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Shade Tree Notes

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THE WINNERS!!!

Master challenge winner Armin Schwab-Hill (front row second from left) is flanked by other master chalengers (L to R) Maycon Flores, Sebastian Slizowski and Daniel Barnes, and backed up by judges (L to R) Lily Remy, AJ Remy, Mike Orsino, Chris Roddick, Dave Golon, Joel Greifenberger and Mark Moske.

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President's Message

Happy Summer everyone...finally. We are busy putting together the final pieces for September's Fall Conference in Liverpool. Many wonderful speakers are presenting on a variety of topics. I hope to see you there. The board is preparing to meet in August to review the membership questionnaire that many of you have graciously taken the time to fill out. I am excited to see the results and to move forward with our strategic plan. Our goal is to present it at January's Winter Conference and share how the chapter will grow to better serve you.

I recently attended the Tree Climbing Championship, held at Lyndhurst in Tarrytown, NY. It was an amazing experience. I want to thank everyone for taking the time to explain all the stations to me and the equipment that was used. I am personally not a climber, so it was new to me. I have an immense amount of respect for those individuals who climb every day. What was truly incredible was the support each climber showed to their fellow climbers. Even though it was a competition, there was so much encouragement and assistance with tackling a challenging section or even loaning equipment to those who were in need. The one thing I took away from the day was that we are all really family and we are there for each other. Congratulations to Armin Schwab-Hill for winning this year's competition.

On August 3, we will be honoring one of our tree family members. A tree dedication ceremony will be held to honor and remember Brian Skinner at Cornell Memorial Gardens at 11:00 AM. Brian was a not only a board member but a mentor and friend to many of us. I am personally inviting you to join his family and us as we gather to share

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Mission Statement

We are an association of professional arborists and educators that promotes public interest, and fosters research and education in the care and benefits of trees, shrubs and their environment.

From The Chapter Office

"Summer afternoon, summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."—***Henry James***

It has been a busy spring dancing between the rain drops. Summer is here and, hopefully, you can catch up on your work. Remember, think safety.

Brian Skinner Memorial Tree Ceremony

NYSA and the Skinner family cordially invite NYSA members to join us at 11:00 AM Saturday, August 3, at Cornell Botanical Gardens in Ithaca to dedicate Brian's memorial tree. NYSA purchased a sugar maple and it is planted in the F.. R. Newman Arboretum in Brian's name to pay tribute to "the most knowledgeable and selfless arborist ever".

Congratulations to Mary Kramarchyk

As many of you know, long-time DEC statewide coordinator Mary Kramarchyk has retired and taken a position with the Diocese of Albany. At the NYS Arbor Day Celebration on April 26 in Albany, Mary was awarded the 2020 Brian Skinner Lifetime Achievement Award by Past President Trevor Hall. Mary was recognized for her exemplary contributions to arboriculture and the urban forestry community in New York State. She successfully brought forestry professionals, public and private individuals and volunteer organizations who care about trees together to educate them on the ecological importance of healthy urban and community forests. NYSA wishes her well in her new position.

Another Successful Tree Climbing Championship

Congratulations to Armin Schwab-Hill of Armin's Tree Service in Kingston for winning the NYS Tree Climbing Championship, held Saturday, June 8, at Lyndhurst Mansion in Tarrytown, NY. (See article and photos on page 5)

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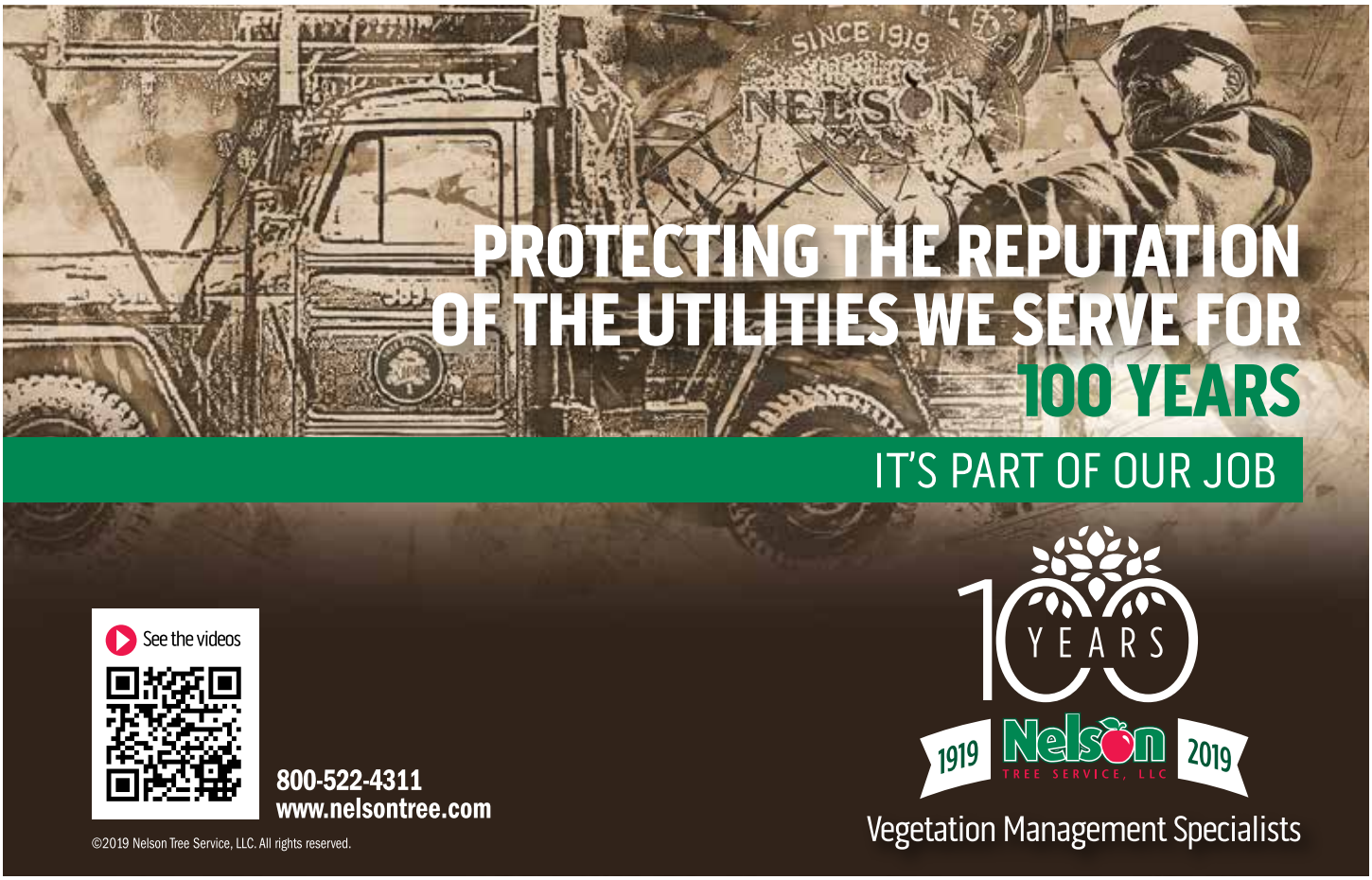

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Climbers Compete In Tree Climbing Championship

Twenty-two climbers participated in this year's Tree Climbing Championship, held Saturday, June 8, at the majestic Lyndhurst Mansion in Tarrytown, NY. Joined by volunteers, judges, technicians, vendors and families, climbers demonstrated their skill, speed and precision in the Work Climb, Aerial Rescue, Throwline, Belayed Speed Climb and Ascent Climb with the top four finishers from New York State competing in the Masters Challenge.

Before the competition started, TCC Co-chairs Joel Greifenberger and Chris Roddick presented a plaque to the Stapleton family to recognize Thomas Stapleton's long time dedication to the Tree Climbing Championship and the promotion of safe arboricultural practices. The Throwline event was renamed the Thomas F. Stapleton Throwline Event to honor Tom for his work at the competition.

After a full day of competition, Armin Schwab-Hill of Armin's Tree Service in Kingston; Maycon Flores of D&D Tree & Landscaping in Nanuet, Daniel Barnes of Davey Tree in Latham and Sebastian Slizowski of Greenpoint Tree Service in Carmel finished as the overall top performers and competed in the Masters Challenge. After the competition, Armin came out the winner. Congratulations Armin!

A special thank-you goes to our volunteers, judges, evaluators and technicians who gave their time to make our event another great success. To view more photos from the event and see the final score sheet, visit the Education section on our website at *www.nysarborists.com*.

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Tree Climbing Championship Photos

Joel Greifenberger presents a plaque to the Stapleton family honoring Thomas Stapleton's dedication to the TCC and the industry.

"Job" briefing.

Judges conferring.

A volunteer waiting for a contestant.

Aerial rescue action.

Ascent event action.

Belayed Speed Climb action.

Throwline action.

Work Climb action.

Aerial rescue winners.

Ascent event winners.

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Throwine winners.

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Spotted Lanternfly

A new invasive insect that feeds on ornamental and timber trees

Emelie Swackhamer, Horticulture Educator, Penn State Extension Montgomery County

Note: Emelie will be presenting at the Fall Conference

Lycorma delicatula, commonly known as the spotted lanternfly (SLF), is a new invasive in the United States. SLF is a planthopper that is native to Asia and was first detected in 2014 in southeastern Pennsylvania. Currently, populations are known to exist in southeastern Pennsylvania, western New Jersey, and northern Virginia, Delaware and Maryland. SLF harms grapevines and feeds on a wide range of plants, including maple, birch, sycamore, oak and grapes.

SLF uses a piercing-sucking mouthpart to feed on the sap of host plants.

Egg masses on a rock.

When the young (nymph) stages are present, they feed on the undersides of leaves and new growth. When they are in the last nymphal and adult stages, they can pierce directly through the mature bark of tree trunks and branches. SLF ingests large quantities of sap and excretes honeydew which contains a lot of sugar. Fungi grow on the honeydew beneath feeding SLF, which results in sooty mold that can cover understory plants and block their ability to photosynthesize. Sooty mold coats other objects below, creating a nuisance in residential landscapes. Extremely high populations of SLF have occurred on host trees in infested areas. Scientists are working to develop ways to measure how heavy feeding pressure affects the health of those trees.

SLF feeds on a wide range of plants but there are a few trees to especially watch. They really like the invasive tree Ailanthus altissima, commonly known as tree of heaven (TOH). TOH is native to Asia and is found across the United States. First detections of SLF in new areas are often made on TOH. Learn to identify TOH and consider removing it to eliminate a favorite food source of SLF. Because TOH is highly attractive to SLF, people are also using it as a trap tree by treating them with systemic insecticides. To learn more about this management strategy, visit the Penn State Extension SLF website.

SLF nymphs often feed on the new growth of black walnut. We have observed death of black walnut seedlings and also dieback that resulted in death of the terminal leader on seedlings. SLF adults will feed on the trunks of mature black walnut, heartnut and hickory.

SLF adult females will lay egg masses on trees and almost any solid object, including rocks. It is important to learn to identify SLF egg masses to be able to avoid moving them around to new areas. Each egg mass has around 30-50 eggs, and the female usually covers her eggs with a substance that resembles mud when it is dry. To see pictures of egg masses, visit the Penn State SLF website.

All arborists should learn to identify SLF in all its life stages and watch for it in new areas.

If you believe you've found spotted lanternfly in New York:

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Spotted Lanternfly

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- Take pictures of the insect, egg masses and/or infestation signs, as described above (include something for scale such as a coin or ruler), and email to *spottedlanternfly@dec.ny.gov* OR fill out a reporting form online at *http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/116595.html.*
- Note the location (address, intersecting roads, landmarks or GPS coordinates).

(Source: New York Department of Environmental Conservation)

Nymphs on walnut seedling.

Hopefully SLF never makes it to New York. But if it does, we are looking for evidence of damage to trees and need to document that damage if it is found. We need your help to watch for SLF and report it if you see it.

You also need to know that there are quarantines in effect to try to stop the spread of SLF and prevent it from getting to New York. The quarantines apply to everyone and are designed to prevent SLF from being moved in any living life stage, including eggs.

More information is available at the links below or by calling your local Cornell Cooperative Extension office:

SLF known distribution map: *https://nysipm.cornell.edu/environment/invasive-species-exotic-pests/spotted-lanternfly/*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation SLF website: *http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/113303.html*

Cornell Cooperative Extension offices: http://cce.cornell.edu/localoffices

Penn State SLF website: *https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly*

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From The Chapter Office

Arboriculture Expertise Needed Volunteer for the NYS Fair

Join Jim Maloney and other arborists at the great NYS Fair, August 21-September 2, to talk with the public at the NYSA booth. Contact Jim at James.Maloney@nationalgrid.com to volunteer. All volunteers are eligible for a registration discount to the NYSA Fall or Winter Conference.

Mark Your Calendar for the Fall Conference, September 22-23, at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. Industry experts will be presenting a wide range of topics on plant health issues, hiring and retaining employees, effective business management software, live line demo and more. Go to www.nysarborists.com for complete registration and schedule information.

Share Your Story

Do you have a story to tell or information on current issues or trends? We are looking for articles to place in the next issues of Shade Tree Notes. Your article should be approximately 500 words, and the deadline for the next issue is September 1. YYou can send your articles to NYSA at *info@nysarborists.com*.

President's Message

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stories, memories and laughs to honor Brian's legacy.

Finally, we have four individuals riding this September in the Tree Fund's Tour des Trees. The ride will be going through Kentucky and Tennessee for five days and a total of 434 miles. The riders can be found at *http://tour-des-trees-2019.everydayhero.do/*. Our riders are Michael Grimm, Frazer Pehmoeller, Kevin Weber and me. Please visit anyone of these amazing individuals' pages and donate to the Tree Fund to support them. We appreciate all the help you can provide.

Have a safe and fun summer. I hope to see you at September's Fall Conference in Liverpool

ArborMaster Climbing Kit Prize Package

Thank you ArborMaster for providing a Climbing Kit Prize Package for this year's Tree Climbing Championship. The package is intended to help equip the chapter representative(s) for the International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC) Competition

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Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Visit *www.bbg.org* for a complete listing of programs and events.

Green-Wood. Visit *www.green-wood.com* for a complete listing of programs and events.

Hamilton College Arboretum. Visit *www.hamilton.edu/arboretum* for upcoming workshops and events.

International Society of Arboriculture. Visit *isa-arbor.com* for a complete listing of programs and events.

Long Island Arboricultural Association. Visit *www.longislandarborists.org* for upcoming activities and events.

Madison Square Park. Visit *www.madisonsquarepark.org* for a complete listing of programs and events.

Morris Arboretum. Visit *www.business-services.upenn.edu/arboretum/index.shtml* or call 215-247-5777, ext. 125.

New York Botanical Garden. Visit *www.nybg.org* for a complete listing of programs and events.

New York State Urban Forestry Council. Visit *www.nysufc.org* for complete listing of programs and events.

Utility Arborist Association. Visit *www.gotouua.org* for complete listing of programs and events.

July 9, LIAA Twilight Tour, 6:30-8:00 PM, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY. Visit *www.longislandarborists.org* for upcoming activities and events.

July 17, 6th Annual NYC-area Green Industry Intern Field Day, New York Botanical Garden, 11:00 am till dusk. Bronx, NY. Visit *www.nybg.org/event/intern-field-day*.

July 18-20, 27th Annual ReLeaf Conference. Mount St. Mary College, Newburgh, NY. Visit *www.nysurbanforestrycouncil.com* for more information.

August 3, Brian Skinner Memorial Tree Dedication, Cornell Botanical Gardens, Ithaca, NY.

August 9-11, International Tree Climbing Championship, Nashville, TN. Visit *www.itcc-isa.com* for more information.

August 11-14, ISA Annual International Conference and Expo, Nashville, TN. Visit *www.isa-arbor.com* for more information.

August 13, LIAA Twilight Tour, 6:30-8:00 PM. Vanderbilt Museum, Centerport, NY. Visit *www.longislandarborists.org* for upcoming activities and events.

August 21-September 2, New York State Fair, Syracuse, NY. Volunteers are needed to work the NYSA booth. Contact Jim Maloney at *James.Maloney@nationalgrid.com*.

September 10-12, Trees & Utility Arborist Conference, Cincinnati, OH. Visit www.*treesandutilities.org* for more information.

September 16-20, 27th Anniversary Tour des Trees, Nashville, TN. Visit *www.treefund.org/tourdestrees* for information.

September 22-23, NYSA Fall Conference, Liverpool, NY. Visit *www.nysarborists.com* for more information.

October 6-8, New England ISA Chapter, Springfield Sheraton, Springfield, MA. Visit *www.newenglandisa.org* for more information.

November 7-9, TCI Expo 2018, Pittsburgh, PA. Visit *www.tcia.org* for more information.

November 19, TRAQ Renewal Course, Planting Fields Historic State Park, Oyster Bay, NY. Registration deadline is October 19. Seating is limited.

November 20-22, TRAQ Program, Planting Fields Historic State Park, Oyster Bay, NY. Registration deadline is October 20. Seating is limited. 23. Visit *www.nysarborists.com* for more information.

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December 8-11, ASCA Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana. Visit *www.asca-consultants.org* for more information.

January 26-27, 2020, NYSA Annual Conference, Crowne Plaza, Suffern, NY.

February 10-11, Penn Del Shade Tree Symposium, Lancaster Marriott, Lancaster, PA. Visit *www.penndelisa.org.*

February 27-March 1, 2020, ASCA Consulting Academy, Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel, Sacramento, CA. *Visit www.asca-consultants.org.*

Upcoming Events

Brian Skinner Memorial Tree Ceremony
August 3
Cornell Botanical Gardens
Ithaca, NY

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