

## Presenter Biographies

### Rapid City Urban Forestry Board

### 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Care Workshop

Wednesday March 10, 2010

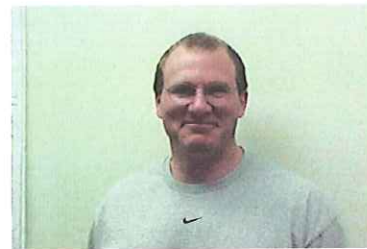
8:00am

601 East Centre Street



**Justin Evertson**

Justin Evertson is Interim Director of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Inc. and Arboretum Program leader of the Nebraska Forest Service (all part of UNL). Justin has been with NSA since 1990 and coordinates the Community Landscape Program, which provides funding and technical assistance for landscape enhancements in communities across the state. Justin is passionate about trees, the native landscape and sustainable landscape development. He lives in Waverly where he tries to practice what he preaches by planting trees and prairie plants wherever he can.



**Brian Garbisch**

Brian Garbisch, Forest Health Forester with the South Dakota Resource Conservation and Forestry Division. Brian assists private landowners, communities and other government agencies with forest and tree health management. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from SDSU. He has worked for the US Forest Service in the Black Hills, a local tree care company and currently with the State of South Dakota.



**Christina Hoyt**

Christina Hoyt, landscape design associate with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, received her BS in Horticulture from UNL. She has worked across Nebraska designing sustainable landscapes and specializes in "Nebraska style" design and creating outdoor learning spaces. Christina also coordinates Nebraska's Project Learning Tree and Project WET, two international environmental education programs.



**Kurt Allen**

Kurt Allen, Service Center Leader and Entomologist, USDA Forest Service, Rapid City. Kurt is responsible for the implementation of forest insect and disease mgmt programs. He is responsible for providing training to federal, state, industrial and non-industrial private forest owners and managers. He has done extensive research on the susceptibility of Ponderosa Pine to Mountain Pine Beetle. Kurt has a B.S. in Biology and a MS degree in Forestry and Entomology. He has served as an Entomologist for the USDA Forest Service since 1992 and the Service Center Leader and Entomologist in Rapid City since 1997.