

THOMAS J. MUGRIDGE

Registered Consulting Arborist
Biographical Information

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GRADE SCHOOL: St. Gregory the Great - South Euclid, OH
1960-1968

HIGH SCHOOL: St. Ignatius High School - Cleveland, OH
1968-1972: degree received - college preparatory

COLLEGE: John Carroll University - University Heights, OH
Fall 1972 to fall 1975 full-time; I later returned to continue my studies at night school; graduated in May of 1982 with a B.S. degree in Psychology.

WORK HISTORY RELATING TO ARBORICULTURE:

Forest City Tree Protection Co., Inc.
South Euclid, OH 44121

I began working in the summer of 1968 in the nursery learning weed control and basic plant care, going out to help on a crew when needed.

Subsequent summers during high school my principal work was helping on a spray or trim crew. In my senior year of high school (1972) I was put in charge of the vertical mulching crew (a method of tree fertilization). I also began learning climbing skills that summer, along with more training in spray and fertilization techniques.

After a brief hiatus, I returned to regular employment in April 1976, performing all phases of tree care. I became a foreman in 1977, was promoted to Operations Manager in 1982 shortly after receiving my college degree, and to General Manager in 1989.

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS:

- American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA), since 1990.
- International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) - both the Ohio Chapter and International, since 1983.
- Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) – formerly the National Arborist Association
- Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association (ONLA)
- Society of Commercial Arboriculture (SCA)
- Board of Directors of Scenic Ohio (formerly Ohio Roadside Council) and their representative to the Ohio Chapter ISA, since 1983.
- Cleveland Botanical Garden

OHIO-CHAPTER ISA COMMITTEES SERVED ON:

- Jamboree Judge, 1987 to 1993.
- Commercial Arborists Committee, 1986 to 1993.
- Served on the ad hoc committee for the development of the Ohio Chapter's Certified Arborist Program (this program won the ISA Special Projects Award in 1989).

OHIO-CHAPTER ISA COMMITTEES SERVED ON AS THE CHAIRMAN:

- Awards Committee, 1988 to 1992
- Commercial Arborist Committee, 1990
- Nominating Committee, 1994
- Long-Range Planning Committee, 1994
- Membership Committee, 1995 & 1996

OTHER COMMITTEES:

- Bylaws Committee - American Society of Consulting Arborists, 1999
- **ASCA**'s representative to the ANSI A300 Committee, 2001 – 2007
- Standards Review Committee – Tree Care Industry Association (Vice Chairman) 2001- present
- Membership Committee – International Society of Arboriculture, 2001 – 2004
- Membership Committee – International Society of Arboriculture, Chairman, 2004 – present
- Ad Hoc Conference Site Selection Committee for **ISA**, 2006 - 2007

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD:

- Board of Directors of Ohio Chapter **ISA**, 1989 - 1991.
- Ohio Chapter **ISA** Vice-president, 1992
- Ohio Chapter **ISA** President, 1993
- Board of Directors **SCA**, August 2000 – August 2006
 - Elected President-Elect August 2006
- Board of Directors, **ASCA**, 2004 – 2006
 - Elected President-Elect 2006
 - Elected President 2007

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:

- Member of the Hillcrest Rotary Club of Cleveland since July 1985; Positions held:
- Sergeant-at-arms, July 1986 to June 1987
 - Program chairman, November 1987 to June 1988
 - Club Secretary, July 1988 to June 1990
 - Club President-elect, July 1990 to June 1991
 - Club President, July 1991 to June 1992
 - Program chairman, July 1992 to June 1994
 - Sergeant-at-arms, July 1995 to June 1996
 - Sergeant-at-arms, July 1999 to June 2000
 - Director of Club Service, July 2000 to June 2002
 - Program chairman, July 2002 to June 2003
 - Chair of the club's major fund-raiser, "A Taste of Hillcrest" – 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008

CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES:

- ISA Certified Arborist – OH 0060A (Certified in January, 1989)
- Ohio Certified Landscape Technician #234 (Certified in January, 1987)
- Ohio Pesticide Commercial Applicator License # 6587 – Categories 6A and 10D

TREE EVALUATION SEMINARS ATTENDED:

Ohio Chapter **ISA**-sponsored events:

- Tree Appraisal - 1985
- Trees, People and the Law - 1985
- Knots, Ropes & Rigging - 1987
- Evaluating Trees and Damages to Trees - 1987
- Hazard Trees - January 1991, in Columbus Ohio
- Tree Evaluation - January 1992, in Columbus Ohio
- Tree Evaluation - January 1993, in Columbus Ohio

Other Educational Seminars (various sponsors):

- Dutch Elm Disease - Canada, 1979
- Hydraulic Sprayer Application & Calibration – 1984, 1985
- Plant Pest Diagnostic Lab - 1986.
- Tree Fertilization - 1987
- Construction Damage to Trees – October, 1988, Syracuse NY
- Estimator's Workshop - November 1994, in Philadelphia, PA; sponsored by the National Arborist Association.
- MFPA (Michigan Forestry and Park Association) Feb 21 and 22, 2005
 - Gave 4 presentations regarding the ANSI A300 Standards (Pruning, Tree Support Systems, and Fertilization)

ANNUAL MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS ATTENDED:

American Society of Consulting Arborists- held annually in fall/early winter:

- Portland, ME 1993
- New Orleans, LA 1995
- Seattle, WA 1996
- Orlando, FL 1997
- San Antonio, TX 1999
- Newport, RI 2000
- San Diego, CA 2001
- Bethesda, MD 2002
- Lake Tahoe, NV 2003
 - Participated as a panelist comparing 2 methods of appraisal: Cost-of-Cure versus Trunk Formula
- Philadelphia, PA 2004
- Palm Springs, CA 2005
- Napa, CA 2006
- Nashville, TN 2007

Ohio Chapter ISA:

- Foreman's training meeting, held in February or March, 1978 - 1995.
- Summer meeting, 1983 - 1995, 1998, 2000.
- Short Course and Trade Show, held in Columbus OH, 1983 - 1996.
- Ohio Tree Care Conference, held in Columbus OH – Jan, 1998
- Ohio Tree Care Conference, held in Columbus OH – Jan, 2002
 - o Presented a one-hour seminar on the importance of keeping proper work records, including proper record-keeping for pesticide usage in compliance with EPA regulations.
- Summer Meeting June 18, 2004
 - o Delivered a one-hour presentation on recruiting and retaining employees.

ISA International Conference: (held annually in July or August)

- Milwaukee, WI 1985
- St. Charles, IL 1989
- Toronto, Canada 1990
- Philadelphia, PA 1991
- Bismarck, ND 1993
- Halifax, Nova Scotia 1994
- Hilton Head, SC 1995
- Cleveland, OH 1996 (I also served as the Field Day Chairman for this conference)
- Salt Lake City, UT 1997
- Birmingham, England 1998
- Stamford, CT 1999
- Baltimore, MD 2000
- Milwaukee, WI 2001
- Seattle, WA 2002
- Montreal, Canada 2003
- Pittsburgh, PA 2004
- Nashville, TN 2005
- Minneapolis, MN 2006
- Honolulu, HI 2007

Tree Care Industry Association (formerly the National Arborist Association): (held annually in January or February)

- St Thomas, VI 1985
- Monterey, CA 1986
- Marco Island, FL 1987
- Tampa, FL 1991
- Hawaii, HI 1994
- Orlando, FL 1995
- San Diego, CA 1996
- Nassau, Bahamas 1997
- New Orleans, LA 1998

- Cancun, Mexico 1999
- Southampton, Bermuda 2000

Tree Care Industry Expo (sponsored by the **TCIA**, held annually in November):

- Cleveland, OH 1993
- Philadelphia, PA 1994
- Columbus, OH 1997
- Columbus, OH 2001
- Milwaukee, WI 2003
 - o Presented 2 workshops on writing pruning specifications in accordance with the ANSI A300 standards.

SEMINARS PRESENTED BY DR. ALEX SHIGO:

- Tree Health Seminar - U.S. Forest Service Lab in Durham, NH 1983
- New Tree Biology - Chautauqua, NY 1987