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## COLLIER ARBOR CARE PRESIDENT EARNS URBAN FORESTRY AWARD

Terrill Collier, president of Collier Arbor Care, has won a 2009 State Urban Forest Award in the professional category for his long time support of urban tree care.

Jointly hosted by Oregon Community Trees and the Oregon Department of Forestry, Collier was chosen to recognize his efforts as a member of the Portland Urban Forestry Commission, his support for Friends of Trees and other activities on behalf of a healthy and growing urban tree canopy,” according to Paul D. Ries, urban and community forestry program manager for the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The award is one of four given annually.

Collier, has been a member of the Urban Forestry Commission for 10 years and has financially sponsored Friends of Trees plantings throughout the metropolitan area as well as contributing his own time and that of his certified arborists.

“This award isn’t for one thing. Collier has been a continuing presence in our efforts to protect and create more urban canopy for a number of years. I think the committee felt he deserved the award for his efforts over a period of time,” said Ries.

Collier, who is 2009 chair of the 2000-member national Tree Care Industry Association, also has been active nationally with urban canopies. He and his family have raised around \$50,000 for urban tree research by riding in the annual Tour des Trees bicycle ride that raises funds for the Tree Research Education and Endowment Fund (TREE Fund). Among other things, the TREE Fund’s mission is to fund such projects as research into issues surrounding urban trees and urban forests, up to four annual college scholarships and a variety of public awareness programs dealing with the plight of urban canopies.

Collier Arbor Care opened in 1937. It is among the oldest and largest full service tree and shrub care companies in the metropolitan area.



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