

2009 Texas Tree Conference Evaluations							
Events and Hospitality	1	2	3	4	5	Average	# Responses
Roots Workshop-Appleton		1	1	1	14	4.65	17
Storm Workshop-Gilman			1	4	14	4.68	19
Trade Show/Exhibitors		1	8	18	8	3.94	35
Wednesday BBQ Social				5	18	4.78	23
Awards Luncheon			6	7	19	4.41	32
Municipal Breakfast		1	2		6	4.22	9
Texas Hold 'Em Tournament				3	4	4.57	7
ISAT Business Meeting	1	2	5	5	7	3.75	20
Registration			2	7	22	4.65	31
Meeting Rooms					2	5.00	2
Hotel (cumulative)				10	16	4.62	26
<i>Mariott</i>				2	10	4.83	12
<i>La Quinta</i>					1	5.00	1
<i>Beds</i>				5		4.00	5
<i>Holiday Inn</i>				1		4.00	1
<i>Hotel name not listed</i>				2	5	4.71	7
Conference Sessions (general, track A, or track B)	1	2	3	4	5	Average	# Responses
A: Storms and Your Business (Dr. Watson)				1	21	4.95	22
B: Recovery in Galveston (Merritt and Smith)		1	1	3	17	4.64	22
From Hurricane to Ice (Dr. Gilman)		1	1	12	24	4.55	38
Bare Root to Bare Root (Dr. Appleton)		3	4	11.5	25.5	4.35	44
B: Tree Planning in Dallas (Grubisch & Monear)		1	1	5	7	4.29	14
B: Heritage Tree Campaign (Adams)		1	1	3	6	4.27	11
A: Old and New Threats to Trees (Dr. Appel)		1.5	4	11.5	15	4.25	32
A: Innovations at Bayer Labs (Brooks)			3	11	8	4.23	22
A: The Fourth Factor (Dr. Ford)		1	5	5	11	4.18	22
B: Tips to Tweak Your Talk (Johnson and Henson)			4	3	6	4.15	13
B: Online Social Marketing (Dr. Kirk)			2	7	3	4.08	12
A: New Invasive Insects (Dr. Ludwig)		1	10	11.5	8.5	3.89	31
A: Products from Valent (Mayhew)		2	5	11	3	3.71	21
B: Barton Springs Case Study (Passmore)			5	7	1	3.69	13
A: Horticulture or Hurliculture (Dr. Appleton)	3	6.5	2.5	8	9	3.47	29
Trees, Power lines, and the Law (Cieslewicz)	3	1	15	14	5	3.45	38
B: Review of UVM Practices (Cieslewicz)		1	4	2	1	3.38	8
B: Vested Rights and Trees (Hart)		6	4	2	2	3.00	14

What did you like most about the Texas Tree Conference?

Location B Friday morning talks--the Heritage Tree and the Galveston process were great
Central location
Networking, Music at BBQ, and Ed Gilman
Nothing specific, overall excellent
Dr. Ed Gilman on the tree academy
Excellent speakers and topic
The interplay of Dr. Gilman's Roots/Pruning and Dr. Appleton's bare root planting really taught me new arboriculture
Information about tree roots and growing, insects information very helpful, great location, classrooms, food, organization A+
Tree people, new experts
Great speakers and info
Speakers were very knowledgeable, I learned a lot from key speakers
Academy and practical information
Location and Dr. Gilman's workshop
Hands on workshop
Ed Gilman
The scientific talks were great. They introduced great new research for tree planting.
Networking with friends, ceu credit
Home run with food. On-time mostly--John G. and the Awards Lunch. TDA ceu
Diversity of speakers
Networking with other professionals. Bare root workshop
Good food, speakers, and location
Pre-conference workshop Gilman
All good--well done
Better approaches to tree planting with the Appleton and Gilman workshops. It's good to see new stuff.
Field trip with Appleton
Networking, Social, and bare root hands on workshop before conference
I was pleasantly surprised with the breakfast
Great variety of topics
Topics were very informative
BBQ Social and Awards ceremony
Dr. Appleton's tree planting workshop
More diverse gang than ever before. Thanks for the vegetarian options at the BBQ
Networking and Scholarship allowed me to participate. Thank you.
The hands-on-in-the-field workshop with Bonnie Appleton
Ease, ran very well
Camaraderie--Good keynotes
Dr. Appel gave an excellent talk and I don't like plant path, usually. Awards luncheon was good

How can we improve the Texas Tree Conference to better serve you?

Cell sign off is always a little difficult--too many people cluster and the sheets get picked up too soon
The insects and diseases portions need to be more directly related to cultural practices that we can control--
too many mentions of lightly understood pests. What do we do?
Nothing, everything was excellent--great job--thanks for all your hard work, thanks to sponsors, wow, great conference

Weekdays are better than weekends
Pass around the sign in sheet during seminar
Show BCMA category CEV's on program
More exhibitors/pass out sign up sheets during speaking (for CEU's)
Recycling available at hotel
Continue to bring in high quality speakers
Not have speakers that pitch products. I would rather see more product reviews and pros and cons not just speak on one product from a sales rep
Get a business consultant who can give specific, measurable advice that pertains to tree care
Give more time to the use of pesticides
Have Ed Gilman give roots workshop (half of us were in other track)
Dr. Gilman's workshop could be shorter, never have just one speaker for rigging for removal?
More trade show booths
Iced tea in addition to coffee all day
Require all speakers to supply handouts so we can spend more time listening and less time taking notes
More room for the book store and exhibits
Practical safety measures (implementation of), root care strategies, fertilization topics, biologicals, diagnosing disorders
Rooms were hot. Not enough chairs.
More iced tea
Session B room NEEDED to seat more people
More outdoor workshops
Should know in advance whether a session is science/management/practice. Should not be a surprise after the fact
We are environmental folks--there was recycling at the BBQ for bottles and cans--should have it at hotel--NO bottles water, pitchers of water
Have diff. programs from the two speakers so that we who attended pre-conference will get more out of the talks the next morning
No complaints
Could have more exhibitors. Booths from state agencies, non profits, would be nice as well as more equipment--not climbing, but consulting arborist equipment

What topics would you like to see at next year's conference? Where should we hold it?

I like case study talks for urban/municipal forestry. Also, workshop on communicating with the public would be helpful--press releases, public meetings, outside resource availability.
Austin, San Antonio, Panel of municipal arborists to discuss strengths and weaknesses of various ordinances.
Trouble shooting other issues such as development in the flood plain and FEMA's involvement (CLOMR process)
Field worker/production safety and modern climbing techniques
Waco
Volunteer wrangling
Maybe more on the GIS/Aerial types of surveys like on planting sites and where can we get them to use in smaller cities
Waco, College Station
Trees-insects-damage in S. Texas San Antonio. Held in San Antonio
Something to benefit small businesses. EHAP and CPR/1st AIO training
Round Rock. Impacts of 2009 Drought incorporated with how to deal with water restrictions

I would like to see any new research on ideas on oak wilt management. I hear so many ideas about how many times to treat. It would be nice for some stability in ideas on oak wilt management.

Law, liability

Use of organics and US chemical pesticides. More on working in the field as arborists, i.e. diagnosis

College Station Hilton Hotel

Rigging for removal

Downtown Fort Worth is a GREAT place

More interaction/discussion--Round table discussions with experts from diverse segments of industry (TFS, private, and municipal, etc)

Hold the conference in WACO! More on bare root planting research, working with boards and commissions

Various topics on tree preservation (from design to practical in the field), more Todd Watson on various practical subjects. Waco

Hypoxylon canker, Phytophthora, Ganoderma, Trunk injection technology, College Station, soil lab, soil analysis, structural pruning

Dallas, Texas

Hands-on look at tree defects and what does a professional arborist look like and how does he act

Tree protection and tree replacement plans for site plans and municipalities

In the arboriculture and business section; maybe a panel discussion by owners of tree companies about estimating, bidding, and figuring an hourly rate. Not particularly their exact numbers if they don't want to divulge that info but tips and comments from their own experience

College Station

Palm Tree care: pruning, planting, ID, Fertilization, Rest. Composting/what to do with dead trimmings, trimming, chips, etc

Ordinance writing, simple mutation, more field exercises. Move to E TX, Houston, The Woodlands Area, Beaumont

More detailed FIA update. Tree Appraisal methods. College Station good for '10. San Angelo '11? Lufkin?

Other Comments:

Jim did a great job! (Carse that is). Great Conference, great location. The session rooms were **not** too cold this year!

Bonnie's Ergo talk had almost nothing to do with ergonomics related to arborists. A teachable moment was missed :(

Thanks for excellent vegetarian food

The GIS can be presented to city governments as reasons to plant and maintain the urban forest

Trees-insects-damage in South Texas San Antonio. Held in San Antonio

Speakers should not talk down competitors' products. Limit comments to independent research.

A couple of speakers mentioned they had handouts but did not bring them. Thanks for veggie plates.

Please do not schedule at the same time as ACL

GREAT!

Music and other forms of entertainment at Wednesday's social supper makes casual conversation difficult

More Watson and less Appel

Presenters need to start and finish on time (minor complaint).

More outside, hands-on

The large meeting room smelled like a gym locker room

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Hotel, food was very good. How about a few more Tech Reps give info on how other product science controls "X" pest, improves tree health, etc. Guy LeBlanc on some practical climbing applications, Insurance agent on safety measures

Dr. Ed Gilman very smart but very long winded

2 busses to and from BBQ would be nice

Conference committee did a great job!

Vested Rights and Trees was a good topic to have--very applicable for consulting arborists engineers, etc