

# TREESEARCH Update

The WAA had two riders in the 2005 Tour des Trees: Joe Hoffman and Jeannette Bowden. They helped raise over \$10,000 for the TREE FUND. Their commitment and dedication is appreciated. We were fortunate to have these riders representing our chapter.

Looking to the 2006 ride, the 15th annual Tour des Trees fundraising bike ride will begin in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and end six days and 500 miles later in Minneapolis, MN, with over 80 miles to ride and two evening stays in Wisconsin!

So far, members of the WAA have already begun raising money to meet our 2006 chapter challenge. Many thanks to the following for raising \$2,275.00 at the TREE FUND Gala Auction in Nashville:

Ken Ottman and Gary Majeskie for donating their Summerfest music festival package, We Energies and Jeff Treu for donating their Bog Golf package, and Marlene Miller (Dr. Bob Miller's wife) for donating one of her own original oil paintings.

Please take the time to personally thank these individuals and organizations for their commitment to help "unlock the secrets of tree care." Also, please consider some of the following opportunities to help further the cause:

1. RIDE! Contact the TREE FUND Office at (630)221-8127 for information and a registration form.
2. SUPPORT DICK RIDEOUT! Dick will be back in the saddle this year.

He will be spinning at the annual conference. Offer your support and donations.

3. SPONSOR MEALS FOR THE RIDERS! Meals are still needed to feed the riders during their stays in Wisconsin.
4. OFFER YOUR TIME! Help with public relations to make the public aware of the TREE FUND, the ride and the support that tree research and the riders will need during their ride through Wisconsin.
5. BUY YOUR LOTTERY TICKETS! All money raised for purchasing lottery tickets at the annual conference will be donated to the TREE FUND.