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Thank You to INLA Scholarship Contributors

In remembrance of a dear friend and colleague so many of you contributed to a memorial fund in Paul Dykstra's name; in hopes of rewarding and inspiring a young student to make plants their life, as Paul did.

Paul's memorial fund will be presented as a scholarship, going to a promising Horticulture student attending Iowa State University or an Iowa community college. Thank you so much to the following for supporting Paul's mission:

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Preserving Trees Conference June 7 & 8 2012

The Preserving Trees Conference sponsored by Trees Forever, Kirkwood Community College and the Iowa Arborist Association will feature Dr. Gary Johnson from the University of Minnesota and Dr. Jeff Iles from Iowa State University.

The event will take place on June 7 and 8, 2012, at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center and will run from 8:30 A.M. - 4 P.M. on June 7th and from 8:30 A.M. - 1 P.M. on the 8th. To inquire

about the discounted room rates call The Hotel at Kirkwood before May 17!

Take advantage of this great opportunity to learn about how to care for big trees and to how to select and care for young trees so they, too, one day become big and healthy.

The material presented at this workshop will be of particular interest to land managers & others who want to grow, maintain and evaluate their large trees.

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First Annual INLA Service Day!



The first Annual INLA Service Day will be September 12, 2012. The project will take place on the State Capitol grounds and will be a fun filled all day event.

We encourage you to put this on your calendars, so our first service day will be a successful event.

More details will be shared throughout the Summer. Please feel free to call Joan O'Brien with any questions. She can be reached by email at joano@agribiz.org or by calling 515-262-8323.

Hope to see you all there!

Classroom Abuzz with Questions About Bees

By: Janet Klockenga

Heather Anderson's first- and second-grade class was abuzz Monday when state apiarist Andrew Joseph paid a visit with a hive of honeybees.

Joseph brought a plexiglass-enclosed portable hive filled with bees for his presentation. He talked to the kids about how bees make honey and how the honey is harvested.

He also worked to dispel a few myths about the honey-producing insects.

"Bees are not mean insects; they are really gentle," he said. "Honeybees are really smart. And, they've been bred to be good honey foragers and to over-winter well."

The topic inspired hands to fly in the air: The kids wanted to compare bee-sting stories.

"I got stung five times in one day!" one boy said. "I stepped on a bee."

"Yes, that'll do it," Joseph said.

He produced a white bee suit and hat with veil, which beekeepers wear to protect themselves from being stung.

"After a while, as they get more comfortable, a lot of beekeepers stop wearing the bee suit," he said. "But most always wear the veil."

He explained that the honeybee is the only type of bee that dies after it stings someone.



Honeybees are not native to the U.S., Joseph said, adding the Pilgrims brought them here on the Mayflower.

After passing around a frame from a man-made beehive, Joseph told the students that honey is harvested by scraping a frame with a hot knife. The frames then are put in a honey extractor that spins to draw out the rest of the honey.

"It goes right into jars," he said. "That's how you buy it at the store. When you think of it, how many products do you buy at the store that are that pure?"

Joseph, who has been the state apiarist since 2008, works to register and inspect apiaries and he acts as a contact for beekeepers all over the state. He also does occasional outreach programs on beekeeping and agricultural ecology.

Order Your INLA Garden Catalog

The Iowa Nursery and Landscape Association strives to provide our members the tools and knowledge needed to run a successful business. One of the tools INLA provides are Garden Catalogs that you can provide to your customers.

INLA offers the following catalogs, planners, and care guides: trees and shrubs, perennials, ideas, yard and garden, and planting and care guide.

Attached is the order form for INLA catalogs. If you would like to order any catalogs, please fill out the form and return it to the INLA office. If you have any questions, please call the INLA office at 515.262.8323.

INLA Job Board

The INLA has a new job board feature on the website.

This feature will be a great tool if you are in the market for a new job or if you are a company looking for talent! Both resumes and job postings are welcome.

Our hope is to create a more efficient way for our industry to interact, when it comes to employment and sustaining our level of professionals.

To access the job board on the website please go to: <http://iowanla.org/job-postings/>