

2018 MW-ISA AWARD WINNERS



Gold Leaf Award – Outstanding Landscape Beautification Award

Ruth Rebmann & Shelby Uffman

Retired School teachers, Ruth Rebmann & Shelby Uffman, saw a need for beautification and improved tree care in their hometown of Owensville MO. (pop.2600) they began their efforts in 2009 with a Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) TRIM grant which funded the planting of 60 trees in a Local Park. A second MDC grant in 2014 funded 48 more trees. In 2015 they began an ongoing project to grow trees from MDC seedlings and have since planted over 90 of these trees onto public land in Owensville.



Award of Achievement

Skip KinKaid

Skip has a long and storied history of service to community forestry and arboriculture. Notable among his contributions would his time spent as a member of ISA Board of Directors, member and Chairman of the Certification Board (now Credentialing Council) Member and Chairman of the ISA Test Committee Instructor, and Instructor Mentor for Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ). Skip also served for 4 years on the ad hoc committee that developed the TRAQ credential for ISA



MW Chapter Award of Merit

Andy Berg

Andy is the Arboriculture Supervisor at the historic Tower Grove Park in Saint Louis. When he joined Tower Grove Park in 2016, one of his first big undertakings was overseeing a complete tree inventory update. In addition, he has also become a Board-Certified Master Arborist and TRAQ certified. Andy developed and implemented a plant health care program to treat Tower Grove park's collection of Elm and Ash, and lastly, applied for and achieved ArbNet's Level II Arboretum Accreditation for the park.



MW Chapter Honorary Membership

Chris Stratman, Keep Omaha Beautiful

Keep Omaha Beautiful is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster environmental and community stewardship in Omaha Nebraska through education, service, and advocacy. In April of 2018 they began The Trees for Omaha Program, A partnership aimed at replanting the city's tree canopy which is rapidly losing ash trees as a result of Emerald Ash Borer. The program, funded thanks to \$400,000 of support from a private donor and a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust, is planting and providing post planting care for new trees throughout the city. The program places a strong emphasis on native species and tree diversity, with a goal to educate as well as replant Omaha's tree canopy



President's Award

Gina Branch

Gina is an ISA certified arborist whom works as the Office Manager for the renown tree care business in Springfield MO, All About Trees. However many of you would know Gina from her other role as the MWISA communication Liaison. Chapter president Jim Bauer selected Gina for this award for the significant impact she made in this role for the chapter from 2015-2018. Gina managed and administered many of the registration and website duties during this time, handling both on-line and on-site registration for the chapter conferences and MWISA TCC during this time.



MW Chapter Honorary Life Membership

J. David Mattox

J. David Mattox served as on MWISA board, and as chapter President in 2008 but most notably he has served for many years as the Chapters liaison chair for the TCC. This is an especially challenging job to volunteer for; it takes skill, knowledge and leadership to organize a successful and safe Tree climbing Competition.