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no later than 4/20/03
with your reservation for
the general meeting.

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**Next Meeting:
April 24th**

**PEST UPDATE 2003
CEU Opportunity**
Anaheim Comm. Ctr.
8201 Santa Ana Cyn
Anaheim, CA

MEETING SCHEDULE:
7:30—2:00 Program
12:00 Lunch & Meeting
PRICE: \$30.00 ALL DAY
\$15.00 LUNCH ONLY
\$20.00 FOR "DROP INS"

2003 MEETING SCHEDULE

April 24, 2003	Pest Update 2003 (1/2 day)	Anaheim Comm. Ctr. 8201 Santa Ana Cyn Anaheim, CA
May 29, 2003	Challenges of the Municipalities "Round Table Discussion"	Ramona Hall 4580 Figueroa St Highland Park, LA
June 26, 2003	Golf Tournament	Westridge Golf Club 1400 La Habra Hills Dr. La Habra, CA
July	Dark Month	

If you have a program idea for 2003—please contact Greg Monfette at 213/485-5675—Thanks!

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STREET TREE SEMINAR

has been instrumental in the development, health, care and management of street trees in Southern California for over 40 years.

STREET TREE SEMINAR

is comprised of Street Tree Superintendents, supervising personnel, professional consultants, arborists, individuals and firms whose businesses are related to street tree management.

STREET TREE

problems within your own city can be brought to an open forum on a monthly basis to assist you in timely information that could save your city thousands of dollars and salvage beautiful irreplaceable street trees.

AGRISCAPES—A DREAM COME TRUE!

The AGRIsCAPES center is located on forty acres at Cal Poly Pomona. The facility demonstrates farming and urban landscaping practices that are sustainable—environmentally beneficial, economically viable, and technologically sound. The educational goals of the facility are to promote agricultural and environmental literacy through research, education, and demonstrations of alternative methods to grow food, conserve water, reduce energy needs and recycle agricultural and urban waste for resource efficiency and community enhancement. The center is used as an educational facility for school age children and adults through interactive learning experiences and exhibits.



Agriscapes is the realization of a long term dream of Peggy Perry from the Center for Environmental Literacy at Cal Poly Pomona—shown here with Fred Roth, Professor and Arborist.

Peggy led a tour of the facility, which featured two main exhibit areas. The first area was devoted to the history of agriculture including the history of Cal Poly Pomona and the Arabian Horse Ranch. The second area was devoted to the sustainable use of water and greenwaste recycling strategies. The center is open to the public for self-guided tours from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Further information can be obtained by calling (909) 869-4449 or tarredondo@csupomona.edu.

AGRIsCAPES is a developing garden will offer hands-on, interactive education about resource conservation with an emphasis on water, plant, and soil interactions. The educational field plots, gardens, and displays will highlight:

- Reclaimed Water Use
- Sustainable Plantings
- Composting and Mulching
- Efficient Irrigation Systems and Water Management
- Fire-Resistant Landscapes
- Endangered Plant Species
- Ethnobotany (Native American Use of Plants)
- Horticultural Therapy for the Handicapped
- Shade Maximizing Landscapes for Energy Conservation

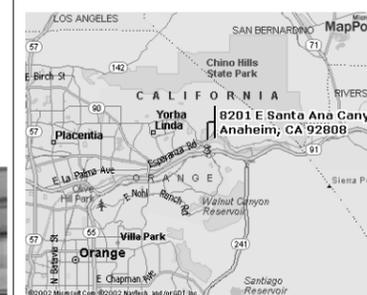
Many thanks to Peggy Perry and Fred Roth for sharing this exceptional facility with Street Tree Seminar.



The large oak tree which stands at the heart of the Visitors Center symbolizes the importance of plants to our life on earth and is the visual link between the cycles of the natural world and recycling systems that can be designed for environmentally sustainable cities.

UPCOMING MEETING INFO

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MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 27, 2003

President, Dave Thompson called the meeting to order at the AGRIsapes facility at Cal Poly Pomona. The meeting was attended by Past Presidents Al Epperson, Rose Epperson, Al Remyn and Dan Jensen.

Treasurer's Report

Report was submitted by Treasurer Greg Monfette for the period from 2/5/03 to 3/19/03.

	Money Market	General	Publication	Scholarship	Cert of Deposit	Total Overall
BALANCES AS OF 2/4/03	\$ -	\$ 25,310.58	\$ 106,859.11	\$ 10,839.04	\$ -	\$ 143,008.73
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 14.96	\$ 7,224.57	\$ 52.04	\$ (274.79)	\$ 92.07	\$ 7,108.85
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 12,657.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,657.11
NET ACTIVITY	\$ 14.96	\$ 19,878.04	\$ 106,911.15	\$ 10,564.25	\$ 92.07	\$ 137,460.47
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 25,000.00	\$(10,000.00)	\$(106,911.15)	\$(10,564.25)	\$ 102,475.40	\$ -
BALANCES AS OF 3/19/03	\$ 25,014.96	\$ 9,878.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102,567.47	\$ 137,460.47

Scholarship and Outreach Report

Al Remyn will be attending the Cal Poly Pomona Field Day on April 24, 2003, to recruit new STS members and promote our organization to students. Go Al!! Those wishing to assist him in this valuable endeavor should contact him directly.

Door Prizes

Door prizes were donated by Street Tree Seminar, RPW Inc, West Coast Arborists, Marvin Gardens, Century Products, Altec The lucky winners were Ron Ferguson, Kevin Holman, Rebecca Latta, Janessa Butts and Bob Chavez.

Announcements

In May, Street Tree Seminar is hosting a Round Table Discussion about the complex issues facing municipalities. Greg Monfette, coordinator is looking for some topics suggested by our members to be used in the Round Table Discussion. If you have any stimulating ideas, please submit them to Greg J. Monfette, Vice President of Street Tree Seminar at (213) 473-4665, by May 22, 2003.

Next Meeting: April 24, 2003

Join us for the yearly **Pest Update**, a half-day seminar, at The Anaheim Community Center, 8201 Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim. As seating is limited, pre-registration is required for the seminar. however, all members are welcomed, our general business meeting will be held over lunch. Costs are set at \$30.00 for the entire program, \$15.00 for lunch only with call in reservations or \$20.00 for lunch only at the door.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Latta

Secretary

RSVP REMINDER!

Remember to RSVP to for the next meeting. E-mail Rebecca Latta at rebeccalatta@earthlink.net or call her at (626) 335-9304. You can also e-mail Janessa Butts, Sargent at Arms at jbutts@ci.pasadena.ca.us. Also, remember the fee for attending WITHOUT calling in your reservation is \$20.00!!

NEW LOCATION FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Due to construction at Rio Hondo Golf Course, we will be moving our golf tournament, Chair Al Epperson has been scouting around for a nice location. Thanks to Joe Johnson, we will be moving to WESTRIDGE GOLF CLUB in La Habra this year.



Westridge Golf Club is located at 1400 La Habra Hills Drive, in the city of La Habra. The course is supposed to be fun and in excellent condition. The tournament is scheduled for June 18, 2003. Details and entry forms will go out next month. So, stay tuned!

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THE IMPORTANCE OF STREET TREES—2002 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ESSAYS—PART 1 OF 6

Trees of Life

By Kathleen Alford, 2002 Scholarship Recipient

I was watching Home and Garden TV the other day, one of the programs was showing an old garden in Texas with a beautiful old oak tree that was over 250 years old. They explained how the Oak had survived treacherous weather conditions and endured numerous fires over its lifetime. A true survivor, the tree was magnificent in the garden that was built around it. The bark looked like an old persons face. Many deep, jagged wrinkles but attractive and enduring. Wonderful and wise, it stood a little crooked. Its branches barely swayed in the breeze. There was a side of the tree with an old injury to the bark but its cambium still flowed through the trunk, keeping the old tree alive. Like a matriarch of the garden, it stood out watching... protecting...

My husband proposed to me in Recreation Park among the Eucalyptus trees, many, many years ago. We were young kids having a picnic on a hot and sunny July afternoon. I knew what he was going to say before he said it. But I let him stumble and stammer out probably the biggest commitment he has ever made in his life! What a wonderful afternoon, the scents, and sounds of the leaves and trees. They are part of a wonderful memory of a wonderful afternoon of long ago. Today, whenever the smell of those lemony Eucalyptus leaves drift around me... I am 19 years old, in love...all over again.

I was driving down by Heartwell Park the other day. As I waited at the light, I watched the kids practicing Soccer. It was the same area my son had played when he was a little boy. I have a picture of him about eight years old standing next to a young Canary Island Pine. I looked around for the gawky, young sapling but I couldn't see it. Then I realized that the tall, slender graceful tree that rose above the horizon was the same tree. I couldn't believe it! I came home and looked at my son and realized, he was no longer a gawky young eight year old with his two front teeth missing, but a handsome grown man. It's hard to believe that much time has gone by.

My mother passed away after a horrendous illness the day after Easter in 1993. My family planted a scrawny, little apricot tree in her honor in her backyard. My sister now lives in the house with her family. When I feel a little lonely and miss my mother, I walk in the yard and say a little prayer by the fruit tree. In the spring, I can't tell you how much it comforts me to see my 6 year old nephew pick the fruit from that tree, the juices running down his grinning face. The tree small enough for him to reach but it seems like it has been planted for an eternity to me.

So when I am asked about the importance of street trees, I have a hard time imagining what my life would be without trees. They are strong, enduring and add balance to the landscape, and to my life. Every morning when I throw my windows open to start a new day, the tree in my parkway is there to greet me. With her branches wide open, she carries life on her shoulder. Nests of new born and the flurry of activities among the leaves...the tree is more than itself. That's why we have to be educated in protecting our trees. Proper planting and proper maintenance is essential. We don't want trees to be just survivors. They are much too important. It is up to us to take the proper precautions so that there will always be...*Trees of Life.*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kathleen Alford is a two time scholarship recipient. She is in her 5th semester at Long Beach City College with Ornamental Horticulture as her major.



Kathleen is co-owner of Schmidt & Alford Gardens and Landscapes. She has been very active volunteering for the city of Long Beach with the clean up and redevelopment of many of the city's "pocket parks".

Kathleen wants to pursue further education at Cal Poly Pomona to earn her BS degree in Horticulture.

WESTERN CHAPTER ISA CONFERENCE UPDATE



Join Western Chapter ISA President, Rose Epperson, in a celebration of success at the 2003 WCISA Conference and Trade Show. This year's event, **WINNING WITH ARBORICULTURE**, is being held in Fabulous Las Vegas at the Stardust Resort and Casino. Program chair, Dennis Swartzell has put together an excellent pallet of informational and educational presentations.

Make your plans today to join WCISA **May 3rd through 6th**. Registration forms and additional information is available from the WCISA website at www.wcisa.net or by calling 530/892-1118.