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“Community Tree Information Meeting Held”



Kim Schramm from Wayne State College shares ReTree Nebraska program information at Thursday’s tree meeting sponsored by the City of Norfolk Tree Advisory Board.

of the first part of the program. Donna Christiansen, a member of the Plainview Tree Board and of the Nebraska Community Forestry Council, talked to the group about how a community can become designated as a Tree City USA. Jan Jorgenson, a member of the Creighton Tree Board, gave ideas on how to celebrate Arbor Day. Kim Schramm of Wayne State College, discussed the ReTree Nebraska program which is a ten year initiative to plant 1,000,000 trees in Nebraska. Steve Brewster, Stuart Tree Board member, described the educational workshops the board gives for the community.

For the second part of the session, Bergstrom explained the funding that is available from the Natural Resource Districts for growing publicly owned and managed trees. For the last part of the program, Herbst described proper techniques of pruning trees.

“The program was very informative showing tree board members and public officials ways to promote and protect trees in their communities,” said Dr. G. Tom Surber, Chairman of the City of Norfolk Tree Advisory Board.

Twenty-four people from nine different communities attended the Northeast Nebraska Community Tree Information Meeting held at the Elkhorn Lodge Thursday afternoon. Topics discussed included “Successful Tree Projects in a Community”, “Cost Share Programs for Community Forestry Projects in Northeast Nebraska”, and “Young Tree Pruning for Long Term Structure.”

The City of Norfolk Tree Advisory Committee hosted the event with Steve Rasmussen, Nebraska Forestry Service Forester; Pam Bergstrom, the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Forester; and Graham Herbst, a Nebraska Forestry Service Community Forester providing the programming.

“Successful Tree Projects” was the topic