



## 2013 Awards of Distinction Recipients

ISA has been honoring members and industry professionals with the Awards of Distinction since 1963. Honorees are recognized in such categories as research, publishing, education, and advancing the cause of the organization. The winners are selected by a diverse group of experts in arboriculture. Look for feature articles on each of these winners in upcoming issues of the *Arborist News*.



### **Research, Education, and Continuous Learning** **Gregory Daniels**

— Award of Merit

Vice Chairman, Chief Business  
Development Officer  
Bartlett Tree Experts  
Stamford, Conn. (US)

Greg Daniels is currently vice chairman and chief business development officer of Bartlett Tree Experts in Stamford, Connecticut.

Daniels willingly shares his knowledge with others in the industry. Though he often works behind-the-scenes, ISA is proud to place Daniels in the spotlight and recognize him with this year's Award of Merit.

Influenced by his father-in-law to join his tree care company, Daniels worked in the family business for several years to establish his career path before joining Bartlett Tree Experts in 1975. From his first job as a local manager to the office of president & COO of Bartlett, Daniels' nearly forty year commitment has focused on research, education and continuous learning.

As a trustee of the Bartlett Tree Foundation, Daniels believes in mentoring the next generation and offering financial support to students pursuing a career in arboriculture. Many times he's allowed ISA to tap Bartlett's pool of talented researchers for the benefit of the industry.



### **Connecting People in the U.K. with Trees**

#### **Dr. Mark Johnston**

— Alex L. Shigo Award for Excellence  
in Arboriculture Education

Professor, Research Fellow,  
Arboriculture and Urban Forestry  
Myerscough College  
Preston, United Kingdom

Dr. Mark Johnston has worked as a contractor, consultant, tree officer and college professor to connect people with trees in schools and communities throughout Britain and Ireland.

This year, ISA is pleased to award Dr. Johnston the Alex L. Shigo Award for Excellence in Arboriculture Education.

Dr. Johnston's classes feature Shigo's books, videos and research papers. The renowned plant pathologist remains a tremendous influence on Johnston and the thousands of students he's taught over the years.

Responsible for the Forest of London project, Dr. Johnston led Britain's first city-wide urban forest initiative and inspired other major urban forest projects across the UK. His *Trees in Towns II* survey for the government on urban trees in England is considered an influential policy and practice guide.

Dr. Johnston developed and led Myerscough College's Master of Science program in Arboriculture and Urban Forestry, the only post-graduate course of its kind in Europe. He is a research fellow in arboriculture and urban forestry at Myerscough, the national center for arboricultural education, in Lancashire, England.



***The Arbor Advisor***  
**Terrill Collier**

—Honorary Life Membership

ISA Certified Arborist®, Owner  
and President  
Collier Arbor Care  
Clackamas, Ore. (US)

As the owner and president of Collier Arbor Care, Terrill Collier of Clackamas, Oregon has a role in all aspects of his tree care company and the arboriculture profession. This year, ISA awards him an Honorary Life Membership.

As the son of the company founder, Collier has transformed his small business into one of the top arboriculture firms in Oregon. He advances the profession by promoting ISA's TreesAreGood™ website, employing a full staff of ISA Certified Arborists and encouraging ISA certification.

Collier is considered one of the most generous arborists in the field, donating his time and talent to a number of causes. Each year, his family participates in the annual Tour des Trees bike ride and together have raised more than \$70,000 to benefit TREE Fund research.

Also named a 2013 True Professional of Arboriculture™, Terrill Collier's standards of excellence are admired by many. He leads with a quiet professionalism and unselfish commitment to the industry.



***Urban Forestry and the Greater Good***

**Dr. Cecil Konijnendijk**

—L.C. Chadwick Award for  
Arboricultural Research

Author, Professor, Researcher  
University of Copenhagen  
Frederiksberg, Denmark

Cecil Konijnendijk's fascination with the ways people experience trees has led to a keen focus in his research on the interactions between urban trees, urban forests and people. He believes maintaining and developing greener cities makes for a stronger case surrounding the benefits of the urban forest.

This year, ISA is pleased to honor Konijnendijk with the L.C. Chadwick Award for Arboriculture Research.

Konijnendijk, of Lund, Sweden, has researched and written more than 200 scientific articles on urban greenbelt planning development and management throughout Europe. He was one of the editors of the first European textbook on urban forestry, "Urban Forests and Trees," and helped launch the scientific journal, *Urban Forestry & Urban Greening*, a respected publication and outlet for urban forestry and arboriculture research.

Konijnendijk is head of the department of landscape architecture, planning and management at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. He is also a professor of green space management at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark.



***A Scientist and His Ornamental Landscape***

**Dr. Daniel Herms**

—R.W. Harris Author's Citation

Author, Professor, Researcher  
—Dept. of Entomology  
The Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio (US)

What began as a passion for the study and care of plants and trees has led Dr. Daniel Herms to a career of research and writing numerous publications to guide arborists, fellow scientists, and students in arboriculture and urban forestry.

Because of Dr. Herms' contributions, ISA is pleased to recognize him with this year's R.W. Harris Author's Citation.

Dr. Herms has written more than 200 publications including more than 70 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters on such topics as emerald ash borer (EAB). His current work on EAB and the development of EAB-resistant trees is believed to have great promise for the future of our urban forest.

Dr. Herms is currently a professor and chair in the Department of Entomology at The Ohio State University. Based at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, his lab conducts research dedicated to understanding the interactions between insects and woody plants and their implications for pest management.

His dedication to research has benefited ISA and will continue to influence the industry for years to come.



***Digging in the Dirt***  
**Dr. Bryant Scharenbroch**

—Early-Career Scientist Award

ISA Certified Arborist®,  
Author, Urban Soil Scientist  
The Morton Arboretum  
Lisle, Ill. (US)

Dr. Bryant Scharenbroch gladly shares his research findings with the industry and is highly regarded by colleagues as an exceptional scientist and scholar with great promise in the field of arboriculture.

And it's why ISA is honoring him with this year's Early-Career Scientist Award.

Dr. Scharenbroch is a soil scientist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois, where he studies urban soils to improve tree growth and longevity. His research on soil assessment and characterization, soil improvement for landscape trees, and ecosystem processes in urban settings is significant for the growth of arboriculture and urban forestry.

An ISA Certified Arborist®, Dr. Scharenbroch has mentored many undergraduate and graduate students and also many citizen scientists in The Morton Arboretum Soil Science Laboratory. In addition, he coordinates the Midwest Urban Tree Care Forum through the Illinois Arborist Association. The event brings students and professionals together with the goal of better preparing the future leaders in our industry.



***Soil: The Key to the Tree***  
**James Urban**

—Award of Achievement

Landscape Architect, Consultant  
Urban Trees + Soils  
Annapolis, Md. (US)

James Urban is not a forester or an arborist, but is considered a leading voice in landscape architecture for the arboriculture industry.

This year, James Urban has been named the 2013 recipient of ISA's Award of Achievement.

Since 1982, he has researched and tested his ideas related to the installation of trees in the urban environment. His book, "Up By Roots," is a study on principle tree and soil references. Sponsored by ISA, but written for landscape architects, its impact has opened many doors for arborists.

Jim is known for developing structural cells and planting soils for under sidewalk pavements and for promoting improved skills among landscape architects when designing tree planting sites in difficult urban soils.

His consulting firm, Urban Trees + Soils in Annapolis, Maryland, assists landscape architects in tree planting, tree preservation, specifications and soil design.



***Never Pass Up an Opportunity to Learn and Teach***

**Peter Gerstenberger**

— Millard F. Blair Exceptional Contribution to Practical Arboriculture

Senior Advisor, Safety, Compliance & Standards  
Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA)  
Londonderry, N.H. (US)

Peter Gerstenberger, senior advisor for safety, compliance and standards at the Tree Care Industry Association, is credited with making the arboriculture industry a much safer profession. For his efforts collaborating with ISA over the past three decades, we honor him with a Millard F. Blair Award for Exceptional Contribution to Practical Arboriculture.

Gerstenberger, who works out of Londonderry, New Hampshire, has developed videos and training manuals for ground operations and tree climbing for TCIA in conjunction with ISA. He's trained more than 4,000 arborists in safety workshops and has written more than 500 articles on safety and compliance for tree care professionals.

The first editor of Tree Care Industry magazine, Gerstenberger has penned columns on safety and government affairs for more than two decades. He's collaborated with OSHA to improve safety throughout the industry and helped write standards for tree work in several states.



***Climbing to New Heights***

**Mark Chisholm**

— Millard F. Blair Exceptional Contribution to Practical Arboriculture

ISA Certified Arborist®,  
International Tree Climbing  
Champion, Instructor  
Aspen Tree Expert Co., Inc.  
Jackson, N.J. (US)

Mark Chisholm has won the ISA New Jersey Chapter Tree Climbing Championship 20 of the last 21 years and has even obtained a world title three times. Chisholm's knowledge, skill and proper techniques in tree climbing, along with his passion for educating students and professionals are the reasons ISA is honoring him with one of two Millard F. Blair Awards for Exceptional Contribution to Practical Arboriculture.

Chisholm is an ISA Certified Arborist® and a New Jersey certified tree expert. He was instrumental in assisting the USDA during a scouting expedition of the Asian long horned beetle in the northeastern U.S. Along with fellow arborist, Tom Dunlap, Chisholm developed the website [treebuzz.com](http://treebuzz.com), an online tool with the latest resource information and innovative tree technology for arborists throughout the world.

A third generation arborist, Chisholm works with his family's tree care company, Aspen Tree Expert Co, Inc., in Jackson, New Jersey.



***Preserving our Living Heritage***

**David and Jared Milarch**

— Honorary Membership

Archangel Ancient Tree Archive  
Copemish, Mich. (US)

Their work on behalf of champion trees has taken this father-son team all over the world. This year, David and Jared Milarch are awarded ISA Honorary Memberships for their outstanding effort to preserve some of the most significant trees on earth.

In 1996, the non-profit, Michigan Champion Tree Project was launched to save the genetics of old forest giants and reproduce them for future generations. Today, there are many archival living libraries of trees spawned from this project including the 9-11 Memorial in New York City and at the Pentagon.

In 2008, David Milarch co-founded the Archangel Ancient Tree Archive to carry on the mission of tree collection, research and production. The goal is to propagate cuttings from trees, archive their DNA and promote reforestation to reverse the threat of global warming.

David and Jared Milarch are third and fourth-generation nurserymen. Jared is executive director of Archangel and owns Milarch Brothers Nursery & Landscaping in Copemish, Michigan.