

# Illinois Trees

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## ADVANCED TRAINING TREE WORKER DOMAIN by Norm Hall

The Illinois Arborist Association (IAA) offers Advanced Training courses to all its members. The IAA is one of the very few ISA Chapters to offer such training and we are proud that we have such high standards. These courses are designed to enhance your safety, knowledge, and skills for the Domain you choose to attend. This article will focus on the Tree Worker Domain, which is 1 of 4 Domains offered.

### About the Tree Worker Domain

The Tree Worker Domain is geared for the “at-height arborist”, being a rope and harness climber or an aerial lift operator. With the increasing number of incidents in the Tree Care Industry, Safety is paramount in all Tree Worker courses. All Tree Worker courses follow OSHA and ANSI Z133-2017 regulations. Ninety-five percent of the Tree Worker courses are ‘hands-on’. Only a few have classroom time. The remainder of time is spent outdoors at a site performing practical tasks. The Tree Worker courses are offered to all IAA members, from entry to advanced level. The Level 1 courses are for the entry level arborist and cover the basics of the topic. The level 2 courses are for the arborists who have experience in the topic and are looking to increase their knowledge, climbing, or rigging options. Taking the Level 1 course is a prerequisite for Level 2 courses.

**NOTE:** If a Commercial Company or Municipality is interested in a training course, we can customize a training course to meet your specific needs.

In 2018 the IAA reduced the training fees for these professionally instructed courses to be more competitive within the Tree Care Industry. These courses are chalked full of very valuable information to help the at-height arborist not only work safer and smarter, but also increase “situational awareness”.



*The April 2018 Pruning course attendees at Beautiful Lake Forest Beach*

### The Pruning Course

In April of 2018 the IAA offered a Pruning course at the Lake Forest Beach, in Lake Forest. Thank you to Corey Wierema and The City of Lake Forest for offering this beautiful site. The Pruning course is designed to train the attendees how to properly prune the desired plant using pole tools, loppers, hand saws and hand pruners, from the ground. There were 19 attendees for this course. We started by demonstrating a proper collar cut on Norway maple and American linden limb samples provided by Daniel Miraval. The

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## Illinois Arborist Association Mission Statement

*"Foster interest, establish standards, exchange professional ideas  
and pursue scientific research in Arboriculture"*

Dear Illinois Arborist Association Members,

It's hard to believe that it's July, after a long winter. We, in the IAA, keep arborists and students busy. We have picked and prepared the site and trees for the Illinois Tree Climbing Championship. Thank you for the assistance of Phillip Prohaska and Nicholas Kuhn in conjunction with Forest Preserve.

Stephen D. Lane, Jim Semelka, Daniel Miraval and myself, did presentations at The Career Day Event at The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences and our topic was Careers in Arboriculture. We requested that the students sign up to learn more about careers in arboriculture. We had a total of 25 students, according to Stephen.

The CHSAS Ag Career Day replaces all teachers with professionals representing the diversity of the agricultural industry. Students attended shortened versions of their classes to learn from a different agriculture professional each period. The presentations were 25 minutes each and we had several presentations throughout the morning.

I returned to the high school a week later for the senior exit Interviews. This program requires the students to complete a four-year comprehensive portfolio. The purpose of the portfolio is to showcase students' accomplishments and growth throughout their high school years. The exit interview allows students to reflect upon and explain their achievements throughout high school. Our Student Forestry Field Day was in Dixon Springs at the Agriculture Center. It was a huge success! During this year's program, we covered: chainsaw operations and maintenance, chipper safety and operation, invasive species, identification and removal, utility vegetation management, aerial truck operation, rigging, climbing, bucking sprayer operation, cleanup and maintenance and prepared for the following day.

We want to make sure we continue this great program. We are looking to get together during the IAA Summer Conference to prepare for next year and make it an even better program. Big thanks to Roger and Penelope Smith and all the people involved in this awesome project.

We held the Certified Tree Worker/Climber Specialist Course this spring. Mike Dirksen helped with the prep test orientation, Norm Hall and Todd Kramer with aerial rescue and we completed the program with a writing test, knot test, gear inspection test and the climbing test at Mulch Center. Thank you to Jim Seckelmann for providing the Mulch Center as a location for this training.

Don't forget our IAA Summer Conference is on July 17-18th in Champaign IL.

Thank you,  
Eduardo Medina







*The May 2018 Climbing Level 1 attendees at Triangle Park in Lake Forest*

'branch bark ridge' was pointed out to use as a reference when making a collar cut, which is a proper pruning cut. Following the ANSI A300 standard, the class pruned shade trees, ornamentals, and shrubs, removing deadwood 1" diameter and greater on the shade trees, and deadwood ½" diameter and greater on the ornamentals. Crossing and interfering branches were removed to help reduce future problems. Elevation pruning was performed over roadways and walkways for vehicular clearance, and crown reduction pruning was executed for increased clearance for pedestrians and cyclists on walkways.

## **The Climbing Level 1 Course**

In May of 2018 the IAA offered a Climbing Level 1 course at Triangle Park in Lake Forest. Again, thank you to Corey Wierema and The City of Lake Forest for providing the site. I'd personally like to thank Don Roppolo for his professional assistance in helping instruct this course. Don is an invaluable resource and does an excellent job of instructing. The Climbing Level 1 course is designed to train the attendees on PPE inspection, climbing gear inspection, tying six useful knots for climbing, tree risk assessment, throwline

use, climbing rope installation, ascending techniques, maintaining '3-point contact' while in the tree, lanyard uses, and smooth descending. We had thirteen attendees for this course. Due to inclement weather, day 2 of the training was rescheduled for the following Wednesday. At the end of this course

there is a 2-part test. Part 1 is tying the 6 knots taught earlier in Day 1. Part 2 is a climbing skills test, where each attendee body thrusts and climbs to the designated 'tie-in-point', rings a bell, descends to two other stations to ring a bell to simulate limb walking and climbing rope use.

The May 2018 Climbing Level 1 attendees at Triangle Park in Lake Forest

## **The Rigging Level 1 Course**

The Rigging Level 1 course was offered in June 2018 at a site provided by Lake Forest. Once again, thank you to Corey Wierema and The City of Lake Forest for providing the site. I would like to thank Eric Celletti for his valuable assistance with this course, and Kinnucan Tree Experts for the use of their Aerial Lift truck. The Rigging Level 1 course is designed to train the attendees on rigging gear inspection, tree risk assessment, pulley/block placement, anchoring a rope friction device, Double Whip Tackle (DWT), cycles to failure for rope and hardware, the difference an increased bend ratio has on rope, using the trees structure to the advantage of the rigger,

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**New Date!**

# **Illinois Arborist Association**

*36th Annual Conference & Trade Show*

**December 11 & 12, 2018**

Tinley Park Convention Center



## ADVANCED TRAINING TREE WORKER DOMAIN (continued from page 4)

and the advantages and limitations of (1) the different rope constructions, (2) rescue pulleys and arborist blocks, (3) carabiners, screw links and screw pin shackles, (4) knots versus splices, (5) the five knots used for this course. We had eleven attendees for this course. To expedite the training, all rigging is done with the aid of the provided aerial lift truck. Using a load cell (dynamometer), we demonstrated the difference between a climbing system and a lowering (rigging) system, and how shock loading dramatically increases the forces at the block, sling, and anchor, which is an “eye opener”. We set-up a Double Whip Tackle (DWT) system, to create a 2 to 1 mechanical advantage, and lifted a 100 lb. log. We also demonstrated where to place the arborist block using the trees structure to the riggers advantage; and the advantages of cutting an open face notch. Every attendee dons a full body harness to go aloft to set a block, cut an open face notch, tie off the limb being rigged and make the back cut.

There is a written and skills test at the end of Day 2. This course also had some weather challenges on Day 2. Fortunately, the attendees were willing to stay late to complete their testing. The IAA thanks those who stayed for their cooperation and willingness the stay late.

I usually take a picture of the attendees at the end of Day 2, but due to the weather challenges, I didn't take a picture. My apologies to the attendees: Eric Celletti, Dale Day, John Coughlin, Chris Johnson, David Ross, Scott Shearer, Tim Martch, Sam Cox, Landon Luzar, Scott Pini and Alek Tucker.

The Illinois Arborist Association is setting the standard on Advanced Training courses throughout the arborist industry. The Tree Worker Domain is open to all suggestions to present additional courses. If there is a strong enough interest for adding a course, the IAA will present the course to the Board for approval.

Due to the increased number of Crane accidents, we recently added a “Removing Trees with a Truck Mounted Crane” course, which is a demonstration course only. (Thank you to Kinnucan Tree Experts for donating the use of their crane). If members show enough interest, we can possibly add a hands-on course for this topic.

To check for available courses, visit the IAA website at: [illinoisarborist.org](http://illinoisarborist.org), click on “events”, click on “Advanced Training for Certified Arborists in Illinois” and scroll down to the bottom of the page to view available courses.

## The Landscape Below Ground: Then and Now Jake Miesbauer, PhD

Over 25 years ago, Gary Watson and Ed Gilman – who at the time was on sabbatical at The Morton Arboretum – were in Gary's lab discussing recent research on urban tree roots and soils. Recognizing that a majority of the problems urban trees encounter occur below ground, and wanting to disseminate that information to practitioners, they reached out to a few colleagues to put together a program aimed at a regional audience. Word of the nascent program quickly spread to other researchers who also expressed interest in participating. Support from industry, non-profits,

and ISA followed in short order. These efforts resulted in the first Landscape Below Ground, a conference and workshop focusing on tree root growth and development in urban soils, which was held at The Morton Arboretum in the fall of 1993. The 2-day conference consisted of 24 presentations divided into 2 sessions: Tree Planting and Establishment, and Managing Root Systems and Soil Environments of Established Trees. Major topics included nursery production, transplanting, and soil compaction.

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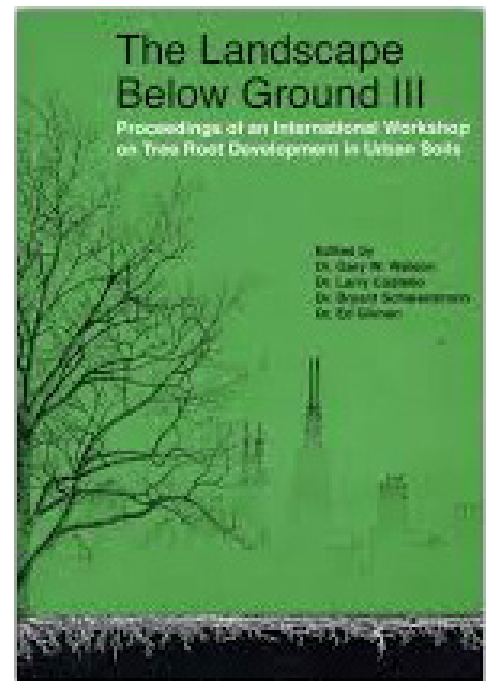
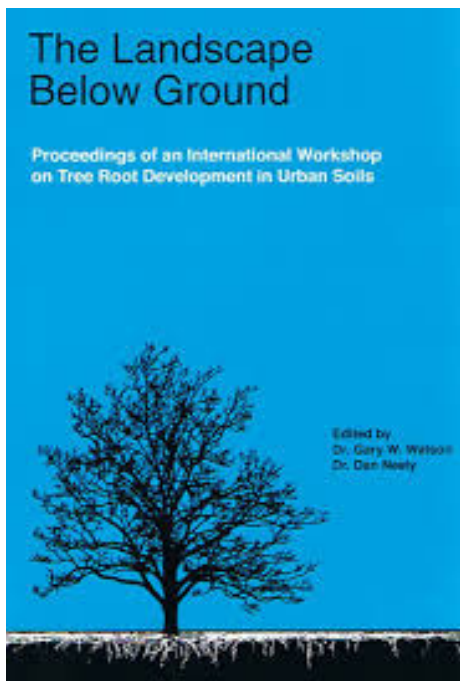
Building on ideas and research presented at that conference, Landscape Below Ground II was held in March 1998 – this time in San Francisco, CA. Expanding on the first conference, presentations ranged in topics including “structural soils, planting pit design, stimulation of root regeneration, mycorrhizae, fill soils, soil compaction, construction-related root injury, root barriers, tree shelters, and water relations of trees” (Landscape Below Ground II conference proceedings).

Ten years later, in October 2008, Landscape Below Ground III returned to Illinois, and was held at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle. The body of research on urban tree roots and soils had grown considerably over that time, evidenced by the expanded number and breadth of presentations – numbering over 50 in total. Following the conference, a researcher summit was held to evaluate the current state of urban tree root and soil research, as well as to develop a framework to guide future research needs.

Another decade has past and significant advancements have been made in the research and management of urban tree roots and soils.

And it is time once again to bring researchers and practitioners together for the fourth Landscape Below Ground, which will be held October 15-17, 2018. The conference will consist of an international program of speakers presenting on the latest research on topics including: urban soil management, root growth and development, planting site design, nursery production, and tree stability. The conference will also include a retrospective from previous conference participants on what we, in the arboriculture community, have learned over the past quarter century. For full conference details and registration visit the website: [www.landscapebelow-ground.org](http://www.landscapebelow-ground.org).

There have been many advances in our understanding of how tree roots grow in urban environments over the past 25 years. During that time, the Landscape Below Ground conferences have played a vital role as a place for researchers and practitioners to come together to exchange knowledge and expertise. You are all invited and encouraged to attend Landscape Below Ground IV. I hope to see you there!



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## Remembering Joe Kramer

It is with our deepest sympathies to say goodbye to our friend, colleague and owner Joseph Kramer. Joe passed away peacefully at his home on May 9th, 2018. Joe is survived by his two sons Todd and Jeff Kramer.

Joe loved his family, friends, employees, career in arboriculture, pets, and golf. A list of all of Joe's passions could go on and on. His fire and passion that he exuded when he would speak with you about anything was infectious and gratifying. He was one of the hardest working, caring and respectful human beings that you could have ever met.

In 1974, Joe Kramer founded Kramer Tree Specialists. He had worked in various jobs prior to this, one of which being with another tree care company. While working for this other tree care company, he felt things could be done better and in a more efficient way. He began Kramer Tree Specialists with the vision of promoting the practice of safe and professional arboriculture and empowering property owners to be the caretaker of their trees. He was a leader in the arboriculture industry through his innovative ideas of how to create the best service in arboriculture and providing an exceptional client experience. Joe was admired and appreciated by all his clients, friends, family and co-workers. He helped build one of the largest family owned arboriculture companies in the state of Illinois and the United States. Joe was actively involved in the Illinois Arborist Association, Illinois Landscape Contractor Association and the Tree Care Industry Association. He was part of the very first class in the state of Illinois in acquiring his ISA Certified Arborist certification. He encouraged all of his staff to develop professionally in their careers and to strive to be the best at their trade and help to empower others.



It was Joe's request to have a memorial service four to six weeks after his passing. His sons, Jeff and Todd along with their families will be coordinating this service. Details will be released as they become available.

Kramer Tree Specialists will miss Joe dearly and will strive going forward to continue to be a leader in the industry and further Joe's vision and legacy through the practice of safe and professional arboriculture. Joe's sons Jeff and Todd Kramer will succeed Joe in this vision along with all the team members at Kramer Tree Specialists to promote the practice of safe and professional arboriculture!

Our dear friend, you will always be with us and in your name we will continue to empower others to be the caretaker of their trees!



## Remembering Earl Throop Sr.

Earl started tree work at a young age working for his father's business. They became partners and Earl eventually bought the business in the early 70's. With his wife, he dedicated his life in building a company that would be respected by all. He succeeded in that quest. Throop & Son Tree Service is Springfield's oldest tree service going on its 90th year and counting. He always wanted to build relationships and not customers. Everyone "loved Earl". His legacy will survive through Earl Jr. and Tammy.

Anyone who knew Earl, knew what a kind, humorous and caring person he was. Earl was quick witted and loved to laugh. Earl has donated time and resources to organizations like the Illinois Arborist Association for years. A few years back, Throop & Son Tree Service, were one of the companies that donated an entire day to do tree work at the Illinois Governor's Mansion. Mike Dirksen, who knew Earl well said it best, "I'm sure the gates were open wide, with a welcome sign that said, Well done Mr. Throop, you worked hard to raise a family, to create a successful business, to take time for family, friends, customers, and the wayward souls that just needed someone to talk to. But most of all, you showed people love. There is no higher achievement than this, than to love and be loved! Your heart is pure, your consciousness is clear, your soul divine...until we meet again, God bless, God speed and rest easy my friend, rest easy."

You will be missed!





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# Calendar of Events

## July 10th

Crane Removal Advanced Training Class

**Location:** Openlands in Lake Forest, IL

## July 18th

Free Electrical Hazards Awareness Program (EHAP)

**Location:** Champaign, IL

## July 18th

IAA Summer Conference

**Location:** Champaign, IL

## July 26th

Arborist Certification, Municipal Specialist and Utility Specialist Exams

**Location:** Mulch Center in Deerfield

## July 28th & August 4th

Abiotic Problems Advanced Training

**Location:** Mulch Center in Deerfield

## August 5 - 8th

ISA Annual Conference & Trade Show

**Location:** Columbus, OH

## August 8th

Arborist Certification, Municipal Specialist and Utility Specialist Exams

**Location:** Homewood Landscape Building

## August 24th

IAA Annual Golf Outing at St. Andrews Country Club

**Location:** West Chicago, IL

## September 18 - November 20

Arborist Certification Workshops and Exam Classes run once per week from 6:30-9:00pm. Exam will be held on November 20. You must pre-register for these workshops.

**Location:** Village of Lombard, Lombard, IL.

## September 22nd

Illinois Arborist Association Tree Climbing Championship

**Location:** St Paul Woods in Morton Grove, IL

## September 24 - 27

TRAQ Classes and Renewal

**Location:**

## November 7

Arborist Certification, Municipal Specialist, and Utility Specialist Exams

**Location:** Homewood Landscape Building

## December 11 - 12

Arborist Certification, Municipal Specialist and Utility Specialist Exams

**Location:** Mulch Center in Deerfield, IL.

## December 11 - 12

IAA Annual Conference and Trade Show

**Location:** Tinley Park, IL.

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Ernest C. Wong of the Site Design Group, known for his inspirational work on park and riverfront landscapes in Chicago, will speak on “Evolving Landscapes: Designing for Resiliency.” Matt Lobdell, Head of Collections and Curator, and Kim Shearer, Tree and Shrub Breeder, The Morton Arboretum will speak on “Developed Landscapes, Developed Plants.” Heidi Hesselein, Vice President of Pleasant Run Nursery in New Jersey, will feature top shrubs in her presentation, “Enhance Your Landscapes: Ornamental Shrubs for the Midwest.” Edward Lyon, Director, Reiman Gardens, Iowa State University will showcase his insights into “Four-Season Resilience: Dwarf Conifers.” And Gary Johnson, Professor, Urban and Community Forestry, University of Minnesota, Department of Forest Resources and Extension will share, “Ten Steps for Successful Landscapes Beyond the Warranty Period.”

The program will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 6. Cost is \$130; members of the Arboretum or Chicago Botanic Garden pay \$106. Registration fee includes lunch, breaks, and free parking at The Morton Arboretum. Call (630) 719-2468 or visit <http://www.mortonarb.org/courses/2018-midwest-tree-and-shrub-conference-resilient-plants-lasting-landscape> for more information and registration.

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# What Joe Kramer has done for the IAA

by Norm Hall

I had every intention of attending Joe Kramer's service on July 29th, but my 87-year-old mom had a medical issue that brought her to the emergency room, and I couldn't make the service. So, I thought I would jot down what Joe Kramer has done for the IAA and let the members read what Joe has done for them.

When I was still competing in the mid 80's, in the IAATCC, I remember Joe and a couple of his employees helping with set-up the day before, bringing a bucket truck to expedite the process. When I took over as organizer, every year, I could count on Joe sending a bucket truck with an operator to help with the tree pruning. On set-up day, Joe always offered to send a group of his employees and a bucket truck to help with set-up.

Recently, on competition day, Kramer Tree Specialists purchased hot dogs, brats and burgers, condiments, chips, soda, and water, had their employees prepare and serve the food to all volunteers and competitors. KTS still does that for the IAATCC to this day. Doing this saves the IAA a lot of money on food and labor.

I don't remember exactly how long ago, but Todd and I presented, to the IAA Board, building the platform for the 'Tree Stand', so the IAA would be able to have "Live Tree Demonstrations" at its annual conference. It was approved, so KTS offered their shop as place to cut and construct the tree stand. We spent 3 Saturdays cutting the lumber to size and constructing the tree stand. KTS had to store the stand during this process. The tree stand was ready to use. The IAA annual conference was approaching. We needed to find a tree, remove it, cut it to size

to fit on a flat bed trailer, secure it to the trailer and store it until it was ready for erection at the convention hall. OK, let's think about this. Finding a tree that's suitable for demonstrations isn't as easy as it sounds. It must have low branching and suitable branching for tie-ins and lowering demonstrations. Once the tree is found, it must be removed, without breaking the branches and branch unions that are needed for the demonstrations. The best solution for this, is to use a crane. KTS has used their crane for every tree that has been used for the IAA annual conference. How does the tree get transported? On a KTS trailer. KTS uses their truck and trailer to transport the tree from their office, where it is stored, to the convention hall. How does the tree stand get to the convention hall? It is transported by a KTS truck and trailer. This takes personnel and equipment. All supplied by KTS. Once at the convention hall, the tree stand must be erected before the tree can be placed in it. KTS brings their crane to erect the stand and place the tree in the stand. It's easy to write about, but think about it, it takes 4 to 5 hours to erect the stand, remove the tree from the trailer, horizontally, de-rig the horizontal rigging and re-install the rigging in a fashion where the tree can be hoisted vertically, to install it in the stand. I asked Todd Kramer how much they spend donating their time just to erect the tree in the convention hall. He told me they figured it was in the \$10,000.00 range, figuring all the man hours and equipment used to make it happen. This is just for the annual conference. No other tree care service has donated as much time to the IAA as KTS has. I wanted all IAA members to see what Joe Kramer has done for them.

Thank you, Joe Kramer, and KTS for all you've done for the Illinois Arborist Association.



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