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Your donations are making a difference!

Cabling is commonplace in arboriculture, but very few scientific studies have examined how the practice affects trees. While installing a cable should reduce the likelihood of failure of a tree's weakly attached branches, Dr. Brian Kane (University of Massachusetts Amherst) wanted to know if it would also increase the likelihood of failure of the whole tree or other parts of the tree. Good news - he found that cabling did *not* change the pattern of diameter growth of the co-dominant stems, and it did *not* seriously increase the likelihood of tree failure. Read more about this important project, partially funded by a [Hyland Johns Grant](#), on our [website](#).

Need cash for school? Applications are open at [treefund.org](#) for the following scholarships:



- [John Wright Memorial Scholarships \(\\$2,000\) due May 15](#)
- [Horace M. Thayer Scholarship \(\\$2,000\) due June 1](#)
- [Fran Ward Women in Arboriculture Scholarship \(\\$2,000\) due June 1](#)



Coming to a screen near you

The new film, *Trees in Trouble*, funded in part by the TREE Fund, premieres **April 29, 2016**, on PBS. Mark your calendar and invite your friends – you don't want to miss this compelling story about America's urban forests, the threats they are facing, and how we can take action. Learn more and see [when it airs](#) on your local PBS station at [treesintrouble.com](#).

Thank you to our March 2016 major donors:
(for contributions of \$2,500 or more to the TREE Fund this month)

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Kudos and many thanks to the Collier family and friends for their successful fundraiser at WMC 2016. They raised \$48,000 for the Collier Arborist Training Trust!



This handcrafted bowl belongs on your coffee table

During the week of National Arbor Day (**April 25-29**), [donate to a 2016 STIHL Tour des Trees rider](#) for a chance to own this gorgeous, 16” natural edged bowl crafted of Yellow Birch Burl by Canadian woodturner Joe Hunt. Each \$50 donation earns one chance to win the bowl. (Donate \$100 for two chances, etc.). The prize drawing will take place on May 2 and the winner will be notified promptly. Thank you for supporting the Tour and good luck!



[Register today](#) for the **2016 STIHL Tour des Trees** and take advantage of our Arbor Day fundraising incentives! Every Tour rider who receives a donation during the week of **April 25-29**, gets a chance to win a dining certificate redeemable during the Tour’s “unstructured evening” in Greensboro, NC. Your donors of \$50 or more that week also have an opportunity to win an artisan Yellow Birch Burl bowl (see above).

Learn more about this year’s October 9-15 Tour through the Carolinas at www.stihltourdestrees.org and sign up today! **#STIHLtDT**

Last call to be a Corporate Partner on the 2016 Tour! Contact [Mary DiCarlo](#) at 630-369-8300 x-202 by **May 1** to reserve space for your logo on this year’s Tour jersey.



Mark your calendar: free May 11 webinar with CEUs

Join us for “[An Approach to Pruning You Won’t Forget](#),” a free TREE Fund webinar featuring Dr. Ed Gilman (University of Florida). Dr. Gilman guarantees that once you begin pruning trees using the strategies learned in this webinar, you will not revert to the old way. He will show you practical strategies to increase long-term survival – starting at planting. Afterwards, you will be able to step outside and immediately begin to prune in a more sustainable manner.

- May 11, 2016 at 12:00 pm (Mountain)
- No pre-registration required. Log in at treefund.org on May 11.
- 1 CEU from ISA or the Society of American Foresters

Dr. Gilman has received multiple TREE Fund grants; read about his research [here](#).

Special thanks to [Utah State University Forestry Extension](#) and [Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands](#) for hosting this webinar, and to [Bartlett Tree Experts](#) and [The Davey Tree Expert Company](#) for their support.



Make Mom proud. Shop Amazon for Mother’s Day (May 8) using the TREE Fund [AmazonSmile link](#). Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase amount to the TREE Fund, and Mom gets a great gift. [Get started](#) now!



Save the Date: TREE Fund After Hours - NEW!

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All 2016 ISA Conference registrants are invited to join us for TEXAS-SIZED fun on Monday, August 15, 2016, 5:30 – 7:00 pm on the trade show floor. Admission is free and includes appetizers and a cash bar. Get more information at [our website](#).

Mini-Auction • Golden Ticket Raffle • Raise Your Hand for Research • Heads or Tails – Aggies vs. Longhorns

Hope to see you there!

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