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Next Meeting:

NOVEMBER 20, 2003

**Fire Safety in Urban
Wildlands**

Presented by Kay Greeley
Malibu Forestry Unit
942 N. Las Virgenes
Malibu, CA

MEETING SCHEDULE:

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11:00—12:00 Program
12:00—1:30 Lunch &
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2003 MEETING SCHEDULE

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| November 20, 2003 | Fire Safety in Urban Wildlands
Kay Greeley | Malibu Forestry Unit
942 N. Las Virgenes
Malibu, CA |
| December 16, 2003 | Scholarship Program
Installation of Officers
*Note—Date Change | San Antonio Winery
Los Angeles, CA |
| January 22, 2004 | Western Tree Management
Symposium
"ARBORICULTURE—The Full Circle" | LA Arboretum
Arcadia, CA |

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STREET TREE SEMINAR CANCELS MEETING DUE TO WILD FIRES

For the first time in over 20 years, Street Tree Seminar had to cancel our monthly meeting. Due to the rampant wildfires that plague Southern California in October, the route to our meeting location was in danger of being closed. It was a hard call, but STS's executive board made the decision to play it safe and cancel the meeting. The wildfires, which burned over 662,000 acres, destroying over 2121 homes, were finally contained after weather conditions changed and a light rain fell. STS extends our sympathy to those who lost land, home and loved ones in this devastating event.

Many thanks to Robert Sartain from the City of Santa Clarita for setting up the meeting and his "telephone tree" notification of the cancellation. Thanks go out to Pat Duff as well for assisting in spreading the word.

We hope to be able to have the program rescheduled for sometime in the near future and thank our membership for their consideration.



An Awesome Sight: A look at the fires from the Calgrove overpass of the 5 freeway in Santa Clarita.

photos courtesy of Wayne Smith



UPCOMING MEETING INFO

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Tbm LA 588- H7
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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.

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- Director 2 years - Bob Chavez**
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- Secretary - Janessa Butts***

- Nominations will be taken from the "floor" at the November meeting.
- Election held at November meeting.
- New Board installed at December meeting.

***Requires a vote from the membership.**

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE



Malibu Forestry Unit
942 N. Las Virgenes Rd.
Calabasas, CA 91302-2137
818.222.1108

Street Tree Seminar will have the opportunity to tour the Malibu Forestry Unit of LA County on November 20, 2003. This will be a great opportunity to learn the latest on erosion control and fire safety in the urban wildland interface zone. Los Angeles County Forestry and Fire Department is responsible for Fuel Modification Plans and Oak Tree Permits for new construction.

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INDUSTRY CALENDAR

BEGINS SEPT—CONTINUING THRU WINTER, 2004

LEARN FOR THE GREEN PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
US Riverside Extension Center—1200 University
Riverside, CA

CONTACT: UCR Extension, 800.442.4990

NOVEMBER 13, 2003

OAK TREES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
WCISA REGOINAL MEETING
Grace Simons Lodge
Los Angeles, CA

CONTACT: WCISA 530.892.1118

NOVEMBER 13, 2003

UPDATING YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE LATEST UTILITY
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT INNOVATIONS & PRACTICES
WCISA REGOINAL MEETING

Maidu Community Center
Roseville, CA

CONTACT: WCISA 530.892.1118

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CALIFORNIA TREE FAILURE REPORT 2003
INLAND IMPIRE CUFC IN CONJUNCTION WITH
UNIVERSITY OF RIVERSIDE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
US Riverside Extension Center

1200 University - Riverside, CA

CONTACT: UCR Extension, 800.442.4990

JANUARY 22, 2004

ARBORICULTURE—THE FULL CIRCLE
WTMS—STREET TREE ANNUAL MEETING
Los Angeles County Arboretum
Arcadia, CA

CONTACT: Greg Monfette—213.485.5675

FEBRUARY 18—MAY 5, 2004

11TH ARBORISTS AND TREE WORKERS'
CERTIFICATION PREPARATION COURSE

Brea Conference Center
695 E. Madison Way—Brea, CA

CONTACT: Ted Stamen 919.454.2409

STREET TREE SEMINAR, INC.

THE IMPORTANCE OF STREET TREES—STS 2002 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY - Submitted by Quyen Vo

Street Trees are more important in shaping our environment then we give them credit. As a child we learn that trees take in carbon dioxide and give out oxygen. We also learn at an early age that their large strong limbs are also great to climb on. And while we're having fun, its large canopy provides shelter. However, what we didn't learn is that street trees are models for the way we maintain and care for residential trees. Well groomed allee (sic) of trees signifies a clean, healthy and safe environment.

Well maintained street trees provide many benefits to our streets and our cities. Not everyone can see residential trees, unless it's in the front yard or larger than the roof tops. However, everyone can see street trees. Which means that when street trees like an alley of Italian Stone Pines (*Pinus pineal*) in Northridge out grows its vertical limitations and comes right up to the power lines. Edison has to come in and clear away all the branches. Although this is a safety measure it is not always the best one. As a result we're now looking at giant green horseshoes suspended in the air. And speaking from experience you don't want to be under one when one side of the horseshoe fails. In this case there could have been a better choice for this site. In other cases sometimes the act is not representative of the intent. In the city of Walnut a row of Cajeput Trees (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*) planted in the center divider was suppose to create a wind breaker, however the trees were topped so severely they will never grow to their full potential, and as a result will never do what they were intended to do.

Selected street trees that are given the proper maintenance and space to grow will perform to its full potential. When we take into consideration the location, soil type, exposure and intent. Trees like Golden Trumpet Trees (*Tabebuia chrysotricha*), Chinese Flame Trees (*Koelreuteria bipinnata*), and the old time favorite Crape Myrtles (*Lagerstroemia indica*) will provide year round interests and aesthetics. The selection of these trees is just as important as the maintenance. With all this in mind we should take greater measures in the selection of street trees as well as the needs and requirements of the trees. A healthy tree means a safe and aesthetically beautiful tree. And this is what we want residential trees to model after.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Quyen Thi Vo

Quyen received her second Scholarship from STS in 2002. Currently, Quyen is attending Mt. San Antonio College majoring in Horticulture. She will be completing her Associate degree in Horticulture this spring

Quyen's ultimate goal is to be a Landscape Architect, who would not only work in this country, but also would like to help in foreign countries that would need assistance with land management and sustainability. Professor Dave Lannom states this very well when he is saying, "Quyen is an exceptional student who has found a niche in horticulture and exhibits a strong passion for it."

THE IMPORTANCE OF STREET TREES—STS 2002 SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY - Submitted by Wynne Thurby

When I was a child, growing up here in the San Gabriel Valley, I loved the trees. There were old orchard walnut trees to climb, avocado and orange groves to wander in and the mountains to visit with a variety of trees and their scents, which to this day can still transport me to another time and place. I remember the joys of walking in the forest at Girl Scout Camp at Big Bear and Green Valley. The mystery of our "Treasure Island Tree Street" in San Gabriel, lined with old, over-arching Live Oaks that my father traveled when taking my mother to work. The wonder of driving down Christmas Tree Lane in Altadena with their huge Deodars covered in fairy lights. And the magic of St. Albans Place in San Marino when they turned on the lights for Christmas. To this day, Christmas is not Christmas until I have parked and stared in wonder at these trees.

Trees, and street trees in particular, serve to connect us with the natural world around us. They provide shade on the hot, sunny days we have here in such abundance. They give us shelter during our sporadic and too few rainstorms. They help to alleviate the effects of smog and dust that plague our lungs. Nothing is more calming than the sound of a breeze in their leaves or their scent in the warm summer evening air. In their magnificence, they soothe the soul as nothing else can and nothing is more lovely than a tree allowed to achieve its full natural beauty.

But somewhere along the way, I have also begun to notice the atrocities that are taking place with our lovely trees. The sycamore are hatracked (what an appropriate name for an ugly prac-

tice). Trees, of all types, along our streets are being topped and carved into unnatural shapes to accommodate phone lines and buildings. They are ripped out because they are too close to buildings or to preserve sidewalks that their roots have lifted, and are then replaced with other trees which will, in time do the same thing. What has happened to the knowledgeable city planners who knew what trees were best for a given location?

I welcome and applaud the work that Street Tree Seminar is doing to correct this problem. Please do not give up hope when you see trees being ripped out, only to be replaced with other, equally unsuitable trees. You are making headway, and I can only hope that one day all cities will be using your advice. Won't they be amazed when they find that, by planting the proper trees in the proper locations, they are also saving money that was once spent in pruning (if you want to call what they do pruning), and replacement trees?



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Wynne Thurby

Presently, Wynne is attending Mt. San Antonio College in Pomona. Her course of Study is A.S. Horticultural Science.

Wynne is a returning college student after 38 years, and has received her Bachelor's degree in Anthropology, with minors in Biology and Chemistry in 1964. Her future goal is to be a Certified Arborist.