

Charlotte Street Foundation's Urban Culture Project presents:

# **diaLog** A SERIES OF PRESENTATIONS BY AREA TREE EXPERTS

HOSTED BY ARTIST KURT FLECKSING



"diaLog offers the public, artists, and local tree specialists an opportunity to examine the place and methods of art exchange, and learn about tree-care in the process. In addition, I am creating a participatory, educational environment supported by (literally) seating designed for this exchange."  
Kurt Flecksing, artist

## **PARAGRAPH GALLERY / 23 E 12<sup>th</sup> KCMO / FREE AND OPEN TO ALL**

Organized in conjunction with the exhibition *Happy Tree Friends Part II*

Saturday, May 2, 2009, noon:

### Ivan Katzer – "The History of Arboriculture"

Katzer's presentation will address the importance and use of wood and wood products in the daily lives of ordinary people from the Middle Ages to the present day. Katzer has more than 45 years in the tree care industry, is a member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists, and is a Board Certified Master Arborist.

Saturday, May 9, 2009, noon:

### Kevin Smith – "Urban Forestry and Pruning"

Smith has worked with the Johnson County Park & Recreation District the past 25 years, first as Supervisor for the Shawnee Mission Park Crew and then as District Forester overseeing the Forestry and Horticulture Maintenance program for all the County-run Parks, Golf Courses and Recreational Facilities. He received a B.S. in Landscape Horticulture from Kansas State University in 1978 and has been a Kansas Arborist Associate Certified Arborist since 1990.

Saturday, May 16, noon:

### Bob Haines - "How to Kill a Tree"

Bob Haines is a self-employed professional Consulting Arborist and an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist. He graduated with a B.S. in Horticulture from Virginia Tech in 1977. Haines is a member of the International Society of Arboriculture, an ISA Certified Municipal Specialist, an ISA Certified Tree Worker and Evaluator and Certification Proctor, and a Kansas Certified Arborist and Certified Commercial Pesticide Applicator.

May 23, noon:

### Amy Bhesania – Heartland Tree Alliance

Amy Bhesania is Board Chair of Heartland Tree Alliance. HTA's mission is to engage people of the greater Kansas City region to take action and advocate for a healthy community forest. Amy will speak about opportunities for people to get more involved with trees in their community.

\* all of the wood used for this work was donated by Kevin Smith, and has been harvested as part of the Johnson County Tree maintenance program

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