

ISA-Atlantic Chapter Notice of Spring Meeting Saturday, April 25, 2009
NSAC Campus, Truro, NS 9:45 am to 3:30 pm



Featuring Aerial Rescue Demos

Program for Saturday, April 25/09 Collins Horticulture Building 160 College Rd.

- 9:45-10:15 am: Registration & coffee
- 10:15-10:45 am: Short business Meeting & Overview:
- 10:45-12:00 noon: Panel discussion led by **Tracey Mackenzie** on: "**Trends, Challenges and Innovations in the Arboricultural Industry**". Participants including Tracey with educational perspective are Moncton's Parks supervisor, **Dan Hicks** from a municipal context, **Matt Follett** with an outsider's look at the commercial side in the AC region (Matt has worked in a number of places in the US, Canada and now Nova Scotia) and **Stan Kochanoff** from consulting arborist's viewpoint.

Each panel member will present a brief outline of their view of the situation with the balance of time going to the audience for questions and comments. We hope this discussion may lead us to find out what the current trends are, what are the challenges facing our industry are and who are the firms that are doing some innovative

things ("the movers and shakers") in the arboricultural industry. Maybe we can develop some goals on how we can move forward. Here in Atlantic Canada, we are still lagging behind in the recognition of arborists and the role they play in our environmental management.

- 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm: **Lunch at the college cafeteria** (Dutch treat)

Afternoon Session

1:00 pm-3:30 pm: Aerial Rescue and First-Aid Demonstrations NSAC campus presented by our Atlantic Tree climbing champion, **Matt Follett** and assistant **Kyle Mohler** (firefighter & paramedic)

Their demo includes: Methods of tree entry, victim assessment within the tree, and decisions on rescue progression. Participants are encouraged to bring climbing gear, as this will be a hands-on activity and there will be an opportunity to participate in several mock scenarios.

A second notice will be e-mailed out to all members the second week in April as a reminder. Spread the word as we hope to have a good turnout before everybody gears up for the coming season. This information will also be posted on our web site @www.isaatlantic.org

We will be at the NS Garden & Patio/ Ideal Home Show with our new display unit next weekend March 27-29/09. Drop in to see us or lend a hand!

Cheers, **Stan Kochanoff, President ISA-Atlantic Chapter**