

### **Gold Leaf Award for Outstanding Arbor Day Activities - City of Springfield, Missouri**

“In 2015 Springfield, Missouri celebrated their 30th year as a Tree City USA community and their 12th year receiving a Growth Award. To commemorate this achievement they held an event they called the 30 for 30 Tree planting Relay. This Relay was held as part of Springfield’s Arbor Day celebration on April 10th 2015. Thirty common urban tree planting locations were selected from a neighborhood to a storm water detention basin to demonstrate not only the different places trees can be planted, but also the different benefits they provide to our community.”

### **Gold Leaf Award for Outstanding Landscape Beautification Activities – City of Olathe, Kansas**

“Olathe’s project was a walking tour of 25 trees in Veteran’s Memorial Park. Each tree was denoted by a sign complete with a QR tag symbol. In addition GPS coordinates for each tree are available. Most of the trees are in groupings of 3-5 of the same species. A brochure is provided at the beginning of the tour, but anyone with a smartphone can just happen on the tour and pull up information about each tree.”

### **2015 MWISA Author’s Award of Excellence – Karma Larsen**

“Karma Larsen is considered by many to be the glue that binds the Nebraska State wide Arboretum (NSA) to the Nebraska Forest Service (NFS) and both organizations to a broader Statewide public audience interested in trees and Landscapes. Karma joined NSA in 1997 as the publications editor and communication specialist. In 2010, her audience grew substantially when NSA merged with Nebraska Forest Service. Since that time Karma has been instrumental in expanding and blending the information of both organizations into a unified message around trees and landscapes.”

### **2015 MWISA Honorary Membership – Ed Tamerius**

“Ed Tamerius is a retired Missouri Department of Conservation Forester that Lives in Hannibal Missouri. Since retiring, Ed has continued to share his passion for trees and Tree maintenance with the City of Hannibal and surrounding area. Ed has accepted every opportunity to improve the trees and the tree related programs. Ed is a member of the Hannibal Tree board, citizen member of the Hannibal laGrange Tree Campus USA Committee, and is both a regional member and executive council member for the Missouri Community Forestry Council (MCFC).”

### **2015 Award of Merit – Martha Clark**

“Known as a tireless volunteer, Martha is an ISA certified arborist from Helena Missouri whom has been a leading member of the Missouri Community Forestry Council for over 20 years. She has also been active with the city of Helena Park Board coordinating events and working on park trees. In addition, Martha has worked in a variety of capacities for the City of St. Joseph, and has assisted in the development of a tree nursery on the grounds of the local prison and the formation of Forest ReLeaf of Northwest Missouri, an organization formed to educate and empower Missourians in northwest Missouri to plant and care for trees.”

### **2015 President’s Award – Ted & Tim Crews**

Owners and operators of Cherokee Tree Care, The Crews has been caring for Springfield’s landscapes and urban forests for a very long time. An ISA certified arborist since 1995, Tim has also served on the board of the Midwestern Chapter of the ISA, where he has volunteered since 2002. Currently, Tim serves as the head judge and set-up coordinator for the MWISA Tree Climbing Championship. Tim and Ted were selected for this award by MWISA president Kevin Harrel for their foresight in tree care, commitment to professionalism, and service to the MWISA.