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Farewell to an Idaho Tree Man

Idaho has lost one of the true champions of trees and urban forestry. Mike Bowman passed away at home on January 23rd.

I expect some readers may not have known Mike. By way of introduction, Jim Fazio—editor for the Arbor Day Foundation and this newsletter and a good friend of Mike's—describes him well. "Mike Bowman was one of the most unusual men I've ever met. During forestry school he began his career as a smokejumper. He then went through the ranks of management in the Forest Service and BLM from Alaska and Idaho to Washington, DC. He had a new—and true—story to tell every time I was with him! After he 'retired,' he became Lewiston's first urban forester and served on the Idaho Community Forestry Advisory Council for many years. After that, he served his church and the underprivileged in Moscow almost on a full time basis. He was a true Christian and humble hero."

Most of us recall those key individuals that have made an impact in our lives and in our careers. Mike was one of those for me. I first met him when I moved to Idaho in 2002. As a member of the council that advised the IDL on the program I was hired to manage, Mike was both a mentor and advocate. What I remember most was his desire to innovate, to engage people, and to push us to step out of our comfort zones or, as Mike so often put it, "to think outside the nine dots." As an urban forester, Mike was well known for his ability to form partnerships that turned otherwise impossible tree-related projects into reality.

When Mike started his second career as Lewiston's City Forester in 1991, Idaho's urban forestry program was just beginning. The list of his accomplishments over the next 15 years is exemplary. Just some of the many projects completed during his tenure were the city's first tree inventory, a licensing program for arborists working within the city, a shaded parking lots program, a crabapple demonstration grove, a Lewis and Clark Memorial Grove, and public

education programs that involved schools and service clubs. Beyond Lewiston, Mike helped a host of other communities create and grow their community forestry efforts, and he was a key voice in shaping IDL's program.

The programs and efforts he helped foster, the thousands of trees he planted, and the people he encouraged and helped are his legacy.

-- David Stephenson

Community Forestry Coordinator

Nampa Receives 'Legacy of Leaves' Award



Photo by Jim Fazio

Nampa City Forester Earl Moran (right) accepts the Legacy of Leaves award from Southern Idaho Community Forestry Assistant Gerry Bates at the Idaho Horticulture Expo in Boise.

Each year, the Idaho Department of Lands, in partnership with Avista Power, Idaho Power and Rocky Mountain Power, cooperate with the Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association (INLA) to provide grants to Idaho communities for Arbor Day celebrations.

The Legacy of Leaves award is then presented to the city or county that has an original Arbor Day celebration, contributes to the community, or accomplishes a large project. INLA requests that award recipients purchase products from their members, strengthening the relationship between cities and the green industry.

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In Memoriam

R. Michael (Mike) Bowman

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This year's award went to the City of Nampa for its dedication to youth education. Nampa held a joint celebration with Northwest Nazarene University and St. Paul's Elementary School. NNU attained the Tree Campus USA designation, the first in Idaho, and an honor that recognizes the care of trees and cooperation between campus and community. Students from NNU and St. Paul's planted 26 trees on campus and at the Idaho Center. Arborists from Nampa were on hand to teach students how to plant and to talk about the importance of community trees.

Idaho Tree Plotter Add-ons

In issue 75 of this newsletter, we introduced a new tree inventory program called Idaho Tree Plotter that is available at no charge to all Idaho cities (<https://pg-cloud.com/idaho>). While this on-line, map-based program is easy to use and powerful on its own, some cities have asked if certain enhancements are available, such

as the ability to track work history. The answer is 'yes.' Additional add-on modules are available directly through Plan-it Geo (www.treeplotter.com)—these add-ons, along with their costs, are listed below:

- 1. Offline** - A separate application allowing users to select an area in which to work without an internet connection and sync new or edited data afterwards to Idaho Tree Plotter. Cost for a city is \$695 a year. Visit www.TreePlotter.com/Offline/ and watch a short YouTube video. It's great for areas with poor cell coverage or tablets without a data plan, and better designed for data collection on a smartphone.
- 2. Work Order Management** – an add-on module to create, edit, track, print, email and report on work orders and (optionally) service requests/inspections. This also provides a complete history of tree work. Cost is one-time at \$1,000 for smaller communities (<10,000 pop.), \$2,000 for most others, and a custom quote for larger cities with custom needs. Comes with online training.
- 3. Local GIS reference layers** can be added for your city that can be turned off and on, such as Rights-of-Way, parcels, neighborhoods, subdivisions, etc. Plan-it Geo can either host the layer or use an existing web service for a live connection to your data. Call for quote at 720-988-2048.
- 4. Local imagery** - similar to above, we can display custom imagery sources in Tree Plotter as an alternative to the existing Bing, Google and Esri base map choices.



YAY! TREES! Arbor Day is a time to Celebrate

In Idaho and many other states, Arbor Day falls on the last Friday in April every year. This year Arbor Day will be celebrated Friday, April 28. As part of the 2017 statewide celebration of our forests and trees, the Idaho Forest Products Commission plans to give away over 24,000 seedlings. There will also be:

- a new YAY! TREES! arbor t-shirt and brochure.
- an opportunity for Idaho students to participate in the “Look to the Forest” photo competition.
- a statewide billboard campaign.
- public service radio announcements.
- social media.
- a celebration at the state capitol.



Communities, schools, clubs and individuals are all welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact the Idaho Forest Products Commission early to reserve seedlings as supplies are limited. The Commission has a “tree-mendous” amount of other resources available to help with your local Arbor Day celebration. To learn more, please visit www.idahoforests.org or contact Betty Munis at (208) 334-3292 or ifpc@idahoforests.org.

Community Forestry Interns Available

If your city is looking for interns for this summer, please send an email to Paul Ries at Oregon State University (paul.ries@oregonstate.edu). OSU has students looking for internship opportunities.

Winter/Spring 2017 Events Calendar

February 22

Turf, Tree, and Landscape Conference, Templin’s Hotel, Post Falls, ID. To learn more and register, visit www.inlagrow.org

February 28

Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council (ILRCC) meeting, Riverside Hotel, Boise. Contact Suzie Jude at sjude@idl.idaho.gov

February 25, March 18, April 2

2017 Spring Arborist Series, Provo, UT. Visit www.utahurbanforest.org for brochure and to register.

April 28, 2017

Celebrate Arbor Day!

Urban Forest Connections Webinar Series:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/research/urban-webinars/>
Webinars are one hour starting at 10 a.m. PDT, 11 a.m. MDT. Visit the website for topics and for previous webinars.

Upcoming Certified Arborist (CA), Certified Tree Worker (CTW), Municipal Specialist (MS) and Utility Specialist (UA) written Exams

April 15, 2017—Spokane, WA (CA, UA, MS)

For information or to register, contact visit <http://www.isa-arbor.com/certification/becomeCertified/index.aspx>



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Tree tip

There's a Drone in your Future

One of the many fine presentations at the Idaho Horticulture Expo in January was 'Drones in Arboriculture' by Dan Staley of Analemma Resources, Aurora, Colorado. He is a person to contact for just about anything you want to know about using drones. In urban forestry, their uses include:



City of South Lake Tahoe, California

The rapid development of drone technology is hard to keep up with but their future use in urban forestry is pretty much a sure thing.

- Aerial observation and/or photography of various kinds including tree canopy assessments and insect or disease occurrence
- Spraying operations
- Delivery of lady bugs or other biocontrols
- Tall tree inspections as part of risk assessment or bid preparation
- Placement of throw lines for climbing