



# 23RD ANNUAL THINK TREES CONFERENCE

January 29 & 30, 2009

Albuquerque Marriot Pyramid

Albuquerque, New Mexico

[www.thinktreesnm.org](http://www.thinktreesnm.org)



***Achieving a sustainable urban forest***

## **SPEAKERS**

Dr. Gary Johnson

Dr. Jim Downer

Dr. Larry Costello

David Salman : keynote

Nick Kuhn

Dr. Carol Sutherland

Dr. Natalie Goldberg

Ron Lorenzen

Greg Miller, ASLA

Andrew Lisignoli

Paul Bryan Jones

Bryan Suhr



CEUs Offered: 10 ISA, 4 NMDA



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We see the trees we plant and prune now grow into old age. What better green idea is there? Conservation of resources is a major part of sustainable landscape. As tree care professionals we need to promote tree health and longevity. It is our responsibility to use correct horticulture practices in the planting and maintaining of trees and to share this goal with our communities.

## Conference Schedule

### Thursday, January 29

- 7:15-8:00 Registration
- 8:00 Welcome: Judy Nickell, president, Think Trees
- 8:15 Keynote: David Salman, Trees in a High Desert  
Trees can and do belong in a high desert environment. Let's plant them and commit to their success.
- 8:45 Nick Kuhn: Determining Environmental Services of Urban Forestry Management  
Urban forests are defined. A look at the benefits a green infrastructure provides and the tools we have to protect it.
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Jim Downer: The Importance of Soil Organic Matter for Tree Health  
Trees are as good as the soil they are planted in. Learn what soils grow trees.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Larry Costello: Identifying Defects That May Contribute to the Structural Failure Of Urban Trees.  
What tree do you plant and what trees do you leave on the truck.
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Larry Costello: Structural Pruning for Young Trees: Why and How?  
How to train a tree for beauty and longevity.
- 3:30 Natalie Goldberg: New & Emerging Diseases in Urban Trees  
What are the new tree diseases? Management strategies for the diseases are suggested.

### Friday, January 30

- 8:00 Welcome & Housekeeping: Judy Nickell
- 8:15 Gary Johnson: Best Planting Practices: Anyone Can Plant a Tree, But How Long Will It Live?  
All the good and bad things about trees begin at planting time. Learn the latest research on best planting techniques.
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Gary Johnson: Detecting Stress Before It's Too Late  
Infrared photography is an effective tool for detecting early stress in trees.
- 10:30 Ron Lorenzen: Trees & Sidewalks: Is Sustainability Possible in the Face of Conflict  
There is a conflict between trees and sidewalks. What are the alternatives to tree removal?
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Sustaining Trees, 5 person panel:  
Gary Johnson, Ron Lorenzen, Bryan Suhr, Greg Miller; Nick Kuhn.  
Andrew Lisignoli, moderator  
What do we need to do to increase the survival of trees?
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Carol Sutherland: Is an Urban Forest Sustainable? An Entomological Perspective.  
Insects are necessary for tree health and a balanced ecosystem. Learn the insects to protect and the ones to control.
- 3:45 Paul Bryan Jones: Tree Care  
The tree care professional makes responsible choices now for the future of the urban forest
- 4:15 Fund-raiser and Conference End

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

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(505) 243-1386

# Registration

## REGISTER NOW! THIS IS YOUR ONLY MAILING!

The first 75 people to register will be placed in a drawing to receive a FREE registration!

Registration is due by January 9, 2009, and will be accepted on a first come first served basis. No refunds after January 9; \$10 will be deducted from refunds for early cancellations. Fees include: 2-day conference, 2 lunches and refreshments.



- **\$135 Registration** (before January 9)
- **\$60 Students with valid I.D.** • **\$160 Registration at the door** (no discounts)

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NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$135 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
( \$160 after Jan 9 )

NUMBER OF STUDENT PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_ X \$60 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to **Think Trees NM** and send along with completed form to:

**THINK TREES NM • P.O. BOX 21037 • ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87154**

or register on our *new and improved* website at **[www.thinktreesnm.org](http://www.thinktreesnm.org)**

For Registration Information: Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Office (505) 243-1386

## Speakers

**DAVID SALMAN**, as owner of Santa Fe Greenhouses and High Country Gardens searches for and evaluates the performance of new plants for the western garden. He recently received the American Horticultural Society's Award for Commercial Horticulture.

**NICK KUHN**, the City Forester for Albuquerque, has been involved in forestry at the city, state, and federal levels since 1991. His goal is to make Albuquerque a leader in urban forestry management

**JIM DOWNER** of the Ventura, California University Cooperative Extension Service, teaches, advises farmers, and writes about horticulture topics; notably soils, mulches, plant pathogens, and horticultural pests. He has received two research awards and the ISA award for excellence in teaching.

**LARRY COSTELLO**, an Environmental Horticulture Advisor with the California extension service in the San Francisco Bay area, has been conducting an education and applied research program in urban forestry and landscape horticulture since 1981. He received the ISA award for Arboricultural Research.

**NATALIE GOLDBERG**, as the Extension Plant Pathologist at

NMSU and the interim head of the Extension Plant Sciences Dept., identifies new plant diseases in New Mexico and provides information on disease outbreaks in New Mexico to the public and to the regional and national pest information databases.

**GARY JOHNSON** has been Professor of Urban and Community Forestry at the University of Minnesota since 1992. Most of Gary's research has focused on mitigating construction damage to trees and other abiotic stresses.

**RON LORENZEN** has been the Chief Forester for the City of Los Angeles since 1992, and in the tree care profession since 1971. His duties include development of specific and strategic plans for the city's tree maintenance and oversight of the city's Tree Protection Ordinance.

**CAROL SUTHERLAND** has been an entomologist at NMSU since 1980. She identifies insects for the public and the green industry, and summarizes biological and control information as needed.

**PAUL BRYAN JONES** owns a Taos consulting arborist business, is President of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of ISA, and a member of the New Mexico Urban Forestry Council.



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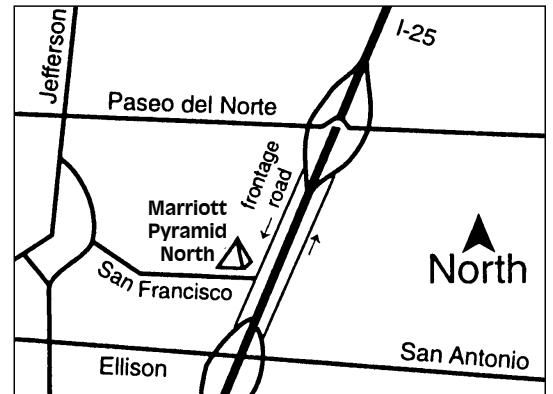
### ACCOMMODATIONS:

The Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid North is located just south of Paseo del Norte along the frontage road west of I-25



#### Other Nearby Accommodations

- **Courtyard by Marriott**  
5151 Journal Center Blvd NE  
(505) 823-1919
- **Hampton Inn**  
5101 Ellison NE  
(505) 344-1555
- **La Quinta Inn**  
5241 San Antonio NE  
(505) 821-9000



Certification exams for the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) will be held on Friday, January 30 starting at 3:30 p.m. Locations will be announced and posted at the conference. The ISA exam fee is \$125 (\$225 for non-members). Application deadline for ISA exam is January 9, 2009. For more information or to register for the ISA Certification Exam, go to [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com)



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