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AUFC Conducts Successful Tree Care Workshop

The Arkansas Urban Forestry Council and the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service co-sponsored a Basic Tree Care Workshop on Friday, February 10. Held at the Extension Service's auditorium on South University Avenue in Little Rock, more than 70 attendees drove in from all over Arkansas, and even from Louisiana, to learn about some basic principles of tree care. The main objective of the workshop was to provide information that would help attendees understand the needs of trees, how they interact with their environment, and how to take care of trees in urban areas to make sure they continue to provide benefits throughout their lives.

Topics included tree physiology, where the parts of a tree and their functions were discussed. Soil and water relations covered how tree roots require favorable soil conditions and water availability in order to grow properly. Many different tree species were reviewed for their suitability for planting in urban environments. After everyone enjoyed a box lunch, tree care procedures were discussed, including mulching, fertilization, staking, and watering. Finally, proper pruning methods were described for young and mature trees.

A wide range of backgrounds and affiliations were represented by the audience including AUFC members, homeowners, community representatives, certified arborists, Arkansas Forestry Commission representatives, tree service workers, and Master Gardeners.

The AUFC plans to conduct more workshops periodically. Watch announcements in future newsletters and on the AUFC website at www.arkansastrees.org.

