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Tree conference draws 25 experts

WINTER HAVEN — Landscape architects, tree consultants, arborists and landscape maintenance professionals from around the world attended the 10th annual Menninger Sunbelt Tree Conference at Cypress Gardens April 16-19.

Among the 25 speakers were:

- Roberto Burle Marx of Brazil, world renowned for his use of flowering trees in landscape design.
- Dr. Henry M. Cathey, director of the United States Arboretum, who discussed "Tough Trees for Tough Times" and the new U.S. Department of Agriculture hardiness zone map.
- Donald C. Wileke, director of the American Forestry Association and chairman of the Minnesota State shade tree advisory committee who discussed the greenhouse effect.
- Dr. Nina Bassuk of Cornell University, who spoke on "Tree Stress in Urban Areas."

The conference concluded with a three-hour study tour of Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales, led by its director, Dr. Jon Shaw.

Superintendents interested in sending a staff member who specializes in tree care to next year’s conference should contact David Wedge, 1044 Macy St., West Palm Beach, FL 33405; phone 407-588-0664. Cost will be about $350.

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