

Spring 2018 Canopy Coverage, President's Message

I don't know about you..., but I'm ready for Spring!! We've had quite a few teasers here in WV, but warmer weather just hasn't settled in yet. Many trees have begun to bloom only to be covered in a dusting or more of late Spring snow. Others are patiently waiting and are ready to burst with beautiful blooms as soon as we get a streak of warmer weather. In many of our professions, this initial burst in the growing season coincides with ramping up our maintenance plans for the coming year. Lots of climbing and trimming ahead!

Speaking of climbing, MAC-ISA has just wrapped up another wonderful Tree Climbing Championship. This year's event was held at the beautiful American University Campus in Washington DC. Congratulations to our new champions Chris Coates and Jocelyn Lohse!! Be sure to check out the photos and full results of the

competition in the feature article in this edition of Canopy Coverage. As always, a huge thank you to all of the volunteers, exhibitors, sponsors, judges and climbers. We could not put on this event without you! And thank you to everyone that came out to watch. I hope you enjoyed the amazing display of climbing skills and had a chance to visit with our exhibitors and sponsors.

Next up for MAC-ISA will be our annual Day of Safety. It will be held on June 16th at Northern Virginia Community College (Loudoun Campus) in Sterling, VA. Once again, the Day of Safety committee has put together a great program for this event and we hope to see many of our members there.

During this busy season of applying our knowledge towards growing and tending to trees, please keep your fellow MAC-ISA members in mind and

consider nominating them for one of our Annual Chapter Awards: Award of Merit, Volunteer of the Year, Honorary Chapter Membership and Lifetime Achievement Award. Check out our website for more information on each award and instructions for nominations. Please help us recognize and celebrate the wonderful accomplishments that our Chapter achieves throughout the year.

I hope that you all have some exciting Spring projects planned for this season. Whether working at home, in the field or in the office, please remember to always stay safe!

*Thank you,
Lauren McCallister
MAC-ISA President*