METZGER**, Harold  
President 1965

No information available.

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**DACEY**, James D. "Jim"  
President 1966

Jim Dacey joined the Ohio Chapter the year that Sam Parmenter was President of the Ohio Chapter and Dick White was President of the National Shade Tree Conference in 1942. He joined because the City of Shaker Heights for whom he was employed, started a 20,000 tree planting program and needed all the advice they could get. Jim was a delegate to the National Shade Tree Conference and served as President of the Ohio Chapter in 1966.

The first National Shade Tree Conference in Cleveland that was sponsored by the Ohio Chapter was his most positive memory. Dr. L. C. Chadwick's leadership and Charles Irish's knowledge and desire to create a better image for the tree business made the most significant contributions to the Chapter.

Jim would like to be remembered by all to have been one who really applied the knowledge he gained through the Chapter meetings to the tree business. He feels the Ohio Chapter has always been a leader in the International membership, attendance and financial support.

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**SIMON**, Harold C.  
President 1967

Harold joined the National Shade Tree Conference and the Ohio Chapter in 1948. E. A. "Sandy" Sanford, then arborist with Natorp Company, suggested that he join. That year he attended the first Ohio State University Short Course at the Neil House Hotel in Columbus and the National Shade Tree Conference Meeting in Toronto, Ontario Canada.

Harold was Vice President in 1966, President in 1967 and chairman of the summer meeting at Spring Grove Cemetery. Educational programs at The Ohio State University Short Courses and receiving Honorary Life membership in 1990 were among his most positive memories. Harold felt that Dr. L. C. Chadwick was the drive behind both the National Shade Tree Conference and the Ohio Chapter along with Dr. Paul Tilford. He would like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter for the Short Courses in Columbus, OH.

In 1948, it was the National Shade Tree Conference, later the International Shade Tree Conference, now it is the International Society of Arboriculture. LOTS OF PROGRESS!

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**NEIL**, Thomas Dean "TD"  
President 1968

Tom was born in Washington State. He worked for Karl Kuemmerling before working for the Ohio Power Company.

Tom developed **The Tree of Life Safety Program** in conjunction with the Division of Safety of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. This was the first really comprehensive safety program and the forerunner of the American National Standards Z133 Tree Trimming Safety Standard Committee, which still functions today.

Tom was really dedicated to worker safety. He was a really outgoing person and fun to be around. He was a good supportive member of the Ohio Chapter, and Dr. Chadwick.

Tom died of a heart attack in the early 70's.

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[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Information received from Richard E. Abbott, Past President, ISA.]

**SWISHER, Bernard E. "Bud"**  
President 1969

Bernard E. "Bud" Swisher was born October 15, 1915. His early years were spent on a golf course working for his Father, who was the Greens Keeper for the Findlay Country Club, Findlay, OH. School, hunting, fishing and work on the golf course rounded out Bud's childhood.

Upon graduating from high school, Bud left home to study at the Ohio State University. In addition to his studies at the Ohio State University, he was an accomplished gymnast; a member of Pershing Rifles and played both the acoustical guitar and banjo.

Bud was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., in the US Army. Upon graduation from Ohio State University where he received the **first degree ever awarded in Golf Course Management**, in the history of the College of Agriculture at Ohio State University.

Bud worked second and third shifts at the Lima, OH, Locomotive Works, as well as doing tree work during the day to start his own business – The Swisher Tree Service, in Columbus, OH. The Swisher Tree Service was innovative and grew to include many custom applications including the use of the first bucket truck to be used by an arborist in Ohio.

The tree service was sold and Bud used his expertise to assist the utility industry, first at Ohio Power and then at the Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company (now AEP), located in Columbus, OH, as a forestry expert. He served in this capacity until his retirement.

Bud was a Past President, Ohio Chapter, ISTC; Past President, Ohio Chapter, NAA.

Bud died on March 6, 2004 at the age of 88.

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**HOLKENBORG, Lawrence "Larry"**  
President 1970

Larry Holkenborg joined the Ohio Chapter either in 1959 or 1960.

Larry said that he joined as "he was fresh out of college from Ohio State University and was inspired by Dr. L. C. "Chad" Chadwick.

Larry says that his most significant event that took place the year that he joined was that he started his own business.

Larry has held the following positions in the Ohio Chapter:

- 1) Served as Vice-President and then served as President in 1970.
- 2) He organized the Foreman's Training Workshops.
- 3) He was Chairman of Advertising and Sales for many years.
- 4) He said that he was appointed to the Ohio State University Horticulture Council by the Chapter, and served for several years.
- 5) He was Chapter Representative to the ISA Board.

Larry indicated that his most positive memories were:

- a) Was backed by the Chapter and endorsed to run for Vice President of ISA (even though he didn't win)!
- b) Receiving the Award of Achievement at the ISA Meeting in Birmingham, England in 1998. He went on to say that the award meant more to him than he could ever describe [AUTHOR'S NOTE: and that is saying a lot for Larry being lost for words!]

His strongest negative memory, was when he found out that Dr. Chadwick, the Executive Director (at the time), was working without pay; because the Chapter had very little money.

When asked in his opinion, which leaders had made the most significant contributions, and what were the contributions? He indicated that the Ohio Chapter has had a good team. Everyone contributed in their own way.

Over the years, what have been the three most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter?

- a) Becoming financially able to pay bills.
- b) Becoming a strong organization.
- c) Becoming a more professional industry.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Additional information about Larry Holkenborg that I found out about him: Larry served on the NAA Board of Directors and served as President in 1979. He has also been active in and served on the boards of the following organizations:

- a) Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association
- b) American Society of Consulting Arborists
- c) Ohio State University, Floriculture/Landscape Horticulture Alumni Association
- d) Erie County Home-builders Association
- e) Sandusky Area Chamber of Commerce

Larry grew up on a 220 acre farm in New London, OH. He was a country boy, through and through. He went to work for Art Salo Tree Service in September 1953, in Oberlin, OH.

When Larry graduated from college, Dr. Chadwick told him he couldn't make a living in a New London, OH corn field. As luck would have it, Phil Chambers, City Forester of Sandusky called Larry on December 24, 1960, and asked Larry to move to Sandusky to help him remove a city full of DEAD ELM TREES!

Larry retired from active business in 1999.

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**GILBERTSON, Henry W. "Gil"**

President 1971

Henry "Gil" Gilbertson received a BS degree in Forestry from the University of Idaho; and a Master's Degree in Plant Pathology from the University of Maryland.

Gil worked at the University of Massachusetts, Shade Tree Lab at Waltham Experiment Station for six years. He also worked as a Plant Pathologist with The Davey Tree Expert Company in Kent, OH, for 25 years.

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**WYNSTRA, Alex, Jr.**

President 1972

Alex Wynstra joined the Ohio Chapter in 1966 after transferring from the Midwest Chapter. That same year he started his new job as City Forester for the City of Columbus, OH.

Alex served on the Ohio Chapter Board many times; was Chairman of the Safety Committee for the 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> All Ohio Safety Congress as well as serving as President in 1972.

He enjoyed the enthusiasm and participation of all members. He fondly remembers the annual trip he took with Dr. L. C. Chadwick to OARDC (Wooster Experiment Station), to evaluate street tree cultivars. Dr. Chadwick encouraged Alex to get involved. Dr. Chadwick was always ready to assist and give him advice. He gained a lot of confidence by being involved and active and feels this is what all new members should do. Alex would like to be remembered as a very active member to the Chapter.

To Alex, the three most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter were:

- 1) Ohio Pesticide License
- 2) Discussion Guide for Arboricultural Safety
- 3) Educational and interesting Summer Meetings

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**FUNK, Kenneth H. "Ken"**  
President 1973

Kenneth Funk joined the Ohio Chapter in 1948. He served as President in 1973 and Ohio Delegate to the ISA, Newport Beach, CA.

Ken trained with The Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent, OH, in 1937-38, before his military service in World War II. He worked briefly for The Davey Tree Expert Company; and the Gossett Tree Service, Ashland, OH; in 1946 he established his own tree service with his brothers Harold and John.

His most vivid memories during his terms in office and subsequent years consisted of valuable advice and counsel which he sought from a number of respected individuals including Dr. L. C. Chadwick, Dr. Paul Tilford, Dr. Ollie Diller, Alex Wynstra, Larry Holkenborg, Jack Brown, and John and William Lanphear. Beginning a business was a challenge and he owes a great debt of appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Chadwick for advice and wise counsel.

Ken's most important accomplishments during his term in office were meetings which afforded sharing of work and business experiences, learning improved safety practices, viewing new equipment, acquiring new skills, meeting established friends and making new acquaintances. It was an educational experience to travel with family to more distant areas.

Now in retirement, Ken does not feel qualified to recommend future development but might suggest the ongoing Chapter activities as tribute to Dr. Chadwick's outstanding contribution to this organization.

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**BROWN, F. N. "Jack"**  
President 1974

Jack Brown was born on June 17, 1915 in Mount Union, PA. In 1935 he entered the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). He was stationed at Camp Birch Creek, Company F-60, Dillon, MT. There he helped build the fire roads, and also he learned the tree trimming trade. He made \$30.00 a month, and \$25.00 of it was sent back home to his family.

It was there that he then went to work for Karl Kuemmerling in 1936, as a tree trimmer. Jack moved to Canton, OH, in 1935 and he worked his way up the ranks and later became co-owner of the company.

He retired in 1980 from Karl Kuemmerling, Inc., and moved to Hawthorne, FL.

Jack passed away on August 2, 1997.

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**COLLINS, William H. "Bill"**  
President 1975

Honorary Membership to William H. "Bill" Collins was presented at the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the ISA held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on August 13, 1990, which states:

"Honorary Membership to William H. Collins – This Award recognizes an individual who has displayed continued interest and outstanding service in promoting arboriculture. Bill is a horticulturist and plant materials consultant in Columbus, OH. He received his BS degree in horticulture from Iowa State University in 1938 and did graduate work at Iowa State University and the University of Chicago. Bill was Executive Director of the Iowa Horticultural Society for six years, then a nursery manager in Shenandoah, IA for another six years. From 1961 to 1982, he was the Public Relations Director for Cole Nursery in Circleville, Ohio. During that time, he served as President of the Ohio Chapter. Bill is a founding member of METRIA (Metropolitan Tree Improvement Alliance). He also served as the First Director of The Chadwick Arboretum, located on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus, OH. He has authored several articles on plant care and holds plant patents on cultivars of ash and crabapple".

Bill held memberships in the following organizations: American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA); Columbus Landscape Association; Garden Writer's Association of America; International Dendrology Society; Ohio Nurserymen's Association; Wheaton Club, Field Naturalists.

Bill also held the following Plant Patents: Red Jewel Flowering Crabapple – Plant Patent #3267, year 1992; Skyline White Ash – Plant Patent #47756, year 1981; and Velvet Pillar Flowering Crabapple – Plant Patent #4758, year 1981.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: The above information taken from ***The Buckeye Arborist***, July-August 1990.]

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**WILSON**, Charles L. "Charlie"  
President 1976

Charlie Wilson served as President in 1976.

Charlie's business affiliations included Research Scientist, USDA, ARS Appalachian Fruit Research Station, Kearneyville, WV. Charlie was a Professor in Forest Pathology at the University of Arkansas from 1958-68 and Director of the USDA ARS Nursery Crops Laboratory, Delaware, OH, from 1968-1976.

The only thing Charlie remembers that happened during his term of office is the dedication of a Historic Oak Tree in Cleveland, OH, by himself and Dr. Chadwick. He said Chad gave an eloquent presentation of the importance of trees in the urban environment.

As Director of the ARS USDA Nursery Crops Research Lab in Delaware, OH, Charlie initiated programs on Genetic improvement of shade trees (elm and maple) for the urban environment, the impact of trees on air pollutants, and nursery mechanization.

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**CAPLINGER**, Blair E.  
President 1977

Blair Caplinger joined the Ohio Chapter in either 1962 or 1963.

Blair held almost all positions over the years including President and Chapter Representative to ISA. His most positive memories were making gains in membership and aiding the treasury. On the other side his most negative memory would be not increasing the Chapter's presence in Ohio and nationwide.

Blair believed that Larry Holkenborg made the most significant contributions in the area of Foreman's Training.

Over the years, the three most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter for Blair were:

- (1) Becoming financially stable
- (2) The pesticide law
- (3) Foreman's Training Workshops as well as Certification

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: The following information was taken from a cassette tape recorded by Ann Miller, former History Committee Chairman:

*"I would not change anything I have done, the experiences I've had, or the people I've met. Basically, I loved the outdoors. My hobby right now is growing rhododendrons, azaleas and wildflowers – plants that shouldn't be in my highly alkaline soil. That's Blair E. Caplinger talking. The retired industrial engineer, arborist, plain dirt gardener and the 1977 President of the Ohio Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture, is proof that diversification and determination work hand in hand."*

Blair grew mostly the catabiense rhododendrons, some new red and unnamed ones. He had about 10 each of deciduous and evergreen azaleas. If sun and shade exposures are right, and plants are fertilized as needed with dry and liquid formulas, and a proper mulch is maintained (he used pine bark), Blair said he could achieve the desired acid conditions.

Trillium, Jack-in-the-pulpit, and other native wildflowers had their shaded place in his landscape. Blair rescued them from a south central Ohio recreational area, prior to a flooding project. One on-going effort was the conversion of flower beds into a low maintenance collection of shrubs and perennials, bordered by annuals.

When they moved to their home in Centerville, OH, there were only two trees on the property – a cut leaf silver maple in back (which Blair hated) and a "Cleveland" hard maple in front. Ornamental trees such as weeping cherry, crabapples and redbuds (Cerci's Canadensis Alba), presumed to be the original Judas tree. He liked mountain ash, but the one he planted was promptly eaten by Lady, the family dog.

So far, this sounds like the saga of a degreed horticulturist/arborist. Not so, Blair, who was born in 1931 in Broadway, VA, was a graduate of the General Motors Institute, Flint, MI. Early childhood years in South Carolina were followed by a move in 1941 to the Dayton/Kettering/Centerville area, where he remained and where his four children grew up (three daughters and a son by his first wife, Rita Gay).

No one else in the family pursued a horticultural career in any form. Blair's mother always was a home gardener, but that was the extent of it, he said.

Blair was employed by Nelson Tree Service, Inc., Kettering, OH, from 1959 to about 1979. He entered the world of arboriculture, not knowing one tree from another. Starting as field supervisor, he gradually learned the business. The bulk of his duties were administrative (negotiating union contracts, etc.), but he made it a point to attend and participate in as many arboricultural meetings and educational sessions as possible.

In the 1960's, Blair joined the Ohio Chapter ISA. "I was not very active for a while. Then I suddenly found myself in committee chairman positions and finally running for office, and surprisingly being elected," he said. "I enjoyed my presidency a great deal while working full time with the tree company."

Blair recalled serving on most of the committees, including the Awards Committee, and writing for the Publications Committee with Bruce Roberts, former Editor of the monthly ***Buckeye Arborist***. He went through all of the Ohio Chapter chairs of office, except Secretary, and was Ohio's Representative to ISA for five or six years.

During his 1977 presidency, the ISA was in the throes of changing to a paid Director. It was striving to increase membership and become a more professional organization.

Ohio Chapter membership at that time was small, but strong (about 200 on the rolls, with 50 to 60 active participants). One way to improve finances was the decision to charge for advertising in the bulletin; the Ohio Chapter was first to do that. Blair said, "We also inaugurated the idea of having manufacturer's exhibits (trade shows) at district meetings. There were 15 demonstrations at a meeting at Salt Fork State Park, in Cambridge, OH, and more than 20 when we met in Dayton."

The Chapter considered buying a booth at the Ohio Nurserymen's Association/Ohio State University Short Course in Columbus and raising money by subletting the space to tree related firms. However, the cost of \$300 for a 10' x 10' space was considered excessive at that time.

While Blair was in office, the Ohio Chapter was strongly involved in putting together and passing the Ohio Pesticide Licensing Act, overcoming several false starts and delays with the House Agricultural Committee at the State House. The Act required regular testing of individuals in their knowledge of various categories of chemical usage. Plant industry people participated in training sessions prior to testing.

Outgoing Ohio Chapter President's traditionally were given framed certificate mementoes. Blair initiated the presentation of walnut wood gavels. These were made by one of the Nelson Tree Service managers who was a wood worker and in turn, the Ohio Chapter added brass name plates. Today, the gavels are mounted on plaques.

On January 25, 1988 Blair was made an Honorary Life Member of the Ohio Chapter ISA.

Blair Caplinger passed away on July 18, 1996.

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**VEVERKA, Ralph M.**  
President 1978

Ralph joined the Ohio Chapter in 1970 to share experiences with others in the profession of arboriculture, learn of new trees available and improved plantings and maintenance techniques.

He was a member of the Awards Committee and served as President in 1978.

Ralph's most positive memory was assisting in hosting the ISA Conference in Cleveland, OH. His strongest negative memory was the splitting in the ranks of municipal arborists between the ISA, the Ohio Chapter and the SMA. He felt the most significant contributors were Dr. L. C. Chadwick for his leadership, friendship and motivation; Al Cook for taking over and ably performing the duties of Executive Director; Larry Holkenborg for his dedication to the case of Private Arborists; and Bruce Roberts for his meaningful research and knowledge in all phases of arboriculture. He'd like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter for evaluation studies regarding the use of hundreds of new tree selections planted in the 1950's and 1960's as well as the many successes and failures.

Ralph felt the Ohio Chapter Annual Meetings were well organized, the Chapter provided aerial learning experiences and a wealth of knowledge experienced by all due to the cooperative input of private municipal and utility arborist plus nurserymen. Additionally, he felt the Experiment Station in Wooster was a significant accomplishment.

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**HOWER, Fredrick "Fred"**  
President – 1979

Fred joined the Ohio Chapter in 1964 or 1965. He attended an ISTC Meeting in Tampa, FL, and was impressed with the whole group. Richard Bratton, Dr. L. C. Chadwick, Ted Parke and others encouraged him to join both the national organization and the Ohio Chapter. Fred had always been tree oriented, so it didn't take much of a push.

Fred was Representative to the ISA Board of Director's from 1978-79 (finished Caplinger's term). Term 1 – 1980, 81 and 82; Term 2 – 1983, 84 and 85. He was Chapter President in 1979, and all pertinent offices preceding President and Chapter Representative to the ISTC several years before that.

Fred's positive memory was hiring Al Cook. He said it was actually only a matter of presenting Al with the opportunity, explaining their needs, and Al took it from there. His strongest negative memory was being in the hospital at the time of the summer meeting the year he was President.

Fred felt Dr. Chadwick and Al Cook made the most significant contributions to the Chapter. He said it was a matter of record. He would like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter for having helped out when he could and being an instigator of eventual change at the ISA office while serving as Chapter Representative.

Over the years, Fred believed the most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter were Foreman's Training Programs, Summer Educational Meetings, Jamborees, and Educational Seminars at the Ohio Short Course. In addition he believed the Certification Program should rank in the top three – maybe even first place and the constant progression of even strong leaders in the Ohio Chapter. Each leader seemingly growing from their predecessor's level and moving up from there.

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**WOODS, Richard "Dick"**  
President – 1980

Richard Woods joined the Ohio chapter 1973. He was recommended to join by Larry Holkenborg to advance his knowledge in the field. Dick was Membership Chairman in 1979 and President in 1980. He enjoyed getting to know people in the industry including Dr. L. C. Chadwick, John Duling, Bill Collins and many others.

In his opinion, the following leaders have made the most significant contributions to the Chapter: Dr. L. C. Chadwick for his wisdom, Larry Holkenborg for the Foreman's Training, Fred Hower for his relentless pursuit, John Duling for ISA Memorial Trust and Bill Collins for quality plant selections.

Dick would like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter as being an inspiration to young arborists and that through all problems and obstacles you can succeed and reach your goals.

Over the years, he feels the most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter include the Shade Tree Evaluation Guide for Ohio Trees, certification, membership awareness, increased number of Ohio arborists, and summer meeting auctions to raise funds for worthy causes.

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**CARTER, James "Jim"**  
President – 1981

Jim worked for the City of Columbus, as a City Forester. He also worked for The F. A. Bartlett Tree Experts Company in the New England area.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: No further information was available.]

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**ROBERTS, Bruce**  
President – 1982

Bruce Roberts joined the Ohio Chapter in 1972.

He was involved in tree research with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Delaware, OH, in 1963-89 and wanted to get involved with other Ohio arborists in order to learn about the problems that were considered important to the "field" arborist.

Bruce held numerous committee assignments including Board of Directors 1972-82, Editor of ***The Buckeye Arborist*** 1978-80, Chapter President 1982, Chapter Representative to ISA Board of Directors 1986-94. He also served International in various positions including the Long Range Planning Committee and the Research Trust Technical Review Committee.

Bruce's most positive memory was serving the Ohio Chapter as President, working with many fine people who comprise the Ohio Chapter and the sense of accomplishment he felt.

Several Chapter Presidents have been outstanding; Bruce thinks particularly of Lauren Lanphear in this regard. Certainly the leadership offered by Executive Director's, Dr. Chadwick and Al Cook should be also mentioned. Contributions by some of the "older" members such as Bill Collins, Ralph Veverka and Bill Lanphear also come to mind.

Bruce would like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter as a conscientious, hardworking Chapter Representative as well as an effective Chapter President and Board member.

Bruce feels the three most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter include:

- (1) Growth and development of the Ohio Chapter seminars and workshops
- (2) The significant role played by the Ohio Chapter in growth of the International organization
- (3) Foreman's Training Workshops
- (4) As well as the Ohio Certified Arborist Program

AUTHOR'S NOTE: Additional information found about Bruce Roberts is as follows:

He was on the staff of the USDA in Delaware, OH as a Research Scientist from 1963-89. Currently, he is serving as an Adjunct Professor, Department of Botany and Microbiology, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH.

Bruce is also active in community affairs serving on the Delaware Shade Tree Commission; Delaware Parks and Recreation Board and Delaware Area Substance Abuse Council. He is also a member of the Delaware Kiwanis Club and has served as President of his Club as well as Lieutenant Governor of the Ohio District of Kiwanis International.

Professional Awards and Honors include ISA Arboricultural Research Award, Ohio Chapter Honorary Life Membership, ISA Author's Citation and the Ohio Chapter Award of Merit.

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**RANDALL**, Wayne  
President 1983

Wayne Randall worked with the Asplundh Tree Expert Company in Columbus, OH, and served as Supervisor for 37 years.

Wayne fought in World War II in the Marine Corp., fought on Iwo Jima and was selected to be in the marine group to be present when the Japanese signed the surrender papers.

Wayne Randall passed away on September 15, 1984.

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**FITCH**, William C. "Bill"  
President 1984

Bill Fitch joined the Ohio Chapter around 1970. He joined so he could attend the various seminars and meetings to learn more about trees.

Bill was affiliated with the Department of Parks and Recreation, Forestry Division, Columbus. He served on the Board of Governor's for two terms and President in 1984.

His most positive memory was going to his first National Shade Tree Conference in St. Louis in 1976 and his strongest negative memory was when they used to have the election of officers at the Annual Meeting in January.

In Bill's opinion, all the Chapter leaders were good – especially the first lady President, transplanted from Kentucky! He'd like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter as one that encouraged the first lady President to seek the office.

The most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter for Bill would be the Jamborees and the Arborist Certification Program; and breaking away from the Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Nurserymen's Association, and starting our own tree care conference.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Additional information about Bill Fitch: Bill was born in Martin County, KY, in 1940. Instead of going to work in the coal mines after high school, Bill moved to Columbus, OH. Since retiring, Bill now resides in Utica, OH, where he runs a tree consulting business and does tree care sales for Ahlum and Arbor Tree Preservation Company in Hilliard, OH.

Bill is a member of ASCA and is also a certified arborist.

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**RIMELSPACH**, Joe  
President – 1985

Joe Rimelspach joined the Ohio Chapter in 1975, to learn more about the field of tree care and maintenance.

He was Chairman of Education and Research Committee and President 1985.

His most positive memory of the Chapter was having the opportunity to meet and to get to know so many people in the industry.

In his opinion there have been many significant contributors to the Ohio Chapter including Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" Chadwick, Al Cook, Fred Hower, Lauren Lanphear, Sharon Lilly, Ann (Fisher) Miller, Dave and Lana Ahlum, Larry Holkenborg and Charlie Irish.

Joe would like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter as someone who was willing to help and serve the Ohio Chapter for a little while.

The three most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter would be:

- (1) The support and leadership for the professionalism in the field of arboriculture
- (2) Providing educational sessions (winter, summer; as well as special seminars and meetings)
- (3) The certification program.

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**LANPHEAR, Lauren**  
President – 1986

Lauren Lanphear joined the Ohio Chapter in 1976 when he was just starting his "career" in arboriculture. That same year he attended the ISA Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

Lauren was a member of the Board of Directors, Editor of ***The Buckeye Arborist*** 1981-91, and President in 1986.

His most positive memory is all the many kind notes and words that Bill Collins shared with him over his years as Editor. Lauren said it made a young "wet behind the ears" guy feel pretty good about himself and his work.

He felt Dr. Chadwick made the most significant contribution by starting the Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter.

Lauren would like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter hopefully as someone who as President, Editor and in other capacities, helped the Chapter be the best that it could be.

In his opinion, the three most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter include:

- (1) The Foreman's training
- (2) ***The Buckeye Arborist*** newsletter
- (3) Certifications

By far, the most valuable memories Lauren has of the Chapter are the many friendships he has been blessed with over the years, which he'll treasure always.

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[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Lauren Lanphear also served as President of the ISA from 2007-09.]

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**SNYDER, David "Dave"**  
President – 1987

Dave Snyder joined the Ohio Chapter sometime between 1971-75. His friends encouraged him and he could socialize with other fellow professionals.

Dave served as President in 1987 and on the Safety Committee Research Trust.

His most positive memories are passing the gavel to Ann Miller (First Lady President of the Ohio Chapter); Appraisal Seminars; and dedicated members and leaders. He started the membership pin, and wanted members to be included more. On the negative side, he felt there was not enough membership contact – they always needed more.

In Dave's opinion, there were several leaders that made the most significant contributions including Dr. Chadwick for his continual support, Larry Holkenborg for the Foreman's Training Workshops; Lauren Lanphear for ***The Buckeye Arborist***; Al Cook – Sharon Lilly for certification; and both Bruce Roberts and Fred Hower as Chapter Representatives to the International organization.

He would like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter for the Chapter pin and as a member that got involved.

Over the years, he feels the most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter were:

- (1) Certification
- (2) Foreman's Training
- (3) The commitment to The Chadwick Arboretum
- (4) Evaluation workshops
- (5) Summer Meetings (moving them around the state)
- (6) All seminars
- (7) Involving people

Other major accomplishments include recognition of the Bi-Centennial Trees, Bill Collins as the First Director of The Chadwick Arboretum, fellowship with all the great members.

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Dave Snyder passed away December 5, 2011.

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**MILLER (FISHER), Ann**  
President – 1988

Ann (Fisher) Miller joined the Ohio Chapter in 1979; she needed a professional organization for education and contacts.

She served as Chairman, Arbor Day; Chairman, By-laws (Revision) Committee; Long Range Planning; President 1988; and Chairman of the History Committee, 1989-94.

Ann's most positive memory is all the great people. In her opinion, the most significant contributors are Dr. Chadwick for his support; Al Cook as Executive Director; Bruce Roberts, Lauren Lanphear, Jim Murphy, Denny Defibaugh, Joe Rimelspach and Sharon Lilly for all their hard workers and dedication.

She would like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter for caring about the members and the Chapter.

Over the years, the most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter include:

- (1) Dedication to our commitments
- (2) Certification
- (3) Fantastic educational programs
- (4) T-shirts
- (5) Jamborees

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**VEST, Donald "Don"**  
President – 1989

Don Vest joined the Ohio Chapter in 1976. He also served as an ISA Certified Arborist and was active in the tree care profession for 47 years. Don joined to further his desire to continue enhancing his knowledge base for the preservation of trees.

He served as President in 1989. Don's most positive memories were going to state and national conferences; networking with other professionals; and dedicating the Banyan Tree in Maui, Hawaii in 1982.

Don admired Dr. Chadwick, who was a renowned arboriculturist and expert in plant identification and research. He believes the most significant accomplishment of the Ohio Chapter is the continued research at the Ohio State University in Columbus.

Don worked hard to establish the National Tree Expert Company and to make it a reputable and successful business in the Clark County area. He started his business in 1956 after working as a lineman with Ohio Edison Company for approximately five years. For many years, Don was the only Certified Arborist in Clark County and was sought after by many area businesses and institutions as their arborist to maintain and preserve their trees. He provided care for all of the trees on the campus at Wittenberg University and grounds of Ferncliff Cemetery, where he hosted state Jamborees for the Ohio Chapter. He was invited on several occasions by the local Chamber of Commerce to be the guest speaker on Arbor Day.

Don worked up until he passed away in July 2003. After his death, an Ohio Buckeye Tree was planted and dedicated in his memory by the Springfield Beautification Committee at the Historic National Road Museum "Pennsylvania House" in Springfield.

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[AUTHOR'S NOTE: This was written by Don's children: Robert, Diana and Pamela.]

**AHLUM, David "Dave"**  
President – 1990

Dave Ahlum joined the Ohio Chapter in 1978.

He founded Arbor, Inc., now known as Ahlum & Arbor Tree Preservation. The year he joined he graduated from The Ohio State University. He did the first demo climb at Salt Fork for the Summer Meetings to show what the ISA was doing. He competed at the Toronto Convention and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Work Climb and Body Thrust Rope Pull for professionalism and knowledge.

Dave has been a tree climber since 1971 and an owner of the arboricultural firm since 1976. He served on the Board from 1982-88, Vice-President in 1989, President in 1990. He participated in the Jamboree for 20 years, Commercial Arborist 1984-86 and Arborist Certification 1987-88.

During Dave's term as President the Chapter changed Executive Directors and bid at International to have the 1995 Convention in Cleveland. His most positive memories since joining the Ohio Chapter was when Greg Clemens from Natorp's in Cincinnati won the 1990 ISA Tree Climbing Jamboree. When dues were increased to \$30 starting in 1991, and they were still \$30 sixteen years later.

Dave feels that all the Chapter leaders have contributed one way or other. Each has different skills that have helped the Chapter over the years. He would like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter for the Jamboree (Lana and Dave) did for 20 years and having the whole family being a member and involved in the organization (Dave, Lana and Chris).

Over the years, he believes the most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter include:

- (1) Moving the Conference from The Ohio State University Short Course/Ohio Nurserymen and Landscape Association/CENTS Show to their own
- (2) Certification was started in the Ohio Chapter

Quoted from final Presidents message: "New blood is essential for viability of the Chapter. I encourage people to come forward with ideas and suggestions. Remember, our Chapter can only be as good as the membership involvement."

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**LILLY, Sharon**  
President – 1991

Sharon Lilly joined the Ohio Chapter in 1980. She joined because of a student Award that included free membership and free lunch. She graduated from The Ohio State University with a BS and MS in horticulture; specializing in arboriculture.

Sharon served as the Certification Committee Chair; on the Jamboree, Commercial Arborist Committees, Board member, Long Range Planning Committee and President 1991.

Her most positive memory is team effort in building the certification program. Her strongest negative memory was of a competitor falling in the foot lock; fortunately with only minor injuries.

Sharon believes that Lauren Lanphear made the most significant contributions for his strong leadership, good sense of humor; Dave and Lana Ahlum for the Jamboree; and Ann (Fisher) Miller for her enthusiasm and spirit that was strongly needed in the 1980's.

She would you like to be remembered for promoting education within the industry.

Over the years, she feels the most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter include:

- (1) Arborist Certification
- (2) Being one of the best ISA Chapters for educational programs
- (3) Working toward a paid Executive Director

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Sharon Lilly and her former husband, Joe, owned and operated Expert Tree Service in Columbus where Sharon enjoyed working in the field as a climber. She also taught arboriculture at Columbus State Community College.

Sharon is the author of **The Tree Worker's Manual**, **The ISA Arborist Certification Study Guide**, as well as the **Tree Climbers Guide**. She was honored by Arbor Age Magazine as Arborist of the Year in 1992. Other citations include the ISA President's Commendation and the Gold Leaf Award, as well as the Ohio Chapter's Merit Award, Achievement Award, President's Award and Honorary Life membership.

Sharon has dedicated her career to improving the level of professionalism in the tree care industry. Her uncommon combination of academic background and practical experience has been invaluable in her efforts to bridge the gap between research and arborist.]

Sharon Lilly served as President of the ISA in 1997; serving as the first female president.

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**SMITH, Elton**  
President – 1992

Elton Smith joined the Ohio Chapter in 1967. He served on various committees, Vice-President in 1991, President in 1992. Elton was affiliated with Smith's Gardens, Inc. and on the faculty at The Ohio State University Department of Horticulture, 1967-1992; serving Arboriculture in Extension.

The Ohio Chapter was the First Chapter in the NSTC (ISA); 1992 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Chapter. Several events took place during the year to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Ameriflora '92 took place in the United States for the first time. It was held April 20 – October 12, 1992 at Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus. ISA sponsored a booth with literature. Opening day was attended by President and Mrs. Bush, Bob Hope and ISA's President "Frenchy" Garrique and his wife.

Key events of the Ohio Chapter throughout the 50 years were published in ***The Buckeye Arborist***. Head and shoulder photographs of nearly every Chapter President were published in the May-June 1992 issue. A big thanks to Ann Miller and her History Committee for a job well done.

Chapter officers of the past 50 years were invited to attend an Arbor Day Tree Planting to honor the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ohio Chapter. The recognition was held at The Chadwick Arboretum on the Ohio State University campus.

Dr. Alex Shigo came to Columbus June 17-18 for a seminar on "Systems Approach to Practical Tree Care". Attendance was excellent!

During 1992, the ISA Conference and Trade Show was held in Oakland, CA, and a new Chapter was approved from the United Kingdom, which included England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The Ohio Chapter earned three of the five ISA Award categories including Author's Citation – Dr. Charles Powell; Arboricultural Research – Dr. Larry Schreiber; and Honorary Life Membership – Edwin Irish. The Ohio Chapter won two banner awards; and Sharon Lilly's work on certification earned her a special award.

Dr. Chadwick celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in mid-August at The Chadwick Arboretum with many ISA friends and the OSU Alumni Marching Band and Drum Major.

Elton believed that Larry Holkenborg was on the right track when he started the Foremen's Training Seminar many years ago. In his opinion, the Chapter needs to do more work with that group and with workers below foreman level. The future of our Chapter and industry lie with the young people. Getting these people to meetings, however, is not easy.

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**MUGRIDGE, Thomas J. "Tom"**  
President – 1993

Tom Mugridge joined the Ohio Chapter in 1983.

Tom is affiliated with Forest City Tree Protection Company, South Euclid, OH. He started working the summer of 1968 in the nursery; learning weed control and basic plant care. Summers during high school were spent working on a spray or trim crew. Following college, he returned to Forest City Tree Protection Company, and performed all phases of tree care. He became a Foreman in 1977 and was promoted to Operations Manager in 1982 and General Manager in 1989.

The same year he joined the Ohio Chapter (1983) he joined ISA.

Tom has held the following chairmanships and/or offices in the Ohio Chapter:

- (1) Jamboree Judge 1987 to 1993
- (2) Commercial Arborists Committee 1986 to 1993
- (3) Ad Hoc Committee for the development of the Ohio Chapter's Certified Arborist Program
- (4) Awards Committee 1988 to 1992
- (5) Nominating Committee, 1994
- (6) Long-Range Planning Committee 1994
- (7) Membership Committee 1995 to 1996
- (8) Board of Directors 1989 to 1991
- (9) Vice-President 1992
- (10) President 1993

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**TODD, Andrew "Drew"**  
President – 1994

Drew Todd joined the Ohio Chapter in 1979.

Drew has significant memories from over the years for individuals like: Lana Ahlum, Al Cook, Fred Hower and Lauren Lanphear, just to name a few.

Other memories include the networking opportunities and events like the Summer Meetings, Board meetings, etc. Dr. Chadwick is his most positive memory of the Ohio Chapter.

Drew served as Committee Chairmanship for the following: Municipal, Membership, Horticulture Council, Research Trust, Awards. He also was a Board Member, as well as President in 1994.

He said that he would have liked to see more involvement and support (mentoring) of college students interested in arboriculture.

In Drew's opinion, the most significant contributors included:

- (1) Dr. Chadwick for setting directions for the Ohio Chapter
- (2) Alan Cook who held the Ohio Chapter together and defined the Executive Director position
- (3) Lauren Lanphear for his knowledge and respect for tradition and vision
- (4) Sharon Lilly for Certification
- (5) Larry Holkenborg for Foreman's Training Workshops

During his term as President, the formation and acceptance of the Mission Statement was established.

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**PETERSON, Ward**  
President 1995

Ward Peterson joined Davey Tree Expert Company in Kent, OH, in 1975, as a tree climber after graduating from college. Promptly he fell out of a tree and broke his leg.

"Ted Beer, Vice President of the Tree Care Division, asked me if I could create a position at the Davey Technical Center that Ward could do with a broken leg?"

To help out the Tree Care Division, I authorized transfer of Ward to the Davey Technical Center and he began to learn the duties of a technician." (Quoted by Richard E. Abbott.)

Ward later became the Northeast Ohio Manager of Davey Environmental Services Training efforts with Dick Jones working under him.

Ward served as President of the Utility Arborists Association in 2008.

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[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Information on Ward Peterson was received from Richard E. Abbott, Past President, ISA.]

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**KLONOWSKI, Alan D. "AI"**  
President 1996-1997  
Executive Director 2000-2005  
Editor 2000-2005

Alan served on the Board of Directors from 1984-85; Utility Arborist Committee Chairman from 1986-87; and served as President in 1996.

His background in Arboriculture includes:

1972-1973	Hafer Tunisia, USAID, Watershed Project
1974-1983	Ohio Park Manager, Cleveland Metro Parks
1983-1998	Supervisor of Forestry, Cleveland Illumination Company, Cleveland and Toledo Edison
1998-Present	Consulting Arborist

During his term in office, the Ohio Chapter hosted the ISA Convention in Cleveland, in 1996. He stated, "We set the record for attendance, up to that point."

The Ohio Tree Care Conference (OTCC) was established in 1997; which has grown from 300 to over 500 attendees.

Alan feels that the most important accomplishment has been, initiating the OTCC in 1997, with the incredible support of Chapter officers, Board of Directors and the membership.

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Alan's future recommendations for the Ohio Chapter development, would be to increase Ohio Chapter member volunteer involvement in education, programs and holding office.

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**SIEWERT, Alan R. "AI"**  
President 1998-1999

Alan Siewert joined the Ohio Chapter in 1988 and became active with the Chapter in 1990 attending meetings. He became an Ohio Certified Arborist in 1989.

Alan served on the Board of Directors in 1994-95; Awards Chairman, 1994; Tree Academy Chair for Cleveland, 1996; Vice-President 1996-97; Co-Chairman of First Ohio Tree Care Conference, 1997; President 1998-99 and Program Coordinator for the International Fertilizer Conference in 2000; General Chairman, Ohio Tree Care Conference in 2000-01; and Co-Chairman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ohio Research Trust Golf Outing in 2001.

Alan came to Ohio in 1987 for an internship at the Holden Arboretum. He earned a BS in Urban Forestry from the University of Wisconsin in 1994. He privately owned and operated a tree care company in Wisconsin for two years.

Next he worked for two years as a Project Manager for ACRT, Inc., Kent, OH. Since 1990 to present, he has been the Urban Forester, Ohio Department Natural Resources, Division of Forestry.

He feels the greatest opportunity he had was to work with Alan Klonowski. As his Vice President, he believed they made huge changes and strides forward for the Chapter. The changes made allowed the organization to grow financially, increase membership and expand in areas never thought of before. When we look back, he is sure we will see Al Klonowski's presidency as a watershed period in the Chapter history. Alan Siewert's presidency can be characterized as a continuation of the ideas begun during Al Klonowski's presidency.

The most significant change was the decision he and Al Klonowski made not to be a "Tax and Spend" organization. They gave instruction to each of their committees to be a profit center for the organization and decided early on not to raise dues.

Alan felt the most important item developed while he was President was the Annual Leadership Workshop for the members of the Board and committees. "We, as tree people are experts in our field, but the Chapter leadership does not work with trees, we work with people. Training our leaders allows them to effectively work with the volunteers in our organization as well as giving them skills to use in their careers. Many people as well as employers have commented on the usefulness of this Conference," said Alan.

An accomplishment Alan is proud of is the growth of the Ohio Tree Care Conference. The Conference experienced many birthing pains. "We tried many different formats and schedules. There was a lot of hard work and effort invested in the program and much time when difficult and courageous decisions had to be made. This meeting has given life to the organization."

Alan grew as a professional and as a person because of the people he met and the friends he made. He believes he is a better man from his affiliation with the Ohio Chapter ISA.

Alan urges all to be bold, be courageous, and try what has not been tried. He said to save your excuses for why your idea did not work, do not use them to explain why you did not try. Have fun! People will perform, serve and do miraculous things for their friends, which they might not for business acquaintances. There is always opportunity to work; we need a chance to play!

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**JONES**, Richard V. "Dick"  
President 2000-2001

Dick Jones is the Manager of Training and Education Services with The Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent, OH. He is responsible for coordinating and providing instruction in the company's training programs, including The Davey Institute of Tree Sciences, The Davey Institute of Horticultural Sciences. Presently, he is creating and developing interactive multi-media computer programs and the Body of Knowledge archiving computer program for the Davey Institute that will be on the World Wide Web.

Dick joined Davey as a Tree Care Instructor, teaching arboriculture, landscape, grounds maintenance and urban forestry courses. He has served the company as a Tree Care Foreman, Field Manager, Human and Technical Resources Specialist and the Manager of Personnel Administration. Prior to joining Davey, he was an executive with the Boy Scouts of America and a tree trimmer and Dutch elm disease contact specialist with the City of Lansing, Michigan. Dick has been employed as a school director with private schools in Ohio, teaching tree care and horticulture training programs.

Dick has a BS degree in forestry from Michigan State University and is an ISA Certified Arborist.

He served on the Board of Directors in 1997, Vice-President in 1998-99 and President in 2000-01.

During his term of office there were two changes in Executive Directors. The Chapter started their own Winter Conference and Trade Show and Dick joined the Ohio Forestry Association to offer group rates for workers' compensation.

Dick recommends more involvement from members in committees and decisions for future Chapter development.

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**GULICK**, Jennifer "Jenny"  
President – 2002-2003

Jenny Gulick joined the Ohio Chapter in 1982 and became a Certified Arborist in 1984. Jenny served as a Board Member in 1999-01, Vice President in 2001, President in 2002-03. She received a BS in Forest Resource Management from West Virginia University and MS in Public Administration from the University of Cincinnati. From 1982-99 she was an Urban Forester for the City of Cincinnati and 1999 to present is a Natural Resources and Urban Forestry Consultant for The Davey Resource Group.

During her term of office the Chapter:

- (1) Successfully obtained 501(c)(3) status from the ISA which allows for greater access to financial support and grants for educational programs
- (2) Attained a full-time Executive Director
- (3) Established the Arbor Fund and held three regional educational meetings which increased learning opportunities for members and decreased the financial burden on the Ohio Chapter – the one meeting caused and involved more members on committees and Chapter.

During her total membership period, Jenny has seen a drastic increase in the perception of citizens and governments of arborists as professionals. Her recommendations for future Ohio Chapter development are more collaborative efforts with other chapters and other allied organizations and to obtain grants to fund more educational programs.

Jenny Gulick passed away in March 2025.

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**BUETTNER**, Shelley  
President – 2004-2005

Shelley Buettner joined the Ohio Chapter in 1997. She has a Degree in Horticulture and is a Certified Arborist.

Over the years, Shelley served as Committee Chairman of various committees, Board Member in 2001, Vice President 2002-03 and President in 2004-05.

During her terms of office the structure and finance of the Chapter was updated and improved, the First Women in Arboriculture Reception was held in addition to Regional Summer Meetings. Shelley feels the most important accomplishments during her term in office include improved accounting practices and improved Board duties. Her recommendations for future Ohio Chapter development, is to offer quality educational opportunities and make scholarship self-sustaining.

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**HOENIGMAN**, Janet  
President – 2006-2007

Janet Hoenigman joined the Ohio Chapter in 1996 for professional development.

Janet and her husband own the Busy Bee Services, Ltd., in Novelty, OH.

Janet has been a Vendor Committee Chairman, on the Board of Directors, Vice President, President and Executive Director. She is a member of the ISA.

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**SHAUCK**, Al  
President 2007-2009

With the resignation of Janet Hoenigman as President in 2007, for health reasons, Al Shauck who was then serving as Vice-President, assumed the position of President. He continued to serve as President through what would have been his term of office – 2008-2009.

Al joined the Ohio Chapter in 1978. He enjoyed learning more regarding trees, what the ISA offered and the people in the organization who were always ready to assist.

He has worked with trees since 1975 and became a Certified Arborist as soon as the Ohio Chapter began giving certification.

Al held positions as Ohio Tree Care Conference Commercial Chairman, Board member, Vice President, President and Proctor Tree Worker.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Former ISA Chapter Presidents, Bill Fitch, Al Shauck and John Butcher founded the Annual Clays Tournament, held each year prior to the Ohio Chapter ISA Conference. The three, along with several other arborists, were having a beer after the day's educational sessions, during the Annual Ohio Chapter Conference several years ago, which led to boasting about how good they were at shooting clays. Bill and Al challenged each other to a match to be held just before the next Annual Meeting, but several of the other arborists said they were also pretty good at shooting clays. Thus, the question was raised – why not create an annual event and invite anyone who wanted to participate; so the Annual Clays Tournament was founded.

Now a popular annual affair, both women and men look forward to competing for top honors, while generating money for the Scholarship Fund in the process. In addition to the Clays Tournament, a competitive "Chili-Cook-off" is now held during the Tournament; furnishing a great lunch for the shooters and the venue staff.

[Information received from Bill Fitch, Past President.]

Al Shauck passed away on April 23, 2024.

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**AHLUM, Lana**  
President – 2009-2010

Lana Ahlum became active in the Ohio Chapter as a spouse for 5 or 6 years. She received Honorary Membership (non-member) for Jamboree activities.

She has been on the Jamboree Committee since it first started, Executive Director 1991-95, Editor 1992-96 and President 2009-10.

Her most positive memory is all the hectic activities involved with working the Jamboree (scoring and running around). Lana would like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter for her organization. She really wanted to get things in order so they would run smooth as silk. She would like to get the membership on the up-rise.

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**BUTCHER, John S.**  
President – 2010

John Butcher was Vice President and Plant Health Care Manager, Madison Tree Care and Landscaping, Inc., Cincinnati, OH. He held the following certifications:

- (1) ISA Certified Arborist, 1983
- (2) Certified Commercial Applicator in both Ohio and Kentucky

John served on the Ohio Chapter Board, 2006-08; Vice President, 2009-10; and President in 2010. He served as Co-Chairman of the Ohio Chapter Scholarship Fundraising Committee, 2002-11; and Clay Tournament Co-Chairman, 2005-11.

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**SYDNOR, T. Davis**  
President – 2011-2012

A professor of Urban Forestry in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at The Ohio State University since 1995, Davis Sydnor researched the selection, evaluation, establishment, and maintenance of trees in urban areas. Prior to 1995, he was a faculty member in Landscape Horticulture at OSU. He holds a BS degree in Horticulture from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a PhD in Plant Physiology from North Carolina State University.

Davis served on the Ohio Chapter Board from 2009 – 2013.

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**SCHNOBRICH, Katrina**

President – 2012-2013

Katrina began working for FirstEnergy as a Utility Forester in 2002. She has her BS in Forestry and MS in Forestry from Michigan Technological University. She has been in the Forestry field since 1991 and has dabbled in several different Forestry fields such as Research Assistantships, Drafting Wetlands, Forest inventory, Forest measurements, along with Third World forestry (Peace Corp). She has been active within the Ohio Chapter since February 2002 and received her utility specialist certification in 2005.

Katrina served on the Ohio Chapter Board from 2007 – 2014. She also served several years chairing the Ohio Tree Care Conference planning committee.

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**WESTERN, Gerald (Jerry)**

President – 2013-2014

Jerry has been a member of ISA since 1973. He has been a speaker at several of the Chapter Conferences and served as an active member of the Utility Arborist Association and has been the group's Chair twice. He was also a member of the national UAA Training Committee. Jerry has a BS in Forestry and an MBA. He has worked as a professional forester for the U.S. Forest Service, Ohio Edison Company, and The Illuminating Company. While at the Illuminating Company he helped to continue educational opportunities for those in arboriculture by working with the State Urban Forester to continue the North Coast Urban Forestry Conference. Jerry retired from The Illuminating Company.

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**RUSSELL, Peter J. (Joe)**

President – 2014-2015

Joe grew up in the Ohio Valley, North of Steubenville. He became active in the agriculture and forestry community at a young age. He was elected president of FFA for 2 years in high school and elected president of the Columbiana County Junior Fair Board in 1999. Joe attended The Ohio State University to pursue a BS in Landscape Horticulture and was accepted as part of the prestigious Mayhew Scholarship Program requiring students to work in the Chadwick Arboretum while taking a full time class load. Shortly after graduation in 2005, Joe and his wife Shari started Russell Tree Experts Ltd. in Columbus. Joe first became active in ISA as a student member in 2003 and has been a Certified Arborist since 2004.

Joe served on the Ohio Chapter Board of Directors from 2010 – 2016 and has served on the OTCC committee since 2010 and the Ohio TCC since 2008.

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**VAUGHN, Shirley**

President – 2015-2016

Shirley is a regional business developer for Davey Resource Group, a division of The Davey Tree Expert Company, working in the Southeast, Mid Atlantic, and Ohio. Shirley works with governments and campuses developing urban forestry and GIS projects such as tree inventories, UTC assessments, and management plans. Shirley has been with Davey for five years. Prior to that, she worked for the Florida Division of Forestry as an urban forestry grant administrator. Shirley also has several years of municipal experience working in Florida for Broward County as a Natural Resource Specialist and as a manager of a 50-acre park. Shirley is a Certified Arborist and Municipal Specialist through the ISA. She holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in geology from the University of Iowa, and has hours towards a doctoral degree at the University of Alabama, also in geological science.

Shirley served on the Ohio Chapter ISA Board the past two years. She also serves on the ANSI A300 Committee for PGMS and while in Florida, was on several boards including Greenscape of Jacksonville and the Florida Urban Forest Council. She is an avid golfer and enjoys hiking. Shirley lives in Canton with her husband Mark.

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**RATHJENS, Richard**

President – 2016-17

Richard is an Urban Forester and Senior Agronomist with the Davey Institute, The Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent, Ohio. His responsibilities with Davey include researching and teaching the proper care of landscape plants. The primary focus of his research activities has been improving soil conditions for plant growth. Richard's a member of the Ohio Tree Care Conference Education Program committee. He also helped Ohio students prepare to become certified arborists in the areas of tree/soil relations, water management and tree nutrition/ fertilizers. Richard obtained his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University where he researched planting depth of landscape trees. He is a licensed life science/earth science teacher with the Ohio Board of Education. Richard is a certified arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture. Richard is also a certified professional agronomist with the Crop Science Society of America.

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**BRINKER, Ernie**

President – 2017-18

Ernie has 30 plus years in utility arboriculture starting in 1977 for Davey Tree Experts as a summer job working on CEI transmission lines. Since that time he has done various jobs in the tree industry. Ernie currently manages crews in Cambridge Ohio for Asplundh Tree Expert Company on AEP Property.

Ernie became a Certified Arborist in 2001 and has added Utility Specialist, Municipal Specialist, Climber Specialist and Aerial Lift Specialist and in 2009 added the TCIA Certified Tree Care Safety Professional certification. He also has an Ohio Pesticide License.

Ernie volunteers his time with the ISA as a test evaluator for the Tree Worker test, and you will find him helping at the Ohio Tree Climbing Competition in the summer. Ernie has worked on the Ohio Tree Care Conference for four years as a speaker and a committee member. Ernie is also the past President of the Ohio Utility Arborist Association.

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**DAVIS, Eric**

President – 2018-19

Eric began his career in Arboriculture in 1994 working in utility line clearance. In 1999 he started a company called Tree Care Inc. in Troy, Ohio. The company provides residential / commercial / utility arboriculture services to clients throughout Ohio. They also have a storm recovery division that provides disaster recovery services to government agencies.

In 1999, Eric became an ISA Certified Arborist and is also a BCMA. He attended his first Ohio Chapter annual meeting in 1999; as a 23 year old who had just founded his own company, he quickly realized he needed lots of help. Eric received so much from the members of the Chapter; no matter what problem he encountered there was always someone he could reach out to that would offer their wisdom. The Ohio Chapter ISA played a significant role in his career and company growth.

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## Past Ohio Chapter Secretary-Treasurers/Executive Directors

<u>Secretary Treasurers</u>	<u>Executive Directors</u>
1942-73 Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick	1974-79 Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick
1974-75 Mark Mowery	1979-88 Alan D. Cook
1976-78 Dr. T. Davis Sydnor	1989-90 Joanne Kick-Raack
1991-95 Lana Ahlum	1991-95 Lana Ahlum
2010-12 Lola Lewis	1996-97 Anita Lide
2013 Fred Dotson	1998-99 Anne Siewert
2014-2019 Tom Munn	2000-05 Alan D. Klonowski
	2006-11 Chris Andrews
	2011-Present Dixie Russell

### **CHADWICK, Dr. Lewis C. "Chad"**

Secretary-Treasurer 1942-1973  
Executive Director 1974-1979  
Executive Director, Emeritus 1980-1993

The first Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Chapter, National Shade Tree Conference (now known as the International Society of Arboriculture), was Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick. Dr. Chadwick was appointed to the office upon the establishment of the Ohio Chapter in 1942.

At the time that Dr. Chadwick was appointed as Secretary-Treasurer for the Ohio Chapter, he was already serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the National Shade Tree Conference, a job that he was appointed to in 1938.

Dr. Chadwick has served the Ohio Chapter, in many capacities. He was the **Founder of the Ohio Chapter** in 1942; Secretary-Treasurer from 1942-1973; Executive Director from 1974-1979; and Executive Director, Emeritus, from 1980 until the time of his death in 1993.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: For complete biographical information on Dr. Chadwick, refer to the Table of Contents.]

### **MOWERY, Mark**

Secretary-Treasurer 1974-1975

When Dr. Chadwick became the Executive Director in 1974 of the Ohio Chapter, Mark Mowery of Columbus was appointed the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Chapter; a job he held from 1974-1975.

### **SYDNOR, T. Davis**

Secretary-Treasurer 1976-1978  
Editor 1974-1975

Davis Sydnor joined the Ohio Chapter in 1972 or 1973. He said he joined because of interest in trees in urban areas.

Davis has held the following positions in the Ohio Chapter: Editor 1974-1975, Secretary 1976-1978, Board Member 1990-2010.

Davis feels that his most positive memory is the dedication of the members. He also feels that the following leaders have made the most significant contributions:

- (1) Sharon Lilly for Certification
- (2) Blair Caplinger for achieving more independence from the Ohio Nurserymen's Association
- (3) Dave Ahlum for helping to make the move toward a full-time Executive Secretary

Davis would like to be remembered for his support of the Chapter, to enable the Chapter to reach its goals. He also feels that the three most significant accomplishment of the Ohio Chapter have been:

- (1) Ohio Certification
- (2) Ohio Species Guide
- (3) Movement to obtaining a full-time Executive Director

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**COOK, Alan D. "Al"**  
Executive Director 1979-1988

Al Cook joined the Ohio Chapter in 1970 or 1971. He said that he joined as an adjunct to his new job at The Dawes Arboretum in Newark. Al held multiple positions in the Ohio Chapter including several committees, as well as Executive Director, 1979-1988.

Al said that his most positive memory was working with great tree people!! His strongest negative memory was when the Chapter almost went broke in 1987; and some of the members helped to prevent this from happening.

In Al's opinion, he feels that the following leaders have made the most significant contributions to the Chapter: Bruce Roberts, Ann (Fisher) Miller, Sharon Lilly, Lauren Lanphear and Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick.

Over the years, Al feels that the three most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter are:

- (1) Workshops and Seminars – the best Chapter in all of ISA!
- (2) Certification
- (3) Jamborees stressing safety

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: During Al Cook's tenure with the Ohio Chapter (1979-1988), the newsletter was revamped by Lauren Lanphear, Editor. The **Ohio Guide to Rating Trees** was published and republished. Proceedings of the seminar on "Plants, People and the Law" were published for the first time. The Ohio Chapter yearbook was published independently of the Ohio Nurserymen's Association yearbook.

Also, the previously sporadic seminars became an annual event, mostly focusing on tree appraisals and diagnostics. Membership tripled. By-Laws were revamped and streamlined. Committee work increased (new committees were added; old ones were revitalized). The first woman President of the Ohio Chapter was elected – Ann (Fisher) Miller.

The Ohio Arborists' Certification Program was established by Sharon Lilly and her committee. Arbor Day activities greatly increased, under the leadership of Ann Miller and her committee. Larry Holkenborg and his committee were responsible for the four-to-five-fold increase in attendance at the Foreman's Training Workshops (average attendance now exceeded 100).

In general, Al Cook said that awareness of trees and tree problems burgeoned. He was reluctant to take credit beyond being the organizer or implementer of ideas that materialized.

Taken from the Ohio Chapter Newsletters, dates unknown.]

**"Some People are Just Lucky..."** On August 14, 1989, the ISA gave me an **Honorary Life Membership Award** for doing good things for arboriculture and the society. Ah, there were seminars and publications and training sessions and summer meetings and jamborees.... but, I didn't do those things; the members of the Ohio Chapter did them.

"It started with CHAD, my mentor at the Ohio State University, way back in the 1940's, and a role model ever since. It was CHAD who suggested my name as Executive Director of the Ohio Chapter more than a decade ago.

"Then came the wonderful Chapter officers, Board Members, Committee people and all the other members that helped in many ways. No names here, lest I forget one. But there have been at least 100 solid contributors who've pitched in at least once. Another 50 people, at least, contributed in long-term ways."

[The above information was taken from an Ohio Chapter newsletter, written by Al Cook, date unknown.]

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**KICK-RAACK, Joanne**  
Executive Director 1989-1990

Joanne joined the Ohio Chapter when she became Executive Director 1989-90.

She worked with Chemlawn Plant Diagnostic Laboratory where she diagnosed problems with trees and shrubs, herbicide injury and conducted training on tree/shrub ID and pest and disease problems, etc.

When asked what happened during her term(s) in office, Joanne replied: the Summer Meetings with the tree-climbing events, etc., were great! It was a privilege to serve with this organization.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Joanne was the State Coordinator for Pesticide Education Programs for The Ohio State University, Extension; and has 25 years' experience in Agriculture and the development of educational materials and training programs. She holds a BS degree in Plant Pathology from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, and a MS degree in Agricultural Education from The Ohio State University. In 1992, she served in Washington, DC, as Interim National Program Leader for Pesticide Applicator Training Program at the USDA.

She is an author of numerous training materials for pesticide applicators and conducts workshops and gives presentations on various pesticide application issues such as applicator safety, worker protection and pesticide regulations.

Prior to her position as State Pesticide Coordinator, Joanne worked in the pesticide industry with Chemlawn Corporation, Abbott Laboratories and FMC Corporation.]

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**AHLUM, Lana**  
Executive Director 1991-1995  
Editor 1992-1996  
President 2009-2010

Lana Ahlum's involvement with the Ohio Chapter became active as a spouse for 5 to 6 years. She received Honorary Membership (non-member) for her work with her husband, Dave, for Jamboree activities. She has served on the Jamboree Committee since the beginning.

Lana's most positive memory with the Chapter has been the hectic activities with the Jamboree, scoring and running around. She would like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter for organization. She stated that she wants to get things so they run as smooth as silk.

Over the years, she feels that the three most significant accomplishment of the Ohio Chapter are:

- (1) Getting it together
- (2) Getting the name of the Ohio Chapter out to the public
- (3) Getting more people involved in the Ohio Chapter

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**LIDE, Anita**  
Executive Director 1996-1997

No information available.

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**SIEWERT, Anne**  
Executive Director 1998-1999

No information available.

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**KLONOWSKI, Alan D. "Al"**  
Executive Director 2000-2005  
President 1996-1997

Alan's business affiliation is a Consulting Arborist.

He held the following positions/offices in the Ohio Chapter: Board of Directors, 1984-1985; Utility Arborist Committee Chairman, 1986-1987; President, 1996-1997; Executive Director, 2000-2005; Editor of ***The Buckeye Arborist***, 2000-2005.

His background in arboriculture includes:

1972-1973	Hafez, Tunisia, USAID Watershed Project
1974-1983	Ohio Park Manager, Cleveland Metro Parks
1984-1998	Supervisor of Forestry, Cleveland Electric Illumination Company and Toledo Edison
1998-Present	Consulting Arborist

When asked what happened during his term(s) in office, he said: the Ohio Chapter hosted the ISA Convention held in Cleveland in 1996. Record attendance was set during the Convention, at least up to that point.

The Ohio Chapter Tree Care Conference (OTCC) was established in 1997; which has grown from about 300 in attendance to over 500.

When asked what he felt were the most important accomplishments during his term in office, Alan responded with initiating the OTCC in 1997, with the incredible support of Chapter Officers, Board of Directors and membership.

Alan said that his recommendations for future Ohio Chapter development, would include:

- (1) Increase Ohio Chapter Membership
- (2) ISA member volunteer involvement in education, programs and holding an office

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**ANDREWS, Chris**  
Executive Director 2006-2011

Known as a "jack of all trades", Chris brings to the Ohio Chapter, 15 years' experience in nonprofit management and volunteerism. She worked for various organizations, such as the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes and the Capital Area Humane Society.

Her past experience in interior/exterior landscaping, including Ameriflora '92, provides her with a strong foundation in horticulture.

As the wife of a certified arborist, she has come to know the Ohio Chapter ISA, and its events through her husband's involvement for the past 16 years. She's also learned every tree her husband ever trimmed thanks to the "Sunday Drives".

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**RUSSELL, Dixie**  
Executive Director 2011 – 2026

In 2011, the Ohio Chapter outsourced the management to Offinger Management Company where Dixie was assigned to the role. Dixie earned her Certified Association Executive designation in 2014 and the Certified Meeting Professional in 2011. She is passionate about her career and provides exceptional support to enhance the power and performance of volunteers in the association and non-profit community. Dixie also serves on the Baltimore Tree Commission. Dixie retired as Executive Director from the Ohio Chapter on February 28, 2026.

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## Past Ohio Chapter Editors

1942-69	Dr. Paul E. Tilford	1992-96	Lana Ahlum
1970-73	Philip C. Kozel	1996-97	Anita Lide
1974-75	Dr. T. Davis Sydnor	1998-99	Anne Siewert
1978-80	Bruce Roberts	2005-11	Chris Andrews
1980	Thomas Gaetano	2011-2026	Dixie Russell
1981-91	Lauren Lanphear		

### **TILFORD, Dr. Paul E.**

Editor 1942-1969

Dr. Paul E. Tilford was born in Hammond, IL, in 1900. He graduated from Michigan State University, with a BS degree in Agriculture in 1923. He received his Master's Degree in 1926 from the Ohio State University; and his PhD in 1936 from the University of Wisconsin.

Paul was a Plant Pathologist by training and spent his early career at the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, now known as OARDC, in Wooster, where he was in charge of research on the diseases of shade trees, nursery crops and ornamental plants.

Paul and his Ohio colleague, Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" Chadwick, were the two gentlemen who nursed and reared the International Shade Tree Conference, now known as the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) to maturity. Paul was Editor for the International Shade Tree Conference, publishing ***Arborist's News*** for 29 years, from 1938-1967, at the time when Chad was Secretary-Treasurer/Executive Director.

Paul resigned from the OARDC in 1947 to become part-time, then full-time, Executive Secretary of the National Arborist Association (NAA); he held this position until he retired in 1966.

In 1940, he was employed as a part-time Executive-Secretary for the NAA. In 1945, the position became a full-time job. NAA's office was in the Tilford's home in Wooster, for the next 25 years. Paul's wife, Esther, served as his Secretary. For much of that period, Paul was also Editor for the National Shade Tree Conference (NSTC). Under Paul's leadership NAA grew and prospered. His full time availability enabled him to travel, visiting with members and helping them to solve their problems.

He was a Charter Member of the Wooster City Shade Tree Commission; President from 1945-1946 of Wooster City School Board; and a member of Wooster Board of Park Commissioners and Recreation Board. Paul also served as Mayor of Wooster from January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1971.

Paul was also Past President of Wooster Federation of Music, a member of Wooster Beautification Commission, and the YMCA Board. He was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, where he served on the consistory for four terms. Paul also was very active in the Wooster Kiwanis Club, where he served as President in 1944, and Past President of Izaak Walton League.

Paul had the distinction of having the ***Tilford Red Maple*** named after him on March 4, 1983. The NAA officially launched the **Paul Tilford National Arborist Foundation, Inc.**, for funding projects, studies and grants pertinent to the needs of good tree care.

Whenever mention was made of the beauty of Wooster's tree-lined streets, natives were quick to offer two names, Paul Tilford and Oliver Diller, as the driving forces behind Wooster becoming an official **Tree City**. Both are now gone, but the legacy grows each year with planting of new young trees of Wooster first graders.

Paul came to Wooster in 1924 at the urging of Dr. Harry C. Young, his former Michigan State University botany professor. Dr. Young had come to Head the OARDC's Botany and Plant Pathology Program, and urged his young Michigan Research Assistant to join him.

Paul never missed an opportunity to tell others about the many attractions of his adopted city. Though he would be too modest to admit it, many of those strengths were a direct result of his leadership.

Paul Tilford passed away on December 6, 1986.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Information was taken from newspaper articles at the time of his death.]

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**KOZEL, Philip C. "Phil"**  
Editor 1970-1973

Philip C. Kozel was a native of Cleveland and received his BS degree in 1963 and his MS degree in 1965 from the Ohio State University and his PhD degree from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, in 1967. He joined the staff of the Department of Horticulture, at the Ohio State University, in 1968; assuming responsibility for the courses in Plant Materials, an area in which he excelled. A wealth of knowledge, a dynamic speaking pattern, a pleasing personality and his ability to communicate his enthusiasm for plants to his students were the *hallmarks* of his brief career.

During the 10 years he was a member of the staff of the Department of Horticulture, over 4,000 students attended his classes. He was faculty advisor to more than 400 students, counseling them throughout their college career and assisted them in job placement following graduation. His popularity as a successful teacher was attested to by the fact that in a period of four years after he developed a non-major course of Landscape Horticulture, enrollment grew to over 800 students per year, with over 75% being non-agricultural majors.

Phil was the author of several publications on plant materials. He developed a slide-tape series to aid students in an independent study of landscape plants, and he perfected a system in the Department of Horticulture which allowed a guest speaker to talk by telephone to a class while a series of slides were being shown.

Phil was a member of the American Society for Horticultural Science; American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta; International Society of Arboriculture, where he served as Editor from 1970-73; International Plant Propagators Society; Ohio Nurserymen's Association; Pi Alpha Xi; Sigma Xi; and Gamma Sigma Delta.

He authored more than 50 articles on plant materials and growth regulators, and was co-author of two textbooks, **Woody Ornamentals for the Midwest** and **Evergreens for the Landscape**.

The Shade Tree Evaluation Project at the Secrest Arboretum, Wooster, and in cooperating cities throughout Ohio was under his direction for several years. Phil also gave leadership to the Floriculture and Landscape Horticulture Club, a student organization within the Horticulture Department at Ohio State University.

Phil received the Ohio State University Distinguished Teaching Award in 1975; the Alfred J Wright Service to Students Award in 1976; and the Ohio Nurserymen's Association Distinguished Service Award in 1979 (posthumously).

Unfortunately, his career was terminated on July 1, 1978, at the age of 38, after an extended battle with a form of Lou Gehrig's disease.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Information taken from newspapers and other sources at the time of his death.]

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**SYDNOR, T. Davis**  
Editor 1974-1975  
Secretary 1976-1978

Davis Sydnor joined the Ohio Chapter in 1972 or 1973. He said he joined because of his interest in trees in urban areas.

Davis has held the following positions in the Ohio Chapter: Editor 1974-1975; Secretary 1976-1978; and Board Member 1990-2010.

Davis feels that his most positive memory is the dedication of the members. He also feels that the following leaders have made the most significant contributions:

- (1) Sharon Lilly for Certification
- (2) Blair Caplinger for achieving more independence from the Ohio Nurserymen's Association
- (3) Dave Ahlum for helping to make the move toward a full-time Executive Secretary

Davis would like to be remembered for his support of the Chapter, to enable the Chapter to reach its goals. He also feels that the three most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter have been:

- (1) Ohio Certification

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- (2) Ohio Species Guide
- (3) Movement to obtaining a full-time Executive Director

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**ROBERTS, Bruce**  
Editor 1978-1980  
President 1982

Bruce Roberts joined the Ohio Chapter in 1972. He said that the reason that he joined was because, as a researcher with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Delaware, OH, he was interested in learning about the important problems and concerns facing the arborists and urban foresters in the state of Ohio. With the encouragement of Dr. Chadwick, whom he met while teaching a course at the Ohio State University, he decided to join both the ISA and the Ohio Chapter in 1972.

Bruce has held the following positions and/or offices in the Ohio Chapter: numerous committee assignments; Board of Directors, 1978-1982; Editor 1978-1980; Chapter President, 1982; Chapter Representative to the ISA, 1986-1994.

Bruce has also held the following positions with ISA, which include: Long Range Planning Committee; Constitution and By-Laws Committee (Chair); ISA Representative to AmeriFlora (1992); Chairman, of the ISA Research Trust; and TREE Fund Research Committee.

He feels that his most positive memory was serving the Ohio Chapter as President, and working with the many fine people who volunteered their time and talents to make the organization go. "Although, not my most positive memory, I do remember a time in the past when we had to 'pass the hat' just to stay financially solvent," said Bruce.

When asked in his opinion, which leaders have made the most significant contributions and what were they, he stated: "We have been fortunate to have a number of outstanding individuals who have served the Chapter as Executive Director or as President. In my tenure as a Board Member and officer, the efforts of Dr. Chadwick and Al Cook as Executive Directors comes immediately to mind. We have also been blessed with dedicated individuals who have served as Chapter Presidents, and some of which are still active (actually more than I can name here). I need to mention some of those great 'old timers' who were mentors to me, and who now, unfortunately are gone: Chad, Bill Collins, Ralph Veverka, Bill Lanphear, Ken Funk and Ed Irish, among others."

When asked for what would he like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter, he replied, "As someone who believes in what the Chapter represents and stands for, and as an individual who volunteered to help the organization move forward."

Through his years, the three most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter included:

- (1) Growth and development of Ohio Chapter meetings, seminars and workshops
- (2) The significant role played by the Ohio Chapter in growth of the International organization
- (3) The Foreman's Training Workshops
- (4) Ohio Certified Arborist Program

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Additional information about Bruce is as follows:

He was on the staff of the USDA in Delaware, OH, as a research scientist from 1963-1989. From 1989-2012, he served as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Botany and Microbiology at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH.

Bruce is also active in community affairs, having helped write Delaware's first street tree ordinance, while a member of the Shade Tree Commission. He also served as a member of the Delaware Parks and Recreation Board, as a member of the Delaware Community Swimming Pool Committee; and as Board Chairman of Delaware Area Recovery Resources, a substance abuse advisory council serving Delaware and Morrow Counties. He is also active in Kiwanis; where he served as President of the Delaware Kiwanis Club, as well as Lt. Governor, Division 11S of the Ohio District of Kiwanis International.

Professional awards and honors include the first winner of ISA's Arboricultural Research Award, ISA Honorary Life Member, Ohio Chapter Honorary Life Membership, ISA's Author's Citation and the Ohio Chapter's Award of Merit.]

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**GAETANO**, Thomas "Tom"  
Editor 1980

Tom Gaetano, a retired horticultural teacher from the Cleveland Public School System, Cleveland, served as Editor of the Ohio Chapter newsletter in 1980. Tom was well qualified for this position since he wrote a weekly gardening column for the ***Cleveland Plain Dealer***. He was an avid gardener himself, and always planted a large vegetable and flower garden at home. In addition to gardening, Tom enjoyed playing golf, and frequently was seen on the golf courses around Cleveland with his good friend, Bill Lanphear. Tom was a very personable individual, and always enjoyed the camaraderie and fellowship of his many friends and acquaintances in the Ohio Chapter. Tom was a World War II veteran who fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

Tom Gaetano passed away in 1994.

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**LANPHEAR**, Lauren  
Editor 1981-1991  
President 1986

Lauren Lanphear joined the Ohio Chapter in 1976 when he was just starting his "career" in arboriculture. That same year he attended the ISA Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

Lauren was a member of the Board of Directors, Editor of ***The Buckeye Arborist*** 1981-91, and President in 1986.

His most positive memory is all the many kind notes and words that Bill Collins shared with him over his years as Editor. Lauren said it made a young "wet behind the ears" guy feel pretty good about himself and his work.

He felt Dr. Chadwick made the most significant contribution by starting the Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Chapter.

Lauren would you like to be remembered by the Ohio Chapter hopefully as someone who as President, Editor and in other capacities, helped the Chapter be the best that it could be.

In his opinion, the three most significant accomplishments of the Ohio Chapter include:

- (1) The Foreman's training
- (2) ***The Buckeye Arborist*** newsletter
- (3) Certifications

By far, the most valuable memories Lauren has of the Chapter are the many friendships he has been blessed with over the years, which he'll treasure always.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Lauren Lanphear also served as President of the ISA from 2007-09.]

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Executive Director 1991-1995  
President 2009-2010

Lana Ahlum became active in the Ohio Chapter as a spouse for 5 or 6 years. She received Honorary Membership (non-member) for Jamboree activities.

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Editor 1996-1997

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**SIEWERT, Anne**  
Editor 1998-1999

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**RUSSELL, Dixie**  
Executive Director, Secretary & Editor 2011 – Present

Dixie Russell, an employee of Offinger Management Company since 2010, became the Executive Director of the Chapter in 2011. She brings over 30 years of knowledge in association management and meeting planning experience to Offinger and the Chapter. In 2011, Dixie received the Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation through the Convention Industry Council, the foremost certification of the meetings, conventions and exhibitions industry. In 2014, Dixie received the Certified Association Executive designation and received the Dayton/Montgomery County Convention & Visitors Bureau Community Ambassador Award for her work in bringing the Ohio Tree Care Conference to Dayton.

## Chapter Members Who Served as International Presidents

From the Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

1947	<b>Charles F. Irish</b> , Cleveland
1957	<b>Homer "Red" Jacobs</b> , Kent
1970	<b>Richard E. Abbott</b> , Kent
1997	<b>Sharon Lilly</b> , Columbus
2007-09	<b>Lauren Lanphear</b> , Cleveland

## Chapter Members Who Served as ISA Representatives

According to information received from the International Office regarding Ohio Chapter members who have served as Representatives from the Ohio Chapter to the National Shade Tree Conference/ International Shade Tree Conference/International Society of Arboriculture (NSTC/ISTC/ISA), there were no representatives prior to 1974.

In 1970 and 1971 there were officers and an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee consisted of all the officers as well as 8 others.

In 1970-71 the Executive Committee consisted of:

H. M. Van Wormer, Virginia (President)  
John A. Wiedhaas, Jr., Virginia (President-Elect)  
F. Lewis Dinsmore, Missouri (Vice-President)  
E. B. Himelick, Illinois (Executive Director)  
E. C. Bundy, Illinois (Executive Secretary)  
Dan Neely, Illinois (Editor)  
**L. C. Chadwick, Ohio (Executive Director, Emeritus)**  
J. A. Kimmel, Ontario, Canada  
Erik H. Haupt, Massachusetts  
Edgar G. Rex, New Jersey  
James T. Oates, Virginia  
**Larry Holkenborg, Ohio**  
Leonard Hammerstone, Illinois  
William T. Bell, California  
James A. White, Ontario, Canada

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H. M. Van Wormer, Virginia (President-Elect)  
John A. Weidhaas, Jr., Virginia (Vice-President)  
E. B. Himelick, Illinois (Executive Director)  
E. C. Bundy, Illinois (Executive Secretary)  
Dan Neely, Illinois (Editor)  
**L. C. Chadwick, Ohio (Executive Director, Emeritus)**  
**Richard E. Abbott, Ohio**  
H. J. Cran, Jr., Connecticut  
Edgar G. Rex, New Jersey  
James T. Oates, Virginia  
**Larry Holkenborg, Ohio**  
Leonard Hammerstone, Illinois  
William T. Bell, California  
James A. White, Ontario, Canada

Nothing listed for 1973.

In 1974, ISA began the practice of having "Chapter Representatives." Ohio representation was as follows:

1974-76	Henry W. Gilbertson, Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent
1977	Blair E. Caplinger, Nelson Tree Service, Dayton
1978-79	Fred Hower, Fred Hower Company, Worthington (finished Caplinger's term)
1980-85	Fred Hower, Fred Hower Company, Worthington
1986-94	Bruce Roberts, USDA, Delaware
1995-04	Lauren Lanphear (resigned in 2005)
2005-10	Mark Hoenigman
2010-2012	Chad Clink
2020-Present	Tyler Stevenson

In 2025, ISA changed the name to ISA Component Representative and required chapters to incorporate the position into their Board. Tyler Stevenson will continue to serve in the role until February 2027.

# Memorable Chapter Speeches

“50 Years of Promoting Arboricultural Excellence”

Ohio – Leaders of the Decade – 1942-1992

The OHIO CHAPTER, International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), History outline for Arbor Day dedication commemorating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, April 10, 1992, a Goldenrain tree was planted.

The Ohio Chapter of the National Shade Tree Conference (NSTC) was formed in 1942 and this year we are celebrating 50 years of Promoting Arboricultural Excellence.

As we take a brief look back at our history on this special day of dedication, we could find no more appropriate way to pay tribute to our organization and the past and present leaders, members and supporters, than by planting a tree. It is because of the love and concern for trees that we have thrived and continued to grow for 50 years.

Of significance in our history and worthy of note is the fact that THE OHIO CHAPTER, WAS THE FIRST CHAPTER, formed by the National Shade Tree Conference, now the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).

I believe we have lived up to the responsibilities of being “First” throughout our 50 year history. We have been extremely fortunate to have the best of leaders over the years.

Included in those providing outstanding leadership in the international association are:

**Dr. Lewis C. “Chad” Chadwick**, our Founder in 1942. He served as Editor 1936-1937; Secretary-Treasurer 1937-1963; and the First Executive Director from 1963-1969

**Dr. Paul E. Tilford**, Editor of the *Arborist News* from 1938-1967

**Richard E. Abbott**, President, International Society of Arboriculture 1970

Our Chapter Representatives to the International Society of Arboriculture:

Larry Holkenborg – 1971-1973

Henry Gilbertson – 1974-1976

Blair Caplinger – 1977

Fred Hower, who finished by Blair Caplinger’s term 1978-1979

Fred Hower – 1980-1985 (for a total of 7 years of dedicated service)

Dr. Bruce Roberts, our current representative, from 1986 to the present, (6 years of dedicated service).

All of these leaders and many more deserve our appreciation. It is great to have so many good leaders. There is not enough time or space to mention them all by name on this occasion. It is because we have so many involved, caring members, that we are an outstanding organization both on the State and International levels.

As we pay tribute to our Chapter for “**50 years of Promoting Arboricultural Excellence**”, we hope you will take the time to reflect on our long rich history, our accomplishments and on the dedication of hundreds of members throughout the years. This is also a time to renew our personal dedication and develop our plans to assure that in another 50 years in 2042, which we and/or our future members will gather again to pay tribute to the Ohio Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture for the “Promotion of Arboricultural Excellence”.

Speech given at the time of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ohio Chapter ISA. given by Ann Miller, Chairman of the History Committee.

## History of Arboriculture, During the Past 60 Years – 1942-2002

**Late 1800's** Plant Care had become established and a growing profession.

**1901** John Davey, wrote a book – “The Tree Doctor”

**1924** Members of the Connecticut Tree Protection Association (CTP) evolved into starting the Shade Tree Conference in Stamford, CT.  
W. E. Britton and Francis Bartlett, were the two main people to organize the conference; 36 people attended.

**1926** The Shade Tree Conference officially became the National Shade Tree Conference

**1932** Charles F. Irish used the word **arboriculture** in a paper he presented and we still use it today.

**1936** 412 people attended the National Shade Tree Conference in Boston and Dr. Lewis C. “Chad” Chadwick was elected Editor, which he served through 1937.

**1937** Chad became the Secretary-Treasurer of the National Shade Tree Conference  
Charles F. Irish was the organizational Chairman in starting the National Arborist Association (NAA).

**1938** At the NSTC, the NAA was developed for commercial members only. Hobart Van Wormer, was the first President.

**1942** The First Chapter of the National Shade Tree Conference was created – THE OHIO CHAPTER, by Lewis C. “Chad” Chadwick.

**1961** The members of the Canadian Chapter petitioned to get the name of the organization changed to the International Shade Tree Conference (ISTC).

**1963** Chad became the first Executive Director of the ISTC.

**1967** Dr. Paul Tilford, retired as Editor of the ISTC, after 30 years and went on to be the NAA Executive Secretary.  
Noel Wysong was Editor for 2 years.

**1968** The American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA) was started at an NAA meeting by the “older” members. In order to join, you had to have 30 years’ experience.  
O. J. “Andy” Anderson, asked me if I would join, and I was the youngest member until Bob Meilone came along.

**1969** Chad became Executive Director, Emeritus. When Chad retired, Gene Himelick took a *no pay job as Executive Director*, and Cal Bundy took a paying job as full-time Executive Secretary. It took 2 people to do what Chad had done on a part-time basis, before.

**1970** There were 3,000 members of ISTC.

**1971** I received a call from Bill Lanphear, and he wanted to know if I was going to the NAA meeting in Arizona. I did attend, and was elected to the NAA Board.

**1972** John Duling and “Andy” Anderson established a Tax-exempt Memorial Research Trust Fund.

**1976** Gene Himelick initiated the first International Tree Climbing Jamboree at the St. Louis meeting. The goal was to demonstrate SKILLS and SAFETY.

I was a participant. Paul, a 30-year employee and I got 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Arial Rescue. I got 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Throwline event, and also a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in roping accuracy.

**1979** I was elected President of NAA. When I came off the Board, Bill Lanphear gave me some more friendly advise – he said it will be hard being a “has-been”, but keep active and give what they will take.

**1989** Membership in ISA, was at a new high – 5,000!

**1992** The Arborist Certification Program was developed by Sharon Lilly.

**1993** Chad passed away on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the age of 91.

**1997** A European office of ISA was opened in London, England.

The Tree Jamboree was changed to the Tree Climbing Championship, after not having one for about 3 years, because of insurance problems.

**1998** More than 900 contestants from 16 countries were trying to be the International Tree Climbing Champion. This growth had a tremendous impact on improving the Tree Care and Climbing Techniques for the working men in the field.

The ISA meeting was held in Birmingham, England. I attended the meetings to receive the ISA Award of Achievement, thanks to the support from the Ohio Chapter.

**1999** There were 10,500 Certified Arborists

**2002** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Chapter – OHIO

*Speech given by Larry Holkenborg, History Committee Member, at the time of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ohio Chapter ISA.*

## Ladies Group

Did you Know that Years Ago There Use to be a Ladies Group in the Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture

While I have been working on the Ohio Chapter history, I found information that there was a ladies group, formed in the 1970's. I had forgotten about the group, and then as I continued to do research, the memories started to come back.

I thought that for some of you, who have been members of the Ohio Chapter for a long time that the following would bring back memories for you as well; and for those of you who are newer, you too might find the following of interest:

Each year at the time of the Annual Ohio Chapter, International Shade Tree Conference (now known as the International Society of Arboriculture) meetings when the group met for the Ohio State University Short Course and the Ohio Nurserymen's Association (now the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association), would meet in January, many of the members brought their wives with them. For the most part the ladies just sat around with nothing to do.

In 1970, my late Mother (Mrs. Evalina Chadwick), along with wives of local members of the Ohio Chapter, met at our home in Columbus to see about the feasibility of forming their own group. There was discussion as to what the ladies might be interested in doing as well as possible programs that could be arranged by the local committee. After much discussion the group felt that it would be nice to form a ladies group and the first get together would be held at the time of the above mentioned meetings. The ladies would meet on Sunday afternoon of the meetings in the Executive Suite. It was decided that instead of all the preparations falling on the same people each year that the wife of the current President of the Ohio Chapter would be in charge.

"Several ladies held a tea and get-together on Sunday, January 25, 1970, in the Executive Suite of the Sheraton Hotel, Columbus, to discuss plans for organizing a ladies group for the Ohio Chapter. The name of 'Shady Ladies' was discussed, since this was the name used by the Western Chapter ladies. Mrs. Chadwick had discussed this with the Western Chapter, and they indicated that they would be honored to have us use their name for the Ohio group. However, they did not want it used on an International basis, as they had their own ritual known as the "Knights of the Garter". It was then decided that the Ohio group would not use this name, but adopt one of their own.

"It was the opinion of the group that Ohio or Buckeye should be used in the name, so as to associate with the Ohio Chapter. Quite a few names were suggested and a written ballot was taken. '**Buckeye Hey You**' seemed to be the favorite; however, the group tabled the naming of the group until the following year." [The above was taken from minutes of the group dated in 1970.]

At the time of the organizational meeting, it was decided that the ladies would have lunch at Lazarus Department Store (Columbus) on Monday.

A second meeting of the group organizing the ladies of the Ohio Chapter was held in June (1970). "There was discussion as to whether or not to have badges made, so that they could be worn at the time of the National Shade Tree Conference in Rochester, NY, in August. It was also suggested that it would be nice to have a Hospitality Party for the Ohio Chapter members and wives who were in attendance; a 'Nightcap Party' was held in Richard Abbott's suite after the Monday evening program.

"Mrs. Holkenborg made a motion to reconsider the name originally selected for the ladies group, since there had been some question on it. It was then decided after additional discussion to adopt the name of '**BUCKEYES**'." [Taken from minutes of the ladies group.]

For the next few years the ladies met in the Executive Suite on Sunday afternoon with an open house from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. During that time, the ladies enjoyed each other's company, learned simple crafts, as well as having special programs of interest (i.e. slide presentation of someone's trip to Europe, etc.). Then on Monday, the Executive Suite would be open for coffee time, to chat and/or play cards; then the group would meet in the Chintz Room of Lazarus Department Store for a luncheon.

In the beginning, there were usually about 12 ladies in attendance for the gatherings. But as the years passed, more and more of the men would bring their wives so the group grew in numbers.

As memory serves me, I believe that the last year that the ladies met formally was in 1976. A Bicentennial themed program was held, with about 20 ladies present for a very special gathering. On Sunday, there was the usual get together in the Executive Suite; a special program was presented by the Ohio Bell Company on the "Hats of History". On Monday, there was the "Betsy Ross Informal Assembly" held again in the Executive Suite, followed by those who wished to go shopping and/or site-seeing in the downtown Columbus area. The luncheon was held at the Fire Mark Inn (in the Motorists Mutual building), for an "Abigail Adams Luncheon". The room was decorated for the Spirit of '76. Following the luncheon the ladies had a guided tour of the Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts.

Whereas the group ceased to be by the late 1980's, as by that time more and more women were becoming involved with the arboriculture industry. In my opinion, I was sorry to see it "fold", as there are still women who attend the meetings with their husbands who are NOT involved with the business. It would be nice to have a group start up again, for those who are not involved in the arboriculture industry.

Barbara Chadwick, Chairman  
Ohio Chapter ISA History Committee

# Information About Trees From the Files of Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick

The following information about TREES, was found in the files of Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" Chadwick. These articles were very important to him.

## The Father of Tree Surgery

John Davey has been called the founder of the science of tree surgery. It is; therefore, appropriate to recount the highlights in the life of this most remarkable individual.

Born in 1846 at Tawley, in Somersetshire, England, he began working on neighboring farms at the age of eight and, upon the death of his mother, left home at the age of thirteen to work on farms away from home.

When he was twenty-one he moved to Torquay in southern England to serve a six-year apprenticeship in horticulture, floriculture, and landscape gardening. It was here that John Davey met an educated man who taught him how to read. His meager library consisted of a copy of the New Testament, a small dictionary, a grammar book and a book of hymns.

After completing his apprenticeship, he came to America and migrated to Warren, Ohio where he worked as a gardener and greenhouse man. He purchased his own greenhouse and steadily increased his education through self-study and attendance at night school.

By study, observation, and experimentation, he developed, tested, and improved new ideas for the care of trees. In 1881, he brought his wife of two years and infant daughter to Kent, OH, his home for the rest of his life.

As the caretaker of Standing Rock Cemetery, his skill and planning turned the cemetery into an area showplace. Opening a greenhouse in Kent gave him the opportunity to again raise plants, continue his landscape gardening and to devote more time to his work with trees.

For several years he continued to improve his education, to study the results of different ways of treating tree troubles, and to campaign vigorously against the neglect and mistreatment of trees.

1901 saw the greatest event of his life, the publishing of his first book, ***The Tree Doctor***. For many years, he had taken photographs to illustrate his tree care methods. With the belief that the public's regard for trees would increase with proper knowledge, he worked months on end to write the text and captions for the book. He assumed a debt of \$7,000, an unbelievable obligation in those days, in order to publish his book.

Success was not immediate however. Few people wanted to buy his book. But some did, and gradually, long before he was out of debt, calls came for him to personally apply his new methods to trees.

John Davey's second son, Martin L. Davey, Sr., left his college studies to aid his father in caring for trees, selling his book, training new men and persuading tree owners to employ the new methods.

Interest was increasing and The Davey School of Forestry was started in Kent in the winter of 1908-09. Two years later it was renamed the Davey Institute of Tree Surgery. At this school, men that John Davey had trained in the practical side of tree surgery received knowledge of its scientific background.

In 1909, John Davey was elected the first President of The Davey Tree Expert Company. Along with his duties as the head of a growing business, he continued to write and publish numerous articles and several books.

During the last fifteen years of his life, he traveled throughout the eastern United States giving his illustrated lecture – "The Salvation of Our Trees and Birds". The effect of these talks were far reaching.

A few months before his death in 1923 at the age of 77, John Davey offered the Company motto which is still followed, "Do It Right on Not at All".

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## Ancient Tree Industry

Among the most famous plant products of all time are the frankincense and myrrh brought to the Christ Child by the Three Wise Men. Details of this exotic plant industry are somewhat sketchy, but frankincense and myrrh (as well as gold) were an important part of early civilizations. Frankincense is a fragrant gum resin that is yellowish-white and oozes from incisions made in the trunk of each tree. Small white chunks are ground into powder which emit a balsam-like odor when burned. Myrrh is also a gum resin with a bitter taste and a clear amber-yellow to reddish-brown color. Myrrh-producing trees look somewhat like low spreading cedars.

Frankincense and myrrh were the main products used in incense during pre-Christian times. The plants which produced these products grew abundantly in a region of Southern Arabia. From there, frankincense and myrrh were brought overland by heavily-guarded camel caravans. They moved along the Red Sea. Then some moved went to Egypt, while others moved east to Babylon and Syria. It is believed that these materials brought about 500% profit by the time they reached their destinations.

Incense containing the frankincense and myrrh was burned in enormous amounts by the Chaldean priests. In Jerusalem large storage houses were built to hold and protect these precious scents. The Egyptians, however, were the largest users of these products. They burned them in worship, used them as embalming agents, as medicine, and in a religious ritual concerned with regenerations of the spirits of the dead. The first known Egyptian expedition to gather these resins set out in about 3,000 B.C., and the last major one occurred in 1493 B.C. The Egyptians tried bringing back some of the plants to produce their own resins, but apparently their attempts were not successful.

It is said that the kingdom of Cyrene became a prosperous Greek colony with frankincense as its main export. Over-exploitation of the plant, however, caused it to become extinct at about the time of Christ. It is not quite clear which species of plants produced the ancient frankincense and myrrh. However, most likely myrrh was obtained from a tree known botanically as *Commiphora abyssinica* as well as some other related species. Some authorities say that the frankincense tree is *Boswellia carteri*, but other species may have existed.

Today several species of myrrh trees and the frankincense trees may be found growing on the Island of Socotra, located in the Indian Ocean just off the mouth of the Persian Gulf. Both trees are small and spreading, but the species producing frankincense are unique. Branches are stiff and low. Leaves are scanty, curly, and indented. The bark is thick, with a whitish peel clinging closely around the trunk giving a blotchy appearance. Flowers are few, but those produced are red and geranium-like. The trees are not cultivated and although a little incense is collected, it is for local purposes and not for export. From a vast industry, these surviving plants seem little more than a relic of past glory.

Written by Ray Rothenberger, Extension Horticulturist, University of Missouri, Columbia

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: There was no date given on the article as to when it was written.]

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## A Half Century with Trees and Their Friends

(Presented at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Shade Tree Conference, Atlanta, GA, August 1974)

By Dr. Paul E. Tilford, ISTC Editor Emeritus, Wooster, OH

### Early History

Since this is our Golden Anniversary, perhaps we should review briefly our beginning, take a look at our growth and brag some about our accomplishments during the 50-year lifetime of the Conference. I do not mean to infer that my association with the Conference covers the past 50 years. My first meeting was in Cleveland in 1930 and I attended all of the meetings regularly from 1938 through 1966. Since then my attendance has been irregular but my interests have continued to be with you.

Dr. Rush Marshall gave a history of the National Shade Tree Conference up to 1934 which is published in the 10<sup>th</sup> Proceedings. Norman Armstrong presented a comprehensive history up to 1946 at a meeting in Boston. This is published in the proceedings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Conference. Past President Freeman Parr gave a brief resume of the Conference's early history, published in the magazine, *Weeds, Trees and Turf*, August 1968.

Since these early reports are not available to many of our present members, a brief review of what Armstrong calls "The Formative Period" will be given.

The first Shade Tree Conference was a result of conversations held early in 1924 between Mr. F. A. Bartlett, of the Bartlett Tree Expert Company, and the members of the Connecticut Tree Protection Examining Board composed of Mr. W. O. Filley, Dr. W. E. Britton and Dr. G. P. Clinton. Dr. Haven Metcalf, Division Forest Pathology, USDA, was also consulted. As a result of these conversations, the C.T.P.E. Board sent out invitations to a conference at Stamford, CT, on August 24 and 25, 1924. Total attendance at this, the first Shade Tree Conference was 33. Six states and the District of Columbia were represented. Sixteen of those who came were tree experts, representing five concerns – Bartlett, Davey, Frost, Meader, and Millane; 14 were scientists and the other 3 were not classified.

The two-day program consisted largely of discussions of cavity work and tours to inspect cavity jobs.

Those attending this meeting had no idea of starting an annual affair with a permanent organization. Apparently the commercial tree men of that period were very suspicious of each other and the scientists considered most of the commercial operators to be fakers. Those in attendance, however, did decide to call another meeting the following year.

A second Conference was held in Boston, MA, August 21 and 22, 1925, with Dr. Haven Metcalf as Chairman. Forty-two men from seven states and the District of Columbia were present. Ten tree service companies were represented. There was again much discussion of cavities – a paper was given on open cavities. There were talks about tree fertilization, soil renovation, pruning, moving of big trees, white pine blister rust, need of case histories, patents, tree repair work and power spraying. There was a demonstration of climbing trees without spurs or ladders. In the record of the meeting it is stated: "By means of 150 feet of rope, all parts of a tree 60 feet high were reached with great efficiency and safety. While the demonstrator was undoubtedly a born climber, the method might be used to advantage by less skilled men."

The third Conference was held in Philadelphia, PA, August 27 and 28, 1926, with an attendance of 66. The meeting this year presented a rugged program which consisted of one 125-mile trip by bus each day with numerous stops to inspect trees. The group returned to Philadelphia at the end of the first day and sat through a long session of papers and discussions. The second day's bus trip ended at Trenton, NJ, where more papers were given in the evening.

A committee on recommendations suggested that "a committee of five report at the next meeting on the formation of a permanent organization and that the meeting be held in Washington, DC."

Regardless of the original intent to keep the Conference small and attendance to be regulated by invitation, the size of the meetings had increased each year. The news would get out and uninvited tree men would "crash" the meeting.

For some reason not recorded, the 1927 meeting was not held. It was believed by some that this was an effort to check the rapid increase in attendance. Others thought that, perhaps, the planners had not recovered from the bus trips and night sessions at Philadelphia the previous year.

The Fourth Conference was held in Washington, DC, March 22 and 23, 1928. Dr. E. Porter Felt, Director, Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories, Stamford, CT, served as General Chairman and Dr. W. O. Filley, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, as Secretary. The meeting was well attended, 60 were present and a fine program covering many phases of tree care was presented. Oddly enough there was no speech on cavity work.

#### Articles of Organization

What was most important was the report of the Committee on a permanent organization. Articles of Organization and a recommendation for their adoption were proposed and unanimously adopted on March 23, 1928. The following fourteen men representing nine tree service organizations approved the Articles and pledged financial support of the organization represented by them for a Fifth National Shade Tree Conference:

H. S. Clopper, Arborist, Baltimore, MD  
F. A. Bartlett, The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company, Stamford, CT  
A. W. Dodge, The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company, Boston, MA  
G. M. Codding, The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company, Mt. Vernon, NY  
R. D. Lowden, The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company, Needham, MA  
H. M. Van Wormer, Arborist, Richmond, VA  
M. W. French, Arborist, Baltimore, MD

W. H. Underwood, Underwood Brothers, Richmond, VA  
O. W. Spicer, The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company, Stamford, CT  
W. O. Hollister, The Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent, OH  
H. L. Jacobs, The Davey Tree Expert Company, Kent, OH  
Charles F. Irish, Charles F. Irish Company, Cleveland, OH  
C. C. Lawrence, The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company, Stamford, CT  
Lewis H. Meader, Jr., Providence, RI

The Articles of Organization read in part as follows: "Purpose: To stimulate greater interest in the study of shade trees.

"Organization: The Conference shall be composed of commercial tree experts, plant pathologists, entomologists, horticulturists, foresters and others engaged in scientific or regulatory work who have shown particular interest in shade tree problems. It shall not be the purpose to build up a large organization but to limit by invitation those who may attend all the sessions.

"Officers: No one engaged in commercial work to be eligible for office.

"Finances: The commercial tree companies and individuals principally engaged in commercial tree work shall finance the Conference. Each company or individual engaged in commercial tree work shall deposit with the Secretary-Treasurer, one month in advance of the Conference, \$25.00 for each delegate or representative attending such conference." (It is reported that dues to the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference were \$50.00 and that most concerns represented voluntarily donated an extra \$50.00 each to pay off a deficit.)

The Fifth Shade Tree Conference was held in Brooklyn, NY in February 1929. Attendance was greater than at any previous meeting and it appeared that a foundation had now been laid on which a structure of a continuing organization could be erected. A fine program was presented and for the first time the printed proceedings of the meeting were published.

#### Rapid Growth and Expansion

The Sixth Conference held in Cleveland, OH, in August 1930, began to take on the character of a national organization. The meetings extended over three days. There were commercial exhibits of arborist's supplies and equipment. Many city foresters and park superintendents attended. The membership, as defined in the Articles of Organization increased to 24 but the attendance was 167. Norman Armstrong wrote, "The uncontrollable interest of arborists in this movement to benefit the profession overcame conservatism and the Conference was open to all."

The first elm tree found to be infected with the Dutch Elm disease in the United States was located in Cleveland a few weeks before the meeting. This was of considerable interest and a special trip was made to the site so that all could view the tree.

The Proceedings of the Sixth Conference covered 134 printed pages and contained 15 formal papers. Some of the subjects concerned insect and disease control problems, oil sprays, spray injury, fertilization of shade trees, Dutch elm disease, tree moving, ethics, desirable varieties of trees and landscape values of trees.

At the business meeting there was discussion of setting up an Associate membership for those not eligible as members, but it was decided this could not be done under the Articles of Organization. Amending the Articles was suggested but was deferred for a later meeting. However, there was a strong feeling that some revisions should be made that would permit growth. The advisability of keeping the organization small and select was being questioned.

#### Constitution and By-laws

A National Shade Tree Conference Constitution and By-laws were presented and adopted at the eleventh meeting in 1935, providing for the following classes of membership: Active, Associate, Scientific and Commercial. The officers were to be chosen from the Scientific Membership. While there were faults with the Constitution, it was a great improvement in that it made further expansion possible and greatly increased the usefulness and benefits of the organization.

In 1941 the Constitution was again revised and the organizational structure provided at that time was essentially the same as that which the Conference operates under today. Only two classes of membership were provided for:

Active and Honorary. Active members all pay the same dues. A Board of Governors was established and the operation of the Conference was placed mostly with the Board and the Executive Committee. A number of Standing Committees were specified. Six regional areas within the United States were established and provision was made for the formation of Chapters within the regions.

Later amendments changed the name from the National to the International Shade Tree Conference and provided for Region VII – Canada.

#### Services and Accomplishments

From a very small beginning 50 years ago with a membership in the thirties, the International Shade Tree Conference has a membership today of over 2,500 located in the United States, 7 Canadian Provinces, Australia, Denmark, England, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Puerto Rico and West Germany. We have truly become **The** International Shade Tree Conference. How and why has this come about? What has this organization done to deserve such growth?

Our constitution states that the purposes of the Conference shall be:

- 1) To improve the practice of tree preservation.
- 2) To stimulate a greater interest in the planting and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.
- 3) To cooperate in the conservation of trees and in the beautification of the countryside.
- 4) To initiate and foster scientific investigation into the various problems encountered in the practice of tree preservation, and to publish, or sponsor the publication of the results of such investigation.
- 5) To sponsor an Annual Meeting devoted to the exchange and preservation of information that will aid in the improvement of the practice of tree preservation.
- 6) To afford the manufacturers of materials an opportunity to introduce and demonstrate their products to practicing arborists.

No doubt we have been more successful in meeting some of these purposes than others. But the fact is that the Conference has met and continues to meet the purposes for which it was organized; otherwise it would not have made such phenomenal growth. A need existed fifty years ago to preserve our shade trees. The same need exists today. The Conference has and is helping meet that need and that is the reason for its great success.

A hurried look through your program will show there is something at this 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention for those engaged in all branches of arboriculture, commercial, utility, municipal, consulting, manufacturers of tools and equipment, etc., etc. There are field demonstrations of equipment. There is entertainment for the ladies and young folks and good fellowship among people with a common interest – the preservation of shade trees. When you go home you will be glad you attended this Conference. You will take a lot of information with you that you didn't have when you came. While here you will meet old friends and make new acquaintances. Being at this Conference will give you a lift. You will go away feeling that your job – tree preservation – is more important and more interesting. You will try harder to do your job well. These are some of the things that Annual Meetings have been doing for its members during the past 50 years.

The Conference has served as a cover for a number of satellite organizations that have taken the information back to local areas. The seven Chapters are such satellites. The Southern, Western and Midwestern Conferences, which preceded the formation of Chapters, were all strengthened by the mother Conference and in turn were of great help in creating interest in the National Conference.

The American Society of Arborists, an organization of commercial tree service companies, organized in 1932 at the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference, was short-lived but did play an important role in aiding the national organization to survive the depression of the thirties. Armstrong, in his paper in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Proceedings, wrote, "This group, partly because it was ahead of its time, did not go far, but just as certain men created the Conference and carried it through the formative period, this group saved the Conference and carried it through the depression. The membership dues of the American Society of Arborists – \$25 annually for each member – were given to the National Shade Tree Conference and of course each member continued paying an equal amount as a member of the Conference." (The American Society of Arborist was the forerunner of The National Arborist Association formed in 1938 during the 14<sup>th</sup> Conference held in St. Louis).

The simple and true reason for the phenomenal growth of the Conference is that there was and still is a real need for the services it can give. Some of the most important services are: the assembling and distribution of information on

shade trees and their care, sponsoring and encouraging research on tree problems, encouraging helpful legislation at state and national levels, and the promotion of good public relations not only for trees but also for those who work to preserve them. The ISTC has been very helpful to the commercial arborist. It has brought to him scientific tree-care information in a form he can understand and use. It has helped him attain an identity – a stature, if you please, among his fellow men, especially in his local community as a professional that he has not always had.

From its very beginning the Shade Tree Conference realized the importance of scientific research to the preservation of shade trees. In 1947 a Research Fund was established in the accounts of the Conference. Profits from the 1947 Convention held in Boston amounting to \$1,827 were supplemented from the general funds to make a total of \$2,000 and turned over to the Research Fund.

A Memorial Research Committee was formed for the purpose of arranging with colleges and universities for graduate student assistantships. The student's research was to deal with a shade tree problem. The assistantships were to be set up as money was available in the Research Fund.

In the past 25 years the Conference has cooperated in such projects located at Ohio State University, The University of Maryland, USDA, Horticultural Crops Research Branch at Beltsville, Duke University, the University of Wisconsin and the University of California. The research of all of these assistantships has been a valuable contribution to our knowledge of shade trees.

The limiting factor in the number of projects and what can be done has been the lack of funds. Money has come from the Conference treasury, from Chapters, individuals, leasers of the Charles F. Irish Aero-fertile equipment and other sources. However, research today is very, very expensive but continues to be necessary if we are to progress. I am sure that just how to raise the funds for the continuing support of productive research on shade trees is an unsolved problem for our Conference.

The ISTC is an organization of people. It is the result of 50 years of work by a great many dedicated people who have put foundations under what was only a dream in the beginning.

#### The People

Who are these people? They are you – the present members as well as the many dedicated members who are no longer with us. To find out just who we are I have tried to classify the present membership as to their specific interest in shade trees and arrived at the following approximate percentages:

14% connected with government – city foresters or city arborists, shade tree commissioners, national, state and local park services

62% owners and employees of commercial tree service companies

8% employees of institutions, mostly state and federal in research, teaching and extension

9% salesmen, suppliers, groundskeepers, consultants, writers, etc.

2% others

That, my friends, is our ISTC, over 2,500 of us, all vitally interested in the preservation of shade trees. I believe it is unusual that in addition to being affectionate friends of trees, we practically all make our livelihood by working in one way or another for their preservation.

#### Leadership

No organization can function long and well without good leadership. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to look down the list of Past Presidents. I have known personally all Past Presidents, except three: Dr. Britton, Dr. Burgess and Dr. Filley. Our Past Presidents were all, or are all, very fine men and capable in their fields – plant pathology, entomology, forestry, horticulture, municipal arboriculture, owners or employees of tree service companies, utility arborists, etc.

Although a very interesting book could be written about any one of these men, I could not select one of greater importance than the others with respect to his devotion to the Conference during the year or more that he was

President. The very fact that the ISTC survived two world wars, major depressions and other less difficult times during the past 50 years speaks well for its leadership.

Only six men have served the Conference as Secretary-Treasurer. All of these gentlemen served faithfully, however one deserves special honors for long and distinguished service. After one year as Editor, Dr. L. C. Chadwick was elected to the office of Secretary-Treasurer in 1937. After 26 years in that office and some changes in the Constitution, Chad became Executive Director, an office held by him until 1969. He now holds the title of Executive Director Emeritus and, while this is an honorary title, Chad's interest in the Conference continues. He has served as Executive-Secretary of the Ohio Chapter from its beginning. It is a safe assumption that he will continue in this capacity for many years to come. In Ohio we could not get along without him.

#### Publications

The ISTC publications have been important, not only in disseminating information, but have helped hold the widely separated parts of the Conference together. The ***Proceedings*** of the Annual Meetings, the ***Arborists' News*** and special ISTC publications are, without doubt, the most complete collection of printed information on shade trees available today. The ***Proceedings*** have a total of nearly 10,000 pages.

The ***Arborists' News*** has been published on a monthly basis starting in November 1935. Dr. Richard P. White, who then was plant pathologist at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station and was serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the NSTC was responsible for initiating the ***Arborists' News***. This small monthly magazine, which began as a 4-page leaflet, now has published over 2,000 pages.

Special bulletins have been issued from time to time that have been useful to the member and have had wide acceptance by other professional tree and landscape groups and the public. I refer to the following publications:

- 1) Arboricultural Code of the National Shade Tree Conference, 15 pages, 1946.
- 2) A Standard City Ordinance Regulating the Removal, Planting and Maintenance of Shade Trees, in Public Areas and Standard Arboricultural Specifications and Standard Practices, prepared by the Standard Practices Ordinances Committee of the National Shade Tree Conference, 13 pages, 1954.
- 3) Transplanting of trees and Shrubs in Northeastern and North Central United States, 73 pages, prepared and published jointly by the National Shade Tree Conference and the National Arborist Association in 1943 and again in a revised edition in 1956.
- 4) Model Arborists Licensing Law, 15 pages, 1963.
- 5) Shade Tree Evaluation, prepared by a Joint Committee from the ISTC and the NAA in 1957. Revised and republished as a 29-page booklet in 1963.
- 6) Tree Booklet Publications Report – ISTC, 24 pages, 1966.

The Editors of the Conference, under the guidance of the Executive Committee, have been responsible for the publication of the *Proceedings*, *Arborists' News* and special bulletins. During the past half century there have been six different Editors.

It was my privilege to serve the National and later the International Shade Tree Conference from 1938 to 1967, a period of 29 years, in this capacity.

In closing, I am sure that all 2,500 of us who today are members of the International Shade Tree Conference are proud to be associated with such a useful organization: an organization that for the past 50 years has played such an important role in the preservation of shade trees in many difference countries of the world.

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## Why Ohio is Known as the Buckeye State

Now that we are in the heat of the college football season, all of your wolverine friends (or enemies) are wondering, "Just what is a Buckeye?" Well, it's not only a person who sits in Woody Hayes stadium wearing scarlet and gray on fall Saturdays, screaming and yelling, acting like a nut. It is also a nut (a real nut, not just an OSU fan) that comes from a Buckeye tree. The following should help you explain to the people up north just what a Buckeye is and how Ohio came to be known as the Buckeye State. The information is reprinted from a special brochure produced by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Why is Ohio known as the Buckeye State and why are Ohioans known as "Buckeyes"? According to one story from pioneer historians, it could have started in Marietta in 1788. An imposing procession, headed by the High Sheriff Col. Ebenezer Sproat marched to Campus Martius Hall to open the first court in the Northwest Territory. Col. Sproat, large and well-portioned, made a commanding appearance with his drawn sword which greatly impressed the Indians. In admiration, they dubbed him, "**Hetuch**," their name of the eye of the buck deer. The nickname stuck and Col. Sproat became known as "Big Buckeye" because the eye of a buck deer resembles a buckeye nut. Later the name was passed on to other Ohioans and eventually the state.

Another commonly accepted explanation is that the nickname refers to the large number of buckeye trees native to Ohio. However, all accounts generally agree that the name of the buckeye originated from its close resemblance to the eye of the buck deer.

In 1840, Gen. William Henry Harrison was elected President of the United States. During his campaign, buckeye walking sticks became emblems of Ohio's first citizen to win the highest office in the land. This forever set Ohioans apart as "Buckeyes". While for many years the Ohio buckeye was considered the state tree of Ohio, the designation was unofficial until 1953, when the Ohio Legislature adopted the buckeye as the official tree.

The Ohio buckeye tree is usually found along streams and on fertile bottom lands. The full grown tree is of medium size, seldom exceeding 24 inches in diameter and 60 feet in height. A notable exception is the national champion Ohio buckeye which is located on the Fred Russell farm in Athens County; it is 116 feet high, a circumference of 8 feet, 10 inches and a spread of 56 feet. The buckeye tree leaves, which open in early spring, have five leaflets four to six inches in length, attached at a common point to a long stem.

Two species of the buckeye tree are native to Ohio. The Ohio buckeye (*Aesculus glabra*) is the official state tree. The second species is the yellow buckeye (*Aesculus octandra*). The two species are very similar and difficult to distinguish. They can most easily be differentiated by the nut hull. The hull of the Ohio buckeye is warty, while the hull of the yellow buckeye is smooth. Often confused with the buckeye is *Aesculus hippocastanum*, commonly known as the horse chestnut. It is an imported relative that has frequently been planted as an ornamental. However, the horse chestnut usually has seven leaflets, while the true buckeye generally has five.

Buckeye wood is light and easily worked and resists splitting. One important use is in the manufacturing of artificial limbs. It is quite similar to and often used in place of basswood or linden for woodenware.

The buckeye nut is bitter and, if eaten in quantity, is poisonous to man. The poisonous quality apparently does not affect squirrels, which will eat the nuts in absence of more desirable food.

The buckeye has considerable folklore. It is renowned for its mystical qualities. Some people carry them as a good luck charm and prefer it to a left hind rabbit's foot or a four-leaf clover. Others use it as an amulet and make vast claims for its ability to cure rheumatism and a wide variety of other ailments.

In any case, if you can say you are a "Buckeye", you are an Ohioan, and your heritage is something to be proud of.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Article appeared in **THE BUCKEYE** publication of the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association, November 1990.]

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## The Ohio Buckeye (*Aesculus glabra*)

The Ohio Buckeye was officially adopted as Ohio's State Tree on October 2, 1953. Although the tree has few outstanding ornamental features, it has become a tradition and most Ohioans are proud to be known as "Buckeyes."

In the early history of Ohio, Indians living in this region noticed that the light brown spot on the dark brown seed resembled the eye of a buck or deer. They called the trees with this seed, "Hetuch" (eye of the buck) or "Buckeye."

The Ohio Buckeye is native from eastern Pennsylvania to southern (that state up north) and eastern Nebraska, south to Alabama, Arkansas and Oklahoma. It is widely distributed in Ohio and was especially abundant along the Ohio River when F. Michaux (1818) wrote in North American Sylva "It is unknown in the Atlantic parts; I have found it only beyond the mountains and particularly on the banks of the Ohio...where it is common. It is called "Buckeye" by the inhabitants, but as that name has been given to the Yellow Buckeye (*A. lutea*), I have called it '**Ohio Buckeye**.'"

The Ohio Buckeye is related to and often confused with the common Horsechestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*). They can be readily distinguished as follows: The winter buds of Horsechestnut are large and resinous or sticky whereas the buds of Ohio Buckeye are smaller and dry. The leaves on Horsechestnut have seven or more leaflets and the leaves of Ohio Buckeye are smaller and have five leaflets. When the twigs of Ohio Buckeye are cut or broken they emit a fetid, skunk odor. This helps to distinguish this species from the similar species Yellow or Sweet Buckeye (*Aesculus octandra*).

The Buckeye seed is mildly poisonous and should not be eaten or chewed. In the Spring 1998 issue of "Arbor News" (Arbor Inc.), Dave Ahlum listed some interesting "Buckeye Bits".

- \* Buckeye wood, which resists splitting, was used for cradles, bowls, troughs and artificial limbs.
- \* Buckeye wood shavings were used to weave summer hats.
- \* William Henry Harrison, the ninth President of the United States, distributed Buckeye wood walking sticks as campaign souvenirs.
- \* The buckeye nut contains a poisonous compound called **aesculin** but is nutritious, having about 23% protein. They can be made edible by roasting and soaking in water.
- \* Buckeye nuts thrown into a pond will temporarily stupefy fish.
- \* A Buckeye carried in the pocket was believed to relieve rheumatism and bring good luck.
- \* Early Ohio housewives used buckeye and horsechestnut kernels – called conkers – to make laundry soap.
- \* Native Americans reportedly applied an ointment made from pulverized Buckeye nuts and fat as a remedy for rheumatism and hemorrhoids. (OUCH!)

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Article written by Dr. Ken Reisch, The Ohio State University, for Arbor Day April 24, 1998.]

### Brief History of the Ohio Landscape, Nursery, Arborist & Turf Short Course

While the records are somewhat nebulous, they show that the Annual Ohio State University Short Course for Arborists, Turf Management Specialists, Nurserymen, Garden Center Operators and Landscape Contractors, as we now know it, actually started with two Schools or Short Courses, one for the Landscape people, the other for Commercial Nurserymen. Undoubtedly, there were other Landscape – Nursery meetings sponsored by university staffs in Ohio and elsewhere previous to 1930, but Dr. L. C. Chadwick can be given credit for inaugurating the Ohio Landscape – Nursery Short Course which has continued annually for the past fifty years. Starting with a handful of people it now attracts over 2,000 people each year and is frequently referred to as the most important educational meeting of its kind in the United States, if not in the World.

Information on the early Short Courses comes mainly from **Nursery Notes** which was edited by Dr. Chadwick from 1930 until 1955, when Dr. Kenneth W. Reisch, now Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture, assumed the Editorship. Unfortunately, no record is available to my knowledge relative to the first Nursery Short Course, but it is believed to have been held in either December 1929, or January 1930, with about 30 people in attendance.

The first Landscape School was held January 6-9, 1931, with the program consisting of the following discussions:

Tuesday, January 6, 1931

9 AM – 12 Noon	Registration
1 – 4 PM	Design of the Small Place, Prof. J. P. Porter, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Wednesday, January 7, 1931

8 AM – 12 Noon Lawns, Prof. L. C. Chadwick, Ohio State University  
1 – 4 PM Perennials, Prof. Victor H. Ries, Ohio State University

Thursday, January 8, 1931

9 AM – 12 Noon Tree Care, Charles F. Irish, Charles F. Irish Company, Cleveland, OH  
1 – 4 PM Woody Plants, C. R. Runyan, Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, OH

Friday, January 9, 1931

9 AM – 12 Noon Water Gardens, Prof. Alex Laurie, Ohio State University  
1 – 4 PM Rock Gardens, Prof. H. C. Esper, Ohio State University; and John Siebenthaler, The Siebenthaler Company, Dayton, OH

Apparently, in those days, we left ample time for discussion, not only by the trend of the program toward marketing, but also by the free and easy manner with which everyone indulged in the discussion. Not many years ago, the nurserymen were classed as a group of tight-mouthed human beings who would not discuss their practices or air their problems. As soon as the first subject was presented it was plainly apparent that such a condition no longer existed with the assembled.

In 1933, the two Short Courses were combined under the title of "Nurserymen's and Landscape Gardeners Short Course", and was scheduled for the two days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Ohio Nurserymen's Association. An interesting note accompanied the program for the 1934 Short Course – "No Fees Charged", the depression was still with us.

The sixth Annual Short Course was held January 22-24, 1935, attracted 120 nurserymen and landscape gardeners from seven states. Added to the discussion part of the program was a display of some 50 new plants, including several Cotoneasters and Euonymus. A change was noted in connection with the ninth Meeting in that a dinner and evening discussion was held at the Southern Hotel in Columbus.

The tenth Annual Short Course was listed as – "Nurserymen's Landscape Gardeners and Arborist Short Course", January 16-18, 1939, and continued to be held in the Horticulture and Forestry building, on the Ohio State University campus. During the early years the Short Course was usually held just prior to the Annual Meeting of the Ohio Nurserymen's Association, except for a few years when the Association held its meetings in various cities in Ohio.

In 1941, the Short Course moved to Campbell Hall, on the Ohio State University campus, and continued to be held there until 1947, when the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Short Course moved to the Neil House Hotel, in downtown Columbus. By the time of the 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary, attendance had increased to over 500, with about 20 states represented. Finally, in 1964 the Short Course moved to the new Sheraton-Columbus Hotel, where it has been held since that date. It is an interesting fact that for many years, short courses of one to two day duration were, also, held in Painesville, Cleveland and Cincinnati.

During the period of 50 years, many interesting things occurred. These often happened in connection with a particular speaker or part of the program or an outside influence. Long will be remembered the winter of 1935-36, on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, during the Short Course, temperatures dropped from about 35 degrees at 8:00 AM to 17 degrees at 12 Noon, to minus 6 degrees (-20 degrees, unofficial) at 10:00 PM, at the time of the evening session was over, winds were gusting up to 44 miles per hour. The morning session started in the large lecture room on the second floor of the H & F building, on the Ohio State University campus. We were blown or frozen out of there in the afternoon and moved across the hall to the laboratory room on the east side of the building. The evening session was held in Campbell Hall. Of all possible subjects, George Pring, Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden was discussing that evening – "Tropical Water Lilies". The next year, several attendees were stranded in Columbus, or elsewhere, because of severe floods. One attendee jokingly remarked – "All we need next year is a good fire."

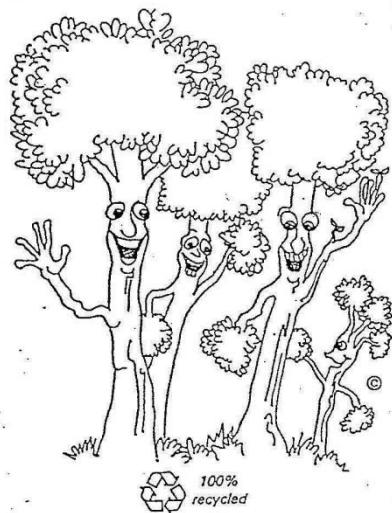
What has made the Short Course so successful?

- 1) Good programs of timely topics arranged in conjunction with industry people.
- 2) The best speakers on the subjects selected that could be obtained, often from the far west.
- 3) A friendly atmosphere.

4) In later years the trade show, and hard work and devotion of the staff of the Department of Horticulture of the Ohio State University.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Written by Dr. L. C. Chadwick, 1980]

## Talking Trees



### DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

- Every year in the US, each person uses enough tree products – to make up a tree 100 feet tall and 16 inches in diameter.
- An acre of trees can remove about 13 tons of dust and gases every year from the surrounding environment.
- Human bones are actually stronger than the wood of an oak tree.
- Recycling a ton of paper saves 70-100 gallons of gasoline.
- The tree from which paper is made takes from 20 to 50 years to grow.
- Each year, the McDonald's chain alone consumes 300,000 cattle, 250 million pounds of flour, 25,000 gallons of ketchup and mustard, 60 square miles of forest for paper packages, and enough electricity to supply Boston, Washington, DC, and San Francisco.

- Every ton of paper we recycle saves 7,000 gallons of water and 4,100 kwh of electricity, in addition to 17 trees.
- Keeping just one ton of paper out of a landfill would leave room for all the garbage you will generate over the next year or two!
- Bleaching all paper with chlorine creates dioxins, which are highly toxic. recycled paper, however, requires far less bleaching than paper made from virgin pulp.
- That Americans throw out enough trash EVERY YEAR (in this case, wood and paper) to heat 5 million homes for 200 years!
- It takes 60 percent less energy to manufacture paper from recycled stock than from virgin materials; and uses 15 percent less water.
- It takes TWENTY trees to keep one baby in disposable diapers for two years.
- At least 19 million tons of waste paper are now being reprocessed annually, into cardboard boxes, newspapers, and assorted office paper, with another 5 million tons of waste paper being exported overseas.
- A school can spend as much money disposing of its trash as it does on buying textbooks.
- AT&T earned more than \$372,000 in 1987 alone from selling its recyclable waste paper, while avoiding disposal costs. Their model in-house office paper recycling program in its New Jersey offices has helped to save about 62,395 trees and the energy equivalent of 9,176 barrels of oil enough to fuel 1,250 cars for a year.

### ADDITIONAL INTERESTING FACTS:

- Aspirin comes from willow trees
- Oaks are struck by lightning more than any other tree, while beeches are struck less often
- Ginkgo trees have the straightest branches
- Each year, insects, diseases, windstorms and wildfires consume as much wood as people do

- An acre of trees produces enough oxygen to keep 18 people alive for a year.
- 1,182 species of trees grow naturally in the United States.
- When the Pilgrims arrived in America, 937 million acres were covered with forest. Now, only 5.4 percent of forest remains.
- Twenty mature trees are needed to offset the effect of a car driven 60 miles in one day (New York City has an average of one-fourth tree/person. Colorado Springs has an estimated 3-5 trees/person).
- Greenbelts and open space air temperatures are 3-4" Celsius lower than typical city areas.
- Any dead elm wood that has intact bark will breed the lesser European elm bark beetle which spreads Dutch elm disease. Over 1,000 beetles can breed in one 60-day period in one average-sized fireplace log.

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## Important Dates in the History of the Nursery Business

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
Department of Horticulture and Forestry  
Division of Floriculture and Landscape Horticulture  
Horticulture 733 – The Nursery Industry

The following is an outline of some important dates and names in the evolution of the nursery industry in Europe, America and Ohio.

### Europe:

1366 – Ghent Belgium Gardener's Guild  
1530 – Charles Etienne – first book on nurseries 'Seminarium'  
1598 – First glasshouses erected  
1620 – Nursery of King Louis XIV in Paris  
1661 – Andre LeNotre – Gardens of Versailles  
1687 – Kew Gardens established by Sir Henry Capel  
1794 – LeBerriays – School for Horticulture in France  
1815 – Vilmorins Seed House and Nursery Business  
1821 – Louis Noisette Nursery  
1832 – Exeter Nursery established by James Veitch in England  
1850 – Victor Lemoine Nursery at Nantes, France

### America

Early colonists brought seeds and scions from old world.

1728 – John Bartram established a Botanic Garden in Philadelphia  
1730 – First nursery, Prince Nursery, Flushing, Long Island, NY  
    Bernard McMahon opened a seed house in Philadelphia  
1739 – John Miller, seed dealer in New York City  
1763 – Thomas Young, fruit tree grower at Oyster Bay, Long Island  
1790 – Ebenezer Zane established nursery in Wheeling Island, OH  
1816 – First nursery west of Mississippi established by James Stark  
1817 – William Coxe Nursery at Burlington, New Jersey – Wrote first American book on fruit growing  
1838 – Thomas Hodd, Manhattan, NY – hybridizer  
    Parsons and Sons Flushing, Long Island, NY  
1840 – Mount Hope Nursery of Ellwanger and Barry in Rochester, NY  
1842 – Hillenmeyer Nurseries, Lexington, KY  
1843 – Ephriam Bull introduced the Concord Grape  
1847 – Henderson Lewelling – The nursery wagon over the Oregon Trail to the West  
1849 – Springhill Nurseries (Bohlender), Tipp City, OH  
1854 – Jesse Storrs, Painesville, OH  
1857 – Prosper J. Berckmann, GA  
1875 – Luther Burbank started small nursery in Santa Rosa, CA  
1876 – American Association of Nurseries (AAN) founded – Reorganized in 1935-37 (oldest trade organization)

Ohio

1770 – Belpre Nursery, Belpre  
1790 – Ebenezer Zane, Wheeling Island  
    Jacob Nessley, Yellow Creek  
1800 – John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed) Ohio River  
1849 – Springhill Nurseries, Tipp City  
1854 – Jesse Storrs, Painesville  
1858 – Storrs & Harrison, Painesville  
1864 – Scarff & Sons, New Carlisle  
1865 – L. Green & Sons, Painesville (forerunner of Cole Nursery)  
1870 – Siebenthaler Nursery, Dayton  
1890 – Kohankie Nursery, Painesville  
1891 – Champion Nurseries, Perry  
1893 – Cole Nursery Company, Painesville  
1908 – Ohio Nurserymen's Association, organized  
1916 – Wayside Gardens, Mentor

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: The above was information that Dr. L. C. Chadwick of The Ohio State University used in his Floriculture and Landscape Horticulture classes.]

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### The Legend of the Gift of Trees

Iroquois Indian Legends Adopted by William Heidt, Jr.

It is told that when the first Red People came upon the earth they were welcomed by the trees. And the trees, with the true spirit of giving in their hearts, offered up the gifts that would enable the Red People to live. Already had the Great Spirit given corn to be grown, harvested and eaten, but it was the **Elm Tree** that offered its bark, or skin, from which vessels could be made for storing corn and for making bowls in which the precious corn pudding could be mixed.

It was the **Maple Tree** that gave up its lifeblood, its sweet sap, for the Indian people to drink. And this same tree gave of its trunk wood from which bowls could be fashioned to catch the sap. From the **Oak Tree** came the sturdy, durable corn pounder for crushing the yellow kernels into the cherished corn meal. The **Ash Tree** gave them the strong, pliable strips from which could be woven the many baskets, and it was the **Nut Trees** that filled those baskets with their nourishing fruits.

Then the **Hickory** presented the gift of straight boughs from which arrow shafts could be made, and the **Ash** contributed of itself for making bows. From the **White Birch** the Red People received pliable yet sturdy bark from which canoes were made. **Pine** gave up its blood, or pitch, to join the parts of the canoe more securely. The **Pine** also gave a fragrant bed upon which they slept, and bark strips from which the first lodges were built. Then one day the **Fir Tree** instructed a brave to rub two firesticks together and from that tree came the first fire to warm the lodges, to give light and to cook the food.

Truly, the gifts from the trees meant much to the first of the Red People and ever since it has been understood that all the trees were helpful friends who were to be treated kindly. Ever since, it has been believed that all trees have souls, and that they can talk and understand the language of the Red People, and it was from the trees that was learned the blessing of giving.

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## The Trees Must Go

The trees must go, they said, to bring a view  
Of distant mountains to the hilltop's brow.  
First one by one they fell, then two by two,  
Though that was years ago, I see them now  
Swaying against a startled patch of sky,  
In long green sighs going down upon the earth,  
Shaking the sunlight from their leaves, the cry  
Of sparrows that woke the morning with their mirth  
The view is nice, they say; it reaches clear  
Across the valley and brings the mountains near  
And the young breath of spring lifts cool and clean.  
But when I look beyond the hilltop there,  
I see a million leaves that might have been,  
And hear their little thunder, warm and green.

Written by Daniel Hickey

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## The White Oak

Author Unknown

"The white oak keeps its leaves till Spring when other trees are bare,  
And who will take the time to look, will find the young bud there;  
The young bud nestled snug and warm against the Winter's cold;  
The young bud being sheltered by the knowledge of the old.

And when the Spring shall come again, and gentle turns the day,  
The youthful bud will swell with strength and thrust the old away;  
The youthful bud will seek the breeze and hunger for the sun,  
And down to earth will fall the old with all its duty done.

Then, heedless of the parent left, the youthful bud will grow  
And watch the robins build their nests and watch the robins go.  
Then something strange will come to it when that young leaf grows old,  
It, too, will want to shield its babe against the Winter's cold.

It, too, will cling unto the tree through many a dreary day  
Until the Spring-time comes again and it is thrust away;  
Then it will flutter down to earth with all its duty done,  
And leave behind its happy child to drink the morning sun.

How like man's life from birth to close! How like the white oak tree  
Which keeps a shelter for its young against the storms, are we!  
We guard our children through the night and watch them through the day,  
And when at last our work is done, like leaves, we fall away."

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[AUTHOR'S NOTE: Poem associated with William "Bill" Lanphear, Past President of the Ohio Chapter, 1959.]

## Prayer of the Trees

You  
who  
pass by  
and raise  
a hand against  
us, heed our prayer  
before you harm us. We  
are personal things. As do  
you, we breathe, and as you  
we have circulation; as you, we  
must eat, and each of us has its  
likes and dislikes. As you we are social  
or exclusive in our tastes, and each of us  
is a creature of temperament. We are the  
fuel of your fires on cold nights, the friendly  
shade protecting you from the fierce sun, and our  
roots help store the water to quench your throat  
and cheer you as you journey on. We are the rafters  
of your roofs, the bodies of your boats, the substantiality  
of your chairs and the boards of your beds. We are the  
handles of your hoes, the portals of your homes, the wood of  
your cradles and the shells of your coffins. We are the saviors  
of your soil from loss by rain and wind, and to your soil we give  
richness and life for the benefit of all mankind. While we  
rustle to let the sunlight through, our Leads in quiet dignity  
rise far above the turbid world, and slow as beauteous  
spires and pinnacles we grow. We are the warmth of  
kindness and the ultimate of beauty. You  
who pass us by, listen to our  
whispering prayer,  
douse your fire,  
sheathe  
your  
axe,  
and  
harm  
us not.

Don Fraser, 1961

# Biography Information of Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick

Name: Lewis Charles "Chad" Chadwick

Born: August 13, 1902

Died: October 3, 1993

Education: Randolph High School, Randolph, VT  
BS Degree – University of Vermont, 1925  
PhD Degree – Cornell University, 1931

## Academic Experience:

Instructor in Ornamental Horticulture, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 1925-29  
Assistant Professor of Horticulture, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 1929-37  
Associate Professor of Horticulture, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 1937-47  
Professor of Horticulture, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 1947-67  
Professor Emeritus, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 1967-93  
Assistant Professor of Horticulture in Extension, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 1929-37  
Associate Professor of Horticulture in Extension, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 1937-47  
Professor of Horticulture in Extension, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 1947-49  
Assistant Professor of Horticulture, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), Wooster, OH 1937-47  
Associate Professor of Horticulture, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), Wooster, OH 1947-51  
Professor of Horticulture, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), Wooster, OH 1951-67  
Professor Emeritus, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), Wooster, OH 1967-93  
Head of Division of Floriculture and Landscape Horticulture, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 1953-67

## Member of Societies:

American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta

American Rose Society

American Society of Consulting Arborists

- President, 1972
- Honorary Life Member, 1975-93

Columbus Landscape Association

- President, 1932-34

Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers (Not a Society)

- Chairman, 1975-84
- Treasurer, 1985-90

International Society of Arboriculture (formerly known as the National Shade Tree Conference, and the International Shade Tree Conference)

- Editor, 1936-37
- Secretary-Treasurer, 1937-63
- Executive Director (First Executive Director of the organization) 1963-69
- Executive Director, Emeritus, 1969-93
- Honorary Life Member, 1969-93

International Plant Propagators Society

- President, 1953-54
- Life Member, 1957-93

National Arborist Association

- Honorary Life Member

National Landscape Nurserymen's Association

- Honorary Member

Ohio Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture (formerly known as the National Shade Tree Conference, and the International Shade Tree Conference)

- Secretary-Treasurer, 1942-73

- Executive Director, 1974-79
- Executive Director, Emeritus, 1979-93

Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association

- Honorary Member

The American Association of Emeriti

The American Association of University Professors

The American Conifer Society

The American Horticulture Society

The American Institute of Biological Science

The American Society for Horticultural Science

- Chairman, Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture Section, 1962-63, 1963-64
- Elected as a Fellow of the Society, 1968

The American Society of Plant Physiologist

The Holly Society of America

The International Society of Arboriculture, Canadian Chapter

- Honorary Member

The International Society of Arboriculture, Western Chapter

- Honorary Member

The International Society for Horticultural Science

The Royal Horticultural Society

#### **Fraternities:**

Alpha Zeta – National Honorary Fraternity of Agriculture

Gamma Sigma Delta – National Honorary Society of Agriculture

Pi Alpha Xi – National Honorary Society of Floriculture and Landscape Horticulture

Sigma Xi – National Honorary Society of Sciences

#### **Civic Activities:**

Columbus Park Commission, 1970-72

Columbus Rose Commission

Columbus Street Tree Sub-Commission

- Chairman, 1970-79
- Member, 1955-79

Kiwanis International

Member of Northern Columbus Club – 3/29/56 - 10/3/93

President of Northern Columbus Kiwanis Club - 1960

Division Chairman, Agriculture and Conservation, 1963-94, 1967-68

- Winner of District Award, 1963

Division Chairman of Circle K, 1965

Lieutenant Governor of Division 10E, 1966

District Chairman, Kiwanis Education and Attendance, 1969

District Chairman, Membership Development, 1969-70

District Finance Committee, Member, 1970-72

District Treasurer, 1972-73

District Chairman, Golf Tournament, 1974-86

(Now known as the Lewis C. Chadwick Ohio District Kiwanis Golf Tournament)

Kiwanis International, Kiwanis Fellow – 1967

Kiwanis International, Life Member – 1978

#### **Publications:**

##### **Books:**

***The Modern Nursery***, co-authored with Professor Alex Laurie, Ohio State University, McMillan Company, 1931.

***Commercial Flower Forcing***, co-authored with Professor Alex Laurie, Ohio State University, Blackiston Company, 1934

***Ohio Trees***, co-authored with F. W. Dean and William F. Cowen, Ohio State University Press, 1938

***Guide for Establishing Values of Trees and other Plants***, co-authored as Member of Council of Trees and Landscape Appraisers, Sixth edition, 1983.

Bulletins:

Between 1929 and 1967, prepared and published over 20 bulletins, dealt mostly with the Selection and Use of Woody Ornamental Plants, Arboriculture, Plant Propagation and Nursery Management.

Technical Papers:

Between 1929 and 1967, prepared and published over 75 technical and scientific papers on the subject's mentioned above.

Scientific Paper presented at the International Horticultural Congress, London, England, 1952.

Scientific Paper presented at the International Horticultural Congress, Scheveningen, The Hague, Holland, 1955.

Scientific Papers (2) presented at the International Horticultural Congress, College Park, Maryland, 1966

Arranged and moderated a Colloquium on Water Relations at the International Horticultural Congress, College Park, Maryland, 1966.

Talks and Trade Paper Articles:

Between 1929 and 1967, an average of 15 to 20 talks given each year to Nurserymen, Landscape Contractors, Arborists Associations throughout the United States and Canada.

Numerous trade paper articles prepared and published.

Honors:

1930 National Arborist Association, Life Membership Award.

1950 Norman Jay Colman Award – “Awarded by the American Association of Nurserymen, for outstanding contributions to Horticultural Research”.

1955 New York State Arborists Association Certificate of Merit – “Awarded in recognition of his devoted service, leadership and interest in the better appreciation and preservation of our shade trees.”

1955 All-American Rose Selections Award – “Awarded on the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Recognition and Appreciation of outstanding service in the Judging of Roses.”

1957 International Plant Propagators Society Award – “Awarded in Recognition of Outstanding Contributions in the field of Horticulture and Plant Propagation.”

1957 National Arborist Association Certificate – “In Recognition of Outstanding Research Leadership, Devoted Service and Interest in the Appreciation and Preservation of Shade Trees.”

1958 Jackson Dawson Award – “Awarded by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for Contributions to the Science of Plant Propagation.”

1963 International Shade Tree Conference, Award of Merit – “Awarded as the Highest Honor given by the International Shade Tree Conference for his devoted service and leadership in the organization and his interest in the planting and maintenance of shade and ornamental trees.”

1963 American Horticultural Society Citation Award – “Awarded for over 30 years’ service as a teacher and research worker in Ornamental Horticulture at the Ohio State University and for several decades he has aided the arborists of this country by assisting in the affairs of their organizations.”

1964 Ohio Nurserymen’s Association Distinguished Contributions Award “Awarded in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the nursery industry.”

1966 Kiwanis International President’s Citation – “In recognition of the organization of a New Kiwanis Club.”

1966 The Ohio State University, College of Agriculture and Home Economics Council Award – “In tribute for distinguished leadership to students and in recognition of his wise council and valued contributions as a student organization advisor.”

1966 Future Farmers of American Award – Honorary State Farmer.

1967 The Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) Certification – “In recognition of 30 years of loyal service to the State of Ohio.”

1967 The Albert J. Wright Award – “For significant service to organize student activities and the guidance and council in the development of effective student leadership at the Ohio State University.

1967 Epsilon Chapter, Pi Alpha Xi plaque – “In appreciation for leadership and guidance, 1929-67.”

1967 The Ohio State University Floriculture Alumni Association Award – “In appreciation for 38 years of devoted service to his students.”

**1967** The L. C. Chadwick Research Fund – “Established for the support of graduate student research in Landscape Horticulture at the Ohio State University, by Nurserymen, Arborists, and others interested in the Horticulture profession.”

**1967** Garden Club of Ohio Citation of Merit –“In appreciation for sharing his wealth of knowledge with the Garden Club of Ohio, Inc., and for the rich contribution he has made to the University, the State and the Nation.”

**1968** International Shade Tree Conference Author’s Citation – “For outstanding contributions to the profession of Arboriculture.”

**1970** The Columbus Landscape Association Certification of Appreciation – “In recognition of his distinguished contributions to the advancement and promotion of the landscape industry.”

**1970** Columbus Park Commission Special Award – “For meritorious service.”

**1973** Lake County Nurserymen’s Association Certificate of Appreciation – “In appreciation of contributions made to the nursery Industry.”

**1973** The Liberty Hyde Bailey Metal – “Highest honor given by the American Horticultural Society for outstanding achievement in the field of Horticulture.” (Award received in New Orleans, LA on 10/6/73).

**1974** The Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame – “For distinguished service to Ohio Agriculture.” (Award received during the Ohio State Fair, Columbus, OH, 8/23/74).

**1976** The Lewis C. Chadwick Educators Award – “In grateful tribute to an executive educator for superior teaching, guidance and motivation of students in the Nursery and Landscape Arts and Sciences.” (Presented by the American Association of Nurserymen, as the **first** recipient).

**1977** The Michigan Forestry and Park Association Honor Award.

**1979** The Garden Center of Greater Cleveland Della White Vall Memorial Metal for outstanding contribution to Horticulture Education.

**1979** The Whetstone Chapter (Columbus, OH), Daughters of the American Revolution, presented the Conservation Award. Dr. Chadwick was honored for over 45 years of service to Ohio’s Citizens as a research scientist, teacher and extension specialist in Horticulture at the Ohio State University and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), Wooster, OH.

**1980** The Chadwick Arboretum, located on the campus of The Ohio State University. (Conceived by the Northern Columbus Kiwanis Club in 1977; approved by the Board of Trustees, the Ohio State University, July 11, 1980; dedicated May 24, 1981).

**1986** Man of the Year Award, by **Arbor Age Magazine**, Monterey, CA, February 1986.

**1989** Award of Appreciation – “In recognition of his outstanding service as Ohio District, Kiwanis International, Golf Tournament Chairman, 1977-89”

**1995** The establishment of the Lewis Charles Chadwick Memorial Library, located in Africa, by the Ohio District Kiwanis – 1995

**1998** Tablet of Honor from Kiwanis International, the highest award given in Kiwanis, for all the work he had done in Kiwanis, (award received posthumously, May 1998).

**Listed In:**

Community Leaders of American, 1971  
 Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans, 1974  
 International Who’s who in Community Service, 1973  
 Ohio Lives, 1968  
 Who’s who in the Midwest, 1958  
 Who’s who in Ohio, 1961

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## Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick Memorial Library

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Lewis Charles Chadwick, a native of Vermont, a graduate from the University of Vermont and Cornell University, distinguished himself throughout the World, and the Ohio State University in the Department of Horticulture, Horticulture Extension and the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (Wooster, OH) from 1929 to 1967, and Professor Emeritus from 1967 to 1993, and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Chadwick, during his illustrious 64 year career in Horticulture and associated fields, co-authored three books including, ***The Modern Nursery*** and ***Ohio Trees***, numerous bulletins, technical papers, talks and trade paper articles, and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Chadwick, was a member of numerous societies and fraternities, including: the American Horticultural Society, the International Plant Propagators Society, the royal Horticultural Society, Alpha Zeta and Pi Alpha Xi, was a servant in establishing an exemplary reputation as an authority in his field, and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Chadwick, was the recipient of scores of awards and honors, including: **The Norman Jay Colman Award**, 1950 (Awarded by the American Association of Nurserymen for Outstanding Contributions to Horticultural Research; **The Liberty Hyde Bailey Metal**, 1973 (Highest honor given by the American Horticultural Society for outstanding achievement in the field of Horticulture); **The Lewis C. Chadwick Educator's Award**, 1976 (Presented by the American Association of Nurserymen as the first recipient of the Award bearing his name; in grateful tribute to an exceptional education for superior teaching, guidance and motivation of students in the nursery and landscape arts and sciences), and the establishment of **The Chadwick Arboretum**, located on the campus at The Ohio State University, 1981, (conceived by the Northern Columbus Kiwanis Club, 1971; Approved by the Board of Trustees, The Ohio State University, July 11, 1980; and the official dedication, May 24, 1981), and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Chadwick, who joined the Northern Columbus Kiwanis Club in 1956; and served his Club, the Division and District in many capacities, including: President (1960); Lt. Governor of Division 10E (1966); District Treasurer (1972-73); District Golf Chairman (1977-89); became a Kiwanis Fellow in 1967, and a Life Member in 1978; served faithfully his family, Kiwanis International and his fellow man;

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, that we propose the establishment on the continent of Africa in the national of Nigeria, in cooperation with the university system of that nation the **LEWIS CHARLES CHADWICK MEMORIAL LIBRARY**. Our Kiwanis representatives will seek out a suitable location for this memorial library which we expect to be the finest Agricultural Library in Africa. Gifts of books and funds will be coordinated through the currently operating **Books for Africa Program**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, we propose the establishment of a **LEWIS CHARLES CHADWICK MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND**, with a goal of raising \$10,000, to start this proposed library.

The **LEWIS CHARLES CHADWICK MEMORIAL LIBRARY** is currently housed in a private library located in **BENIN CITY, EDO STATE, NIGERIA**. **BENIN CITY** is located in the south central part of Nigeria. The city has a population of  $\frac{1}{2}$  million people. The area is primarily agricultural. Eventually, the library will be housed in the **Institute of Tropical Agriculture, in Ibadan, which is an old university city**.

## Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick Research Fund

in 1967, when my late Father planned to retire from Ohio State University, as a tribute to CHAD, many of his friends wanted to establish a lasting memorial in his honor. As stated in the "Ohio State Floriculture Alumni Association Newsletter", dated February 1967, ..."This is simply a humble 'thank you' to a man who has constantly worked toward professional improvement and upgrading of education and the industry. There are few people in our field who have not benefited by his influence and work.

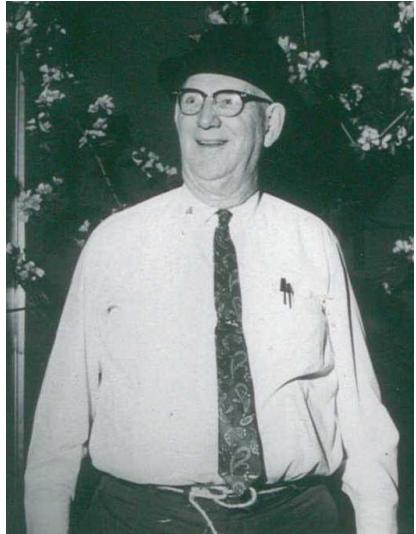
"... The Ohio Nurserymen's Association is sponsoring the **L. C. Chadwick Memorial Research Fund** which has an impressive goal of \$100,000. The money will be deposited as an endowment fund with the Ohio State University and the interest used to support graduate research assistantships in the Division of Floriculture and Landscape Horticulture.

"...This program has received the endorsement of the International Shade Tree Conference and other organizations, and its success depends upon many people such as yourself..."

Among the many "projects" that were held to try and raise the monies, was an auction. Many things were auctioned off, including some of my Father's clothing – namely the derby that he wore in college, which has been bronzed and is located at the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association's Office, and his belt, thus the reason for my Father (seen in the picture) as wearing a rope for a belt.

In January 1979, at the time of the Ohio Nurserymen's Association's 'Ye Olde Tyme Banquet', there was a Chadwick Recognition and Roast given to honor my Father. Many things were presented to him at the time of the roast, other than the usual "jabs" that one gets given to them at a roast; a scrapbook was given to him, full of letters, notes, etc., from former students, associates and just plain friends, to let him know just how much he was appreciated!

It was only recently, that I found out from one of his former students, namely Fred Hower, had bid on the belt and currently has it hanging in his office. *Guess, who is going to try and take it away from him, so that I can have it???*



The following information was submitted by The Ohio State University.

***The L. C. Chadwick Research Fund was established April 11, 1968, by the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University with gifts to The Ohio State University Development Fund from The Ohio Nurserymen's Association, Inc., and alumni and friends of the University, to honor Lewis C. Chadwick, Professor Emeritus, Department of Horticulture and Forestry.***

***All gifts are to be invested in the University's Investment Portfolio, under the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University, with the right to invest and reinvest as occasion dictates. Income is to be used annually in support of any research needs in the general field of landscape horticulture with preference being given to the support of a research assistantship in this or a closely related subject matter field.***

***Should the need for this research effort cease to exist, or so diminish as to provide unused income, or should emphasis in the general field of landscape horticulture at The Ohio State University cease to exist, then the income may be used for any purpose whatsoever as determined by the Board of Trustees with preference being given to recommendations from the appropriate administrative official of The Ohio State University with emphasis insofar as possible in the general field of landscape horticulture research.***

## Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick As Seen Through the Eyes of His Daughter

My Dad answered to many names: Dr. Lewis Charles Chadwick, Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick, Lewis, Lew, Chad, but most importantly DAD! Regardless of how you addressed him or how you knew him; he was a friend – a friend who was concerned about your knowledge, your education, your problems, your career, your profession, your organization and most importantly, he was concerned about you as an individual.

My Dad was born in Randolph Center, VT, to Charles and Mary Chadwick on August 13, 1902. He was one of four children and was the youngest. There was a sister and two brothers in the family, and all of the siblings lived into their mid-90's before their respective deaths. His parents lived on a farm, so he learned at an early age to help tend to the crops and livestock. He was a graduate of Randolph High School in Randolph, VT, where he became interested in Horticulture; it was because he wanted to find a way to fight the potato blight that was taking its toll of the seed potatoes grown by the local farmers. Pest control of potatoes became his first area of research while he was still attending Randolph High School.

After graduating from high school, he entered the University of Vermont, where he switched over from Plant Pathology into Horticulture – or Plant Industry, as it was known at that time. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1925, and moved on to Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, for his graduate work. It was there he met his wife, Evalina, and married her two years later, on August 17, 1929.

His PhD thesis was on studies in Plant Propagation, primarily methods of rooting cuttings of ornamental plants. My Dad received his doctorate from Cornell University in 1931; but, by then he had already moved on to Ohio State University, where he spent the rest of his academic career, teaching students from all over the United States, Canada and Europe.

Upon my Dad's retirement from Ohio State, he had served as Head of the Division of Floriculture and Landscape Horticulture, from 1953-1967. He became Professor Emeritus in Horticulture, 1967-1993; and Professor Emeritus of OARDC in Wooster, OH, 1967-1993.

My Dad was known as a scholar and a perfectionist who worked diligently to enhance progress and improvement in his profession through research, education, leadership and just plain persistent hard work. He was never satisfied with "maybe" or "probably" and never quit until he had resolved the problem or challenge of the moment. I have been told that his teachings were memorable and special. He moved **FAST** – and it was said that if you dropped your pencil during one of his classes, you'd never catch up in time for the exam.

One of the classes that he taught, was Plant Identification, so naturally he and the students spent a lot of time outdoors; and like the postman – he was undaunted by the weather! Consider yourselves lucky, that you never took this class from my Dad, as the final exam of the quarter was always outside, and he would have you identify up to 100 different kinds of plants. This was usually in November, often cold, cold enough to freeze the ink in your pens – but in his wisdom – he was only conditioning you for the real world!

I remember that there was a student that was taking one of my Dad's Plant Identification classes, and he just happened to play on the Ohio State Football Team. Dad announced in class one day, that there was going to be a quiz, and that everyone was expected to be there to take the quiz, and if he wasn't there, it would go against his final grade. After class, the student came to Dad, and told him that he would not be able to take the quiz on the day it was scheduled, as he had football practice. Dad informed the student that he **WOULD BE IN CLASS** to take the quiz, and that was that. Woody Hayes was the football coach at the time, so the student went to Woody and told him what my Dad had said; and the next thing, was that Woody came storming over to my Dad's office and started yelling at Dad. Dad sat there very calmly, and told Woody that the students come to college, first **to LEARN**, then if they decided that they wanted to go out for sports and/or other activities, they could do so. **BUT**, they must maintain their studies. Woody, finally calmed down, and agreed with Dad, and as they say, "the rest is history". The student did take the quiz, when it was scheduled, and Dad and Woody became best friends, a friendship that would last for many years.

My Dad was a very loyal Buckeye Fan. When he came to Ohio State in 1929, it was too late for him to get season football tickets for that year. However, starting in 1930, and until the time of his retirement in 1967, he had season tickets, and he only missed six home football games!

I have been told that my Dad sometimes seems gruff, but he was compassionate and had a heart of gold! He was a devoted and loving husband and father, and a dedicated teacher. To my Dad, each student was unique and he often went to great lengths to aid those with problems or special needs.

One of the things that I remember growing up under my parents teachings, was the fact that both my Mother and Dad, would invite the out-of-town undergrads and grad students who could not get home for the holidays, to come to our home for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. They felt very strongly, that the students should not be alone on the holidays. For quite a number of years, the dinner was held at our home, but as the classes grew, it eventually became a progressive dinner. One professor would have the appetizers and drinks; the main meal was usually at our home; and then another professor would have the dessert and whatever they were going to do afterwards; this would sometimes consist of playing cards and board games. A couple of the professors had train collections, so when the dessert was at their respective homes, everyone would go and see the trains.

As I remember, the last time that the Thanksgiving dinner was served at our home, we had approximately 50 people there. You ask, "Where did we put them all???" Well, some sat out on the front porch (no matter that it was cold), some were in the dining room and living room; some were on the stairs and some even sat in my Dad's office!

While working at OARDC, he did a major study of TAXUS. Primarily, it involved the identification of different cultivars and was designed to correct the nomenclature, which was very confused in the trade. A plantation was started with over 100 different species and cultivars of Taxus from the growers. Today, this collection is located at the Secretst Arboretum in Wooster, and the collection is named for my Dad.

I have been told that former horticulture students wanted to honor my Dad by using the name "**CHADWICK**" in the scientific name of plants. I have been told that there is a TAXUS, a LILAC, and a BUCKTHORN, named for him.

During his career, he published numerous research papers on plant propagation, nursery-management, arboriculture and woody ornamental trees and shrubs. What remains interesting to me, is that my Dad retired from Ohio State in 1967, yet he remained extremely active, serving on committees of numerous organizations, and contributing heavily to various projects of these organizations, which are too numerous to mention, until the time of his death in 1993.

One of the things that was most important to my Dad, was the development of THE CHADWICK ARBORETUM. Upon the retirement of my Dad from Ohio State, one of his former students, Harley Bratton, who was also a member of the Northern Columbus Kiwanis Club, went to the Board of Directors of the Club, and suggested that a most fitting tribute, would be to develop an arboretum in his honor. Originally, the arboretum was to be located at Innis Woods Metro Park, in northern Columbus. The dedication was held, with various dignitaries on hand and the planting of various trees and other plant materials. Much to the surprise of the Metro Parks Department, as well as my Dad and others, the Innis sisters, decided after a short time, that they did not want the arboretum to be located there; and they wanted it moved away, as well as to remove all the plants that had been planted.

Needless to say, this caused some very hard feelings all around, but, Dr. Ken Reisch, the Associate Dean of the college and also a former student, as well as an associate with my Dad, called Harley Bratton and suggested that it would be most fitting if the arboretum could be located on the Ohio State campus. Harley Bratton, once again went to the Board of Directors of Northern Columbus Kiwanis Club, and in 1979, the Kiwanis Club, moved forward with the project. On July 11, 1980, the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University officially established **THE CHADWICK ARBORETUM**, which was dedicated on May 24, 1981.

The Arboretum was named to honor Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick, an internationally known Horticulturist, who served on the Horticulture Department staff for 38 years (1929-1967), and was responsible for many of the plantings throughout the campus. The Board of Trustees said that the entire campus would be known as The Chadwick Arboretum, but that the main area would be located on 44 acres on the west campus; with tree and shrub plantings along Lane Avenue from Fyffe Road to Olentangy River Road. Included in the Arboretum, are collections of: Viburnums, Hostas, ground covers, numerous shrubs and trees and evergreens, along with a distinctive Labyrinth Garden. Additional acres include native trees and wildflowers on the eastside of Route 315, as well as a lake and a Learning Garden.

My Dad served on the Arboretum Board of Directors for many years and helped develop the current and long range purposes and objectives of The Chadwick Arboretum. Dad also served on a campus landscape committee for many years and a number of trees and shrubs were planted on the campus, under the guidelines of this committee.

The Kiwanis Club of Northern Columbus can be proud of the fact that its action was responsible for initiating the start and development of a major arboretum in central Ohio, which will display and furnish information on landscape plant materials of interest to the general public and for students and staff of The Ohio State University for study and research.

[The above is excerpts of a speech given to the Volunteers of The Chadwick Arboretum, February 5, 2011].

The following was found in the official program booklet, ***The Ohio State University, Nursery Short Course – Diamond Anniversary and Central Environmental Nursery Trade Show "CENTS"***, January 26-28, 2004, regarding Dr. Chadwick:

"The Taxus Gardens at OARDC were developed in 1942, 13 years after the Nursery Short Course started under the leadership of L. C. Chadwick. Decades later, Ken Cochran asked Dr. Chadwick why he put so much emphasis on Taxus. Chad replied: 'Good plant.' Ken asked for more. Chad added: 'It's dark green.' Ken still wanted a bit more. Finally, Chad said: 'Hardy, dark green – and there's nothing else like it!'"

## Background Information on the Author

Barbara A. Chadwick

I was born and raised in Columbus, OH, to my late parents – Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" and Evalina Chadwick. My Father was a professor of Ornamental Horticulture and Floriculture at Ohio State University for 38 years, from 1929 to 1967. My Mother was a former teacher of dramatics and speech. When she and my Father moved to Columbus, she became involved with his many activities, and did not go back to teaching.

With the position that my late Father had at Ohio State University, I have had the opportunity to do a lot of traveling over the years, which included going to Europe twice, first in 1955 and again in 1968; Mexico twice, first time for my Senior Trip from high school in 1957 and again in the mid-70's. I have been to Canada, too many times to count, as well as being in every state of the Union, with the exception of Alaska and Maine.

Upon graduation from high school, I wanted to go into Landscape Architecture. The Horticulture Department knew that I knew plant materials as well as knowing how to draw up plans for the planting of the various plant materials. Unfortunately, the Architecture Department did not see what the Horticulture Department saw, and politely informed me that women were NOT hired to do this kind of work, and therefore they would not consider me for a degree. However, we all know that today, this is NOT the case, as more and more women are going into this field.

With the fact that I was unable to follow my first love, I went with my second love, that being Floral Design. I attended Bliss Business College in Columbus and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in General Business. From there, I went out to Colorado to attend the Cliff Mann School of Floral Design, and graduated with a Master's Degree. Upon returning to the Columbus area, I had the chance to work for several well-known florists in the Columbus area.

Unfortunately, I found out much to my surprise that Columbus was a seasonal town, and that unfortunately most flower shops were not busy all year. So I decided to once again go back to college. This time, I had the chance to attend Findlay College (now known as the University of Findlay), located in Findlay, OH. As I had always been interested in history, I decided that I would go for another degree, this time a Bachelor's Degree in History. At the time I attended Findlay College, it was run by the Churches of God, so one had to take religious courses, which I did in addition to taking as many history classes as possible.

One of the first jobs that I had was working the summer of 1958, with the Columbus Parks and Recreation, working at the Park of Roses in northern Columbus. My main job was cutting off the dead blooms of the roses, it was a dull job, but, I really enjoyed being able to work outside!

Also, while working at the Park of Roses, I also started to work for my Father as his secretary. My Father was serving as Secretary-Treasurer for the National Shade Tree Conference, as well as Secretary-Treasurer for the Ohio Chapter, of the National Shade Tree Conference (today it is known as the International Society of Arboriculture). My Father ended his career with the ISA, by serving as the FIRST Executive Director.

In addition to working both for my Father and the Park of Roses, I have also worked at the Ohio State University, Main Library, where my main job was working with the various professors in reserving books for the students in the various classes, a job that I held for 4 1/2 years. While working at the Main Library, I once again went back to college, and continued to take courses in history. Unfortunately, I was unable to finish up the class work towards receiving the degree, as my late Mother was taken ill, and it meant that someone had to be with her "around the clock", so I would stay with her in the evenings.

I finished up my working career by working at The State Library of Ohio, in the Library Development Division. I worked primarily with federal funding for all the various kinds of libraries in Ohio. The libraries would apply for federal funding to improve the library in one form or the other. Once the grant was approved, then I was responsible for checking out all the reports that were required, etc. I retired from The State Library of Ohio in 1996, after working there for 28 years. Do I miss working, NO. I am really enjoying my retirement, as I can now be my own boss, and do what I want to do when I want to do it!

Over the years, I have been very active in a number of organizations, which include: Beta Sigma Phi, Delta Xi Chapter (a business women's sorority) for over 25 years; a member of the Matrix Table for a number of years; Clintonville Woman's Club (which I joined in memory of my late Mother); Eastern Star, Community Chapter for over 25 years; as well as joining Kiwanis International. I joined Kiwanis shortly after Kiwanis International decided to let

women join the organization; I joined in 1990. I have told people that I have been involved with Kiwanis well over 50+ years, thanks to my late Father, who was very active not only with his local club, but also served both the Division and District levels, and I would attend many of these meetings with my parents. I joined Northern Columbus Club, and have served as a Board Member and Bulletin Editor. I also served as President of Buckeye Golden K Kiwanis Club; and upon my move to southeastern Ohio, I joined the Gallipolis Kiwanis Club, where I am currently serving on the Board of Director's as well as serving as Bulletin Editor.

In addition to serving the various local clubs, I have worked on numerous projects in both the Division and the District levels. These include: International Relations Chairman for Division 10E, where I was able to provide for a trip to Windsor, Ontario, Canada for Canada-USA Week, twice. On the District level, I served on the Books to Africa Project. In addition to collecting many thousands of books for Africans, the Ohio District Kiwanis established the Lewis Charles Chadwick Memorial Library, which has two locations: Nigeria and Ghana. I regret that my late Father had passed away before he could see that such a library had been established for him.

In conjunction with the Books to Africa Project, I was able to persuade the members of the Northern Columbus Kiwanis Club to establish a Children's Room in one of the libraries. The donation of \$500 was used to set up the room with tables and chairs, murals, books of all kinds, etc. There is also a plaque that was purchased that states that Northern Columbus Kiwanis Club provided the library.

I have been very active in the Daughters of the American Revolution for 45 years, being a member of both Ann Simpson Davis Chapter and Whetstone Chapter, both of which are located in the Columbus area. Not only was I active in both chapters, but I have also been active in the state and national levels. I served as page for both the state and national conventions for over 15 years. On the state level, I also served as Chairman of several committees, including: Junior Sales Chairman (15 years); Scrapbook and Press Book Chairman (3 years); and Resolutions Committee (3 years). On the National level, I served as Page Chairman for the Corridors in the National DAR Building, Washington, DC; as well as serving on the Resolutions Committee; and working with the Junior Members for several years. I was nominated twice by Whetstone Chapter as the Outstanding Junior Member for Ohio, and came in second both years (this was quite an honor).

By being active in DAR, which requires knowledge of your Family History in order to join, I have become very interested in trying to continue to trace the Chadwick and Blodgett histories (Chadwick side), as well as the Jennings and Lockwood (my Mother's side) histories. I still have a long way to go, but I find every piece to be very interesting.

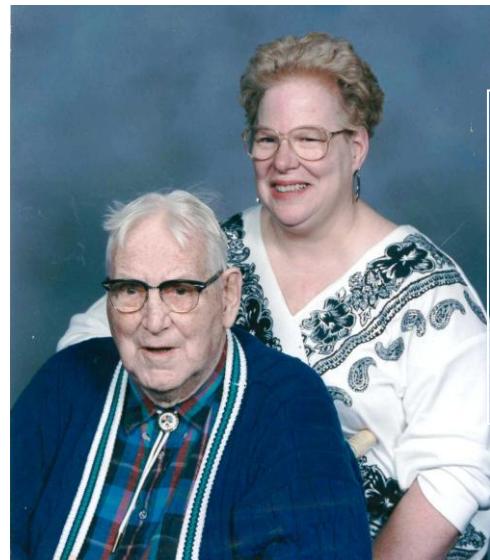
Two of my greatest loves have been and still are: The Chadwick Arboretum, located on The Ohio State University campus, which was dedicated to my late Father in 1981 (refer to Dr. Chadwick's biographical information, for complete information about the Arboretum); as well as being a VERY LOYAL BUCKEYE FAN!!! This of course includes the football team, as well as other sports.

I have received the following awards during my lifetime:

- 25 year pin (for membership) in Beta Sigma Phi, Delta Xi Chapter, Columbus, OH
- 25 year pin (for membership) in Eastern Star, Community Chapter, Columbus, OH
- 25 year pin (for membership) in the Daughters of the American Revolution. (Before resigning, I had been a member of the DAR for 45 years.)
- The George F. Hixon Fellowship Award (given by her relatives, for her love of Kiwanis).
- Special Citation from the Ohio Chapter, International Society of Arboriculture (for dedicated service to the organization and her Father, Dr. Lewis C. Chadwick)
- Honorary Membership, Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture
- Honorary Life Membership, Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture
- Honorary Life Membership, International Society of Arboriculture
- Award of Merit, Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture [This Award is the highest honor given by the Ohio Chapter. Barbara received the award for all of the work she and her committee have accomplished in writing the History of the Ohio Chapter, ISA.]

*Barbara Chadwick passed away on May 21, 2020.*

## Photographs



Dr. Chadwick  
with Daughter  
Barbara

Picture Left  
1943

Picture Right  
1990



In front of Howlett Hall,  
OSU Campus, 1968-69



Caricature of Dr. Lewis C. "Chad" Chadwick drawn by former Ohio District Kiwanis Governor Robert Lynch, shows some of Chad's interests, including his great interest in playing golf. Dr. Chadwick served as District Golf Chairman for 12 years. Following his retirement of running the golf tournament, it was renamed The Lewis C. Chadwick Kiwanis Golf Tournament.

## Abbreviations

A number of organizations have changed their names, merged or are no longer in existence. This listing provides an easy way to identify organizations without having to spell out their entire name in the text.

A-300	ANSI Tree Pruning Standards
AAA	American Arborist Association, then the NAA, now TCIA
AAN	American Association of Nurserymen
ACP	Arborist Certification Program started at the Ohio Chapter, now an ISA function
AHS	American Horticultural Society
ALB	Asian Longhorned Beetle
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ATI	The Ohio State University's Agricultural Technical Institute (2 year program) at Wooster, OH
CENTS	Central Environmental Nursery Trade Show
CTLA	Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers
CTP	Connecticut Tree Protection Association
CTPLB	Connecticut Tree Protection Licensing Board
DED	Dutch Elm Disease
DOL	Department of Labor
EAB	Emerald Ash Borer
EEI	Edison Electric Institute
EPRI	Electric Power Research Institute
IEEE	Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers
ISA	International Society of Arboriculture
ISTC	International Shade Tree Conference, now ISA
NAA	National Arborist Association, now TCIA
NSTC	National Shade Tree Conference, now ISA
OAES	Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, now OARDC
OARDC	Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center
ODNR	Ohio Department of Natural Resources
OIC DSH	Ohio Industrial Commission, Division of Safety and Hygiene
OIC	Ohio Industrial Commission
ONLA	Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association
OSHA	US Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSU	The Ohio State University
OTCC	Ohio Tree Care Conference
SOSTP	Shade, Ornamental and Shade Tree Evaluation Project at OARDC
STUC	Street Tree and Utility Conference
TCI Expo	Tree Care Industry Exposition
TCIA	Tree Care Industry Association, formally NAA
TLSP	Tree of Life Safety Program – Ohio Industrial Commission, Division of Safety and Hygiene
UAA	Utility Arborist Association
US	United States of America
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USDA OPRF	USDA – Ornamental Plant Research Facility
USDA-ARS	USDA – Agricultural Research Service
Z-133	ANSI Tree Trimming Safety Standards