



2026 TREE STEWARDS CLASS

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 9-OCTOBER 14 (6 SESSIONS),

9 AM-1 PM

CLASS FEE: \$120

CLASS LOCATION: MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDEN

Investigate and learn about our urban forest. Instruction and outdoor learning will cover tree anatomy and physiology, the history of urban forestry, environmental factors affecting trees, tree species identification, tree planting and care, tree selection, tree pruning, tree problems and diagnosis, invasive species in Tennessee, how trees support wildlife, and tree law for homeowners. Classes are designed for the public, municipal employees, plant-related non-profits, arboretums, members of neighborhood associations, tree boards, garden clubs, and plant societies.

INSTRUCTORS

Dr. Eric Bridges - CF, Director of Operations & Capital Improvements: Overton Park Conservancy,

Wes Hopper - ISA Certified Arborist Instructor, Owner of Urban Forestry Consulting,

Dr. Mark Follis - Follis Tree Preservation President, Laurie Williams - Retired Horticulturist, Bill Bullock - Invasive Plant Removal Specialist: Overton Park, Joellen Dimond - Horticulturist

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- *The registration fee includes all classroom materials, a notebook, and dues for both the West Tennessee Urban Forestry Council and the state TUFC organization (upon submission of completed examination).*
- *CEUs may be available for ISA certified arborists upon request.*
- *Participants in this program can become certified as a Urban Forestry Tree Steward volunteer after completing 20 volunteer hours after their course and completion of the test.*

For additional information email jshellab@comcast.net

Registration is only available online.

Class size is limited; early registration is recommended.



Visit membg.simplertix.com or scan the QR code to register.

