

Landscaping with Trees in the Midwest A New Book from Scott Zanon

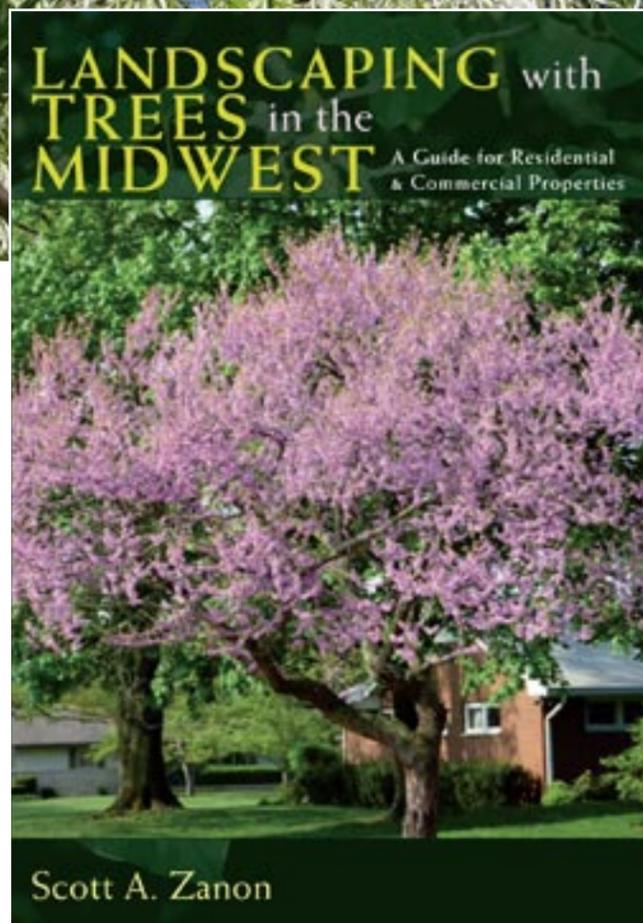
Photos by Scott Zanon



White fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) in bloom

Scott A. Zanon, who holds degrees in Agronomy and Horticulture from The Ohio State University, has authored a new book, *Landscaping with Trees in the Midwest*. The book features more than 325 of Zanon's photographs of ornamental attributes of the 65 trees featured, from small maturing trees like Japanese snowbell (*Styrax japonicus*) to large trees like swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor*). Representing Zanon's personal favorites, most of the trees perform well beyond the Midwest.

SMA Past President Steve Cothrel says, "I met Scott through the Upper Arlington, Ohio Tree Commission. The Mayor, who appointed Scott, was impressed by his education and expertise in horticulture and arboriculture, and by his years of experience as Chair of the Greens Committee for The Ohio State University Golf Club (the university's courses are right across the street from City Hall!) We have worked together on many commission



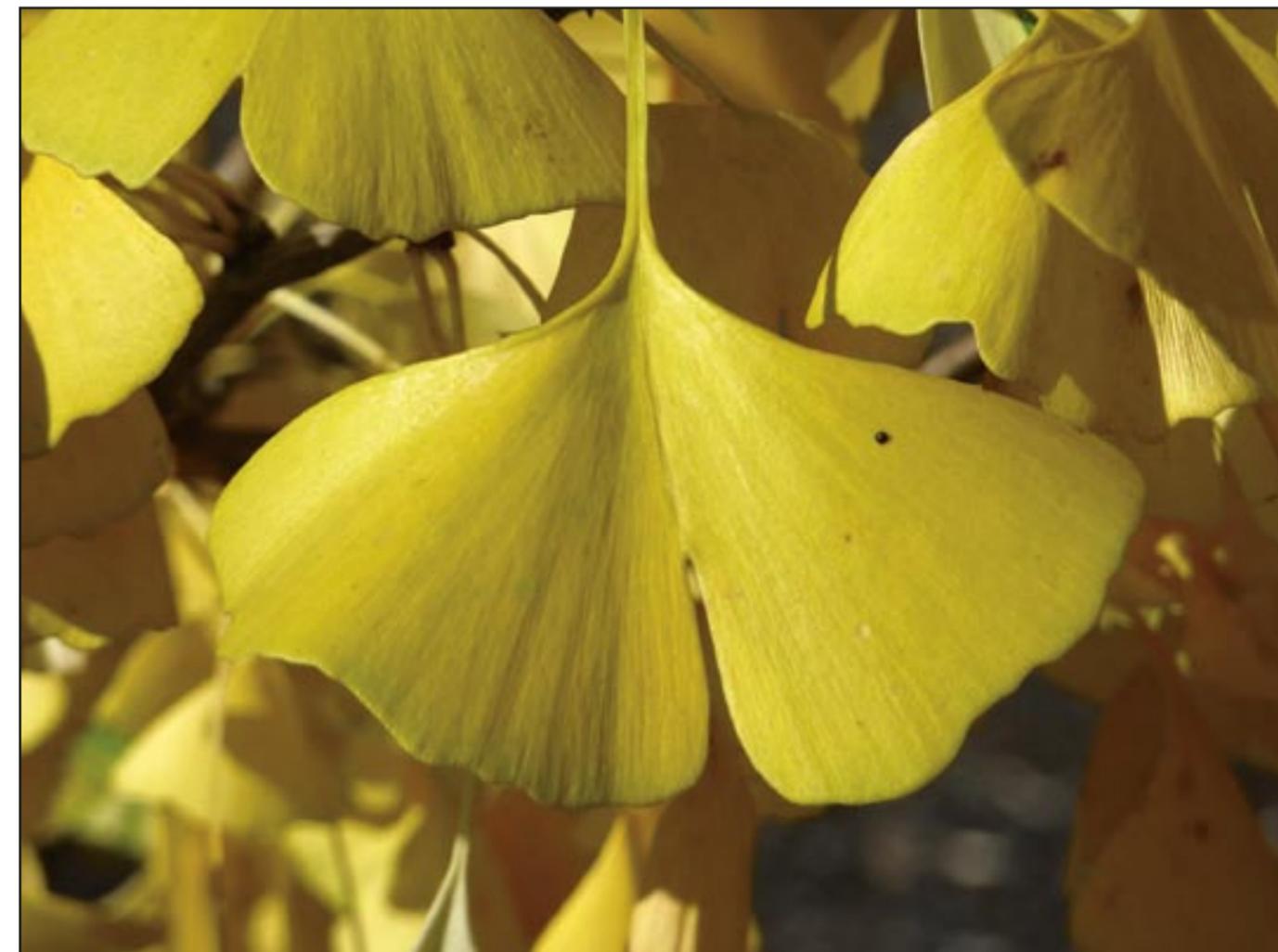
projects and programs since his appointment."

We asked Zanon, "What makes a golf course a quint-essentially urban environment?" He says that most (not all) golf course superintendents understandably focus on turfgrass growth and care. That means that most of the trees are on their own unless there is a staff horticulturist. Zanon says that the stress factors that golf course trees face are similar to the stresses of street trees or park trees—e.g. too much or too little water, improper pruning, poor site selection or planting techniques, occasional excavation, etc.

Cothrel finds *Landscaping with Trees in the Midwest* a useful reference in his work as superintendent of parks and forestry for Upper Arlington. He says, "The staff and I have used Scott's new book as a source of inspiration and education. The notes and color photos of foliage, fruit, flower, and bark remind us of some of the wonderful features of trees we use regularly and trees we don't use often enough. Because the text is so accessible and the photos are so lovely, the book is also a great education tool when we talk with



Corneliancherry dogwood (*Cornus mas*) foliage and fruit



Ginkgo biloba fall color. "Be patient as it [ginkgo] will evolve into a spectacular specimen or focal point tree."



White fir (*Abies concolor*) foliage. "This is one of the best firs for the Midwest in terms of drought, heat tolerance, and cold."



Parrotia (*Parrotia persica*) foliage. "The author has an 11-year-old upright form (likely 'Vanessa') and marvels at the beauty of the tree in all 12 months of the year. This outstanding small ornamental tree has few rivals."

residents about planting options for street trees, or for those difficult conversations about how to replace dying ash trees (the book includes a brief but excellent overview of the EAB situation)."

Cothrel says the book offers urban foresters a simple and effective reference to use for training staff in tree identification, planning planting projects, and educating residents about the best species and cultivars for use in the urban forest. He says that it is an effective resource for beginners, veteran tree lovers, and professionals alike, and it will help municipal arborists achieve our perpetual goal of more biodiversity in our urban forests. Cothrel says, "Scott has a wide and deep range of horticultural wisdom and experience. His writing reflects his diverse experience while being succinct and enjoyable."

For more information about the book, see the publisher's (Ohio University Press) page at <http://tinyurl.com/k2t97g7> and for more information about Scott Zanon, see his website, www.desirabletrees.com.



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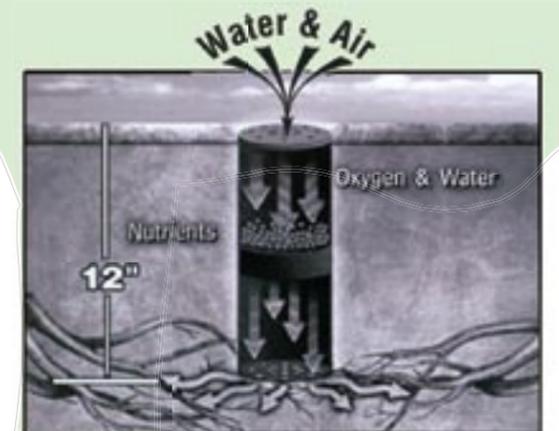
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