



Our Mission:
*To Enhance the Quality of Life Through Stewardship of
 Our Commonwealth's Urban and Community Trees*

2015 Annual Report

Academic Scholarships

Awarded \$4,000 in Undergraduate and Graduate programs

Undergraduate scholarship recipients

- Robert Nance, Virginia Tech, B. S. Horticulture, Concentration in Landscape Contracting, \$1,700
- Louise Cohn-Still, Virginia Tech, Forestry, \$800

Graduate scholarship recipient

- Keith O'Herrin, Virginia Tech, Urban Forestry, \$1,500

Trees Virginia Workshops

- Held the Roanoke Tree Care Workshop ***Working with Trees Naturally*** in March
- Held the Waynesboro Tree Care Workshop ***Revelling in the Magnificence of Trees*** in September

Northern Virginia Urban Forestry Roundtable

- Biennial Conference, ***Healthy Soils for Healthy Trees***

Three quarterly Roundtables:

- Preserving Mature Trees

- Obtaining Quality Trees: What You Need to Know
- Root Appreciation Day



(Root Appreciation Day)

Hampton Roads Urban Forestry Roundtable

Two Roundtable meetings were held in Hampton Roads

- Specifying, Selecting and Planting Quality Trees
- Brock Environmental Center and Pleasure House Point Natural Center

Sponsored the Big Tree Intern

The 2015 Virginia Big Tree Program Intern was John Matiuk, a graduate student in the College of Natural Resources and Environment at Virginia Tech.



(John Matiuk)

We Also:

- Provided a scholarship to Jennifer Hughes the arborist from the City of Lexington to attend the Society of Municipal Arborist's **Municipal Forestry Institute**, covering the full cost of her registration
- Provided funds to communities to plant their **Arbor Day Tree**. This year 9 communities received funding; Fairfax, Franklin, Fredericksburg, Lexington, Luray, Reston, Richmond, Vinton and Waynesboro
- Representatives from Trees Virginia visited our Congressmen in Washington DC to make contacts and provide outreach
- Fundraising has continued for the Bonnie Appleton Memorial Fund

Tree Stewards

- The Front Royal/Warren County, Arlington & Alexandria, Charlottesville Area, Central Rappahannock Area, Roanoke and Jamestown Tree Stewards groups were awarded \$2,500 in Mini-Grants to support volunteers in providing education and tree care in their communities around the Commonwealth.
- A new Tree Steward group, Central Rappahannock held its first training class in the spring of 2015. There are now 12 groups with over 450 members.