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## **March Workshops Focus on Tree Care**

LINCOLN—The Great Plains is a difficult place to grow trees and the 2014 Tree Care Workshops focus on some of those challenges. The Nebraska Forest Service will hold full-day workshops in March in Hastings, Ord, Norfolk, Lincoln and Omaha.

“The earlier difficulties with root systems, diseases and branch formation can be identified and managed, the less problematic they are,” said Graham Herbst, community forester specialist for the Nebraska Forest Service. Herbst said this year’s sessions offer excellent resources for anyone involved in tree care, right down to individual homeowners:

- The life stages of trees, with a focus on the best care for each stage.
- How trees respond to insects and pathogens as well as to pruning or other management.
- Waterwise solutions for more resilient landscapes.
- Root production and management before planting; with hands-on root dissection.
- Demonstration of pruning young trees for better long-term branching and structure.

Tree Care Workshops are developed for public works employees, landscape managers, tree board volunteers, arborists, nursery and green industry professionals and landscape enthusiasts. The opening session, “Coffee with a Forester,” provides an opportunity for participants to ask specific questions about landscapes in their care.

Workshops are scheduled for March 18 in Hastings, March 19 in Ord, March 20 in Norfolk, March 25 in Lincoln and March 26 in Omaha. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and sessions end at 4 p.m. Registration is \$50 (go online for a list of potential discounts), with lunch included in the registration fee. Sponsored by the Nebraska Forest Service and Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, these workshops are partially funded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust, a beneficiary of the Nebraska Lottery, and are held in cooperation with Northeast Community College, Lower Loup Natural Resources District and Joslyn Castle.

Information and registration forms are online at the Nebraska Forest Service website, <http://nfs.unl.edu/tree-care-workshops>. Register by March 1 or contact Graham Herbst at 402.444.7875 or email [g Herbst2@unl.edu](mailto:g Herbst2@unl.edu).

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