

FIRST QUARTERLY PROGRAM

February 8

And State Arbor Day Event: CUMMING

Space and Soil, Proper Tree Planting, Successful Community Tree Events

80 in attendance

Speakers: Kay Evanovich, Decatur City Arborist; Seth Hawkins, Georgia Forestry Commission; Tim Lowrimore, Georgia Forestry Commission; Tiffany Bowen, Keep Warner Robins Beautiful; Chan Weeks, Keep Douglasville Beautiful; Susan Russell, Jefferson City Arborist; and Jennifer Archer, City of Cumming

TREES AND ELECTRICAL SAFETY

A Webinar: **March 14**

Program in partnership with the Georgia Power Company

Speakers: Mark Wachter, Utility Arborist Supervisor, Georgia Power; Chris Jackson, Gunnison Tree Services; Jessi Pollard, Utility Arborist, Georgia Power; Troy Townsend, Utility Arborist, Georgia Power; and Sam Morris, Utility Arborist, Georgia Power

37 attendees

SECOND QUARTERLY PROGRAM: DUBLIN

May 18

Managing Trees with Storms in Mind – 40 attended

Speakers: Karen Firehock, Green Infrastructure Center; Darren Green, ASLA, Alexandria, LA; Maymunah Mirza, Georgia Emergency Management Agency; Joan Scales, Georgia Forestry Commission; Scott Berta, Starting a Nonprofit to Raise Funds for Recovery

THIRD QUARTERLY PROGRAM: DOUGLASVILLE

August 10

Trees and the Law – 60 attended

Speakers: Mark Duntemann, Natural Path Urban Forestry, Dr. Arnold Brodbeck, Auburn University

2023 CAMPUS TREE CONFERENCE: ATHENS

September 14

University of Georgia - 70 in attendance

Speakers: Leo Lombardini, UGA Arboretum Committee; Stacy Borden, University of Kentucky Arborist; Andrew Mink, Bartlett Tree Experts; Scott Simpson, Landscape Architect; Holly Campbell, UGA; Alex Hedgepath, Auburn University Arborist; Joan Scales, GFC

2023 ANNUAL GEORGIA TREE CONFERENCE: COLUMBUS

October 25-26

Speakers: Dorothy McDaniel, Trees Columbus; Eric Gansauer, Columbus Consolidated Govt.; Dr. Kim Coder, UGA; Joe Joyner, Davey Resource Group; Holly Campbell and Preston Harden, Warnell School, UGA; Dr. Clifton Ruehl, Columbus State University; Carmen Rodriguez, Eutree; Kelly Lowe, RePurpose Savannah; Matt Lee, Green Infrastructure Center; Jason Gordon, Warnell School, UGA; Lee Clark, GFC; Zoe Rinker, Savannah Tree Foundation; Ashley Taylor, Moon Meeks Associates

115 including awards luncheon

THE GEORGIA RELEAF committee selected 13 organizations / cities for funding in 2022-23: **\$71,468.15** to Cairo, Cedartown, Brunswick, Cochran, Coastal Bryan Tree Foundation, Covington, Gwinnett Housing, Hands On Thomas County, Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful, Keep Warner Robins Beautiful, Oxford, Savannah Tree Foundation, Valdosta. Currently (2023) working to distribute **\$121,049 in IRA and non-IRA funding** to Savannah Tree Foundation, Chatham County, Colquitt, Winterville, City of Dublin, Tifton, Rome, Lawrenceville, Keep Warner Robins Beautiful, Toccoa, Hands On Thomas County, Brunswick Tree Board, Thomaston, City of Valdosta, Cedartown, Cornelia, Oxford, Newborn. Funded by Georgia Forestry Commission.

Fundraising:

Raised \$1155 on Georgia Gives Day

Raised \$21,000 in sponsorships plus \$2450 in exhibitor participation.

Raised \$8055 in membership dollars