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**Next Meeting:**  
**October 30, 2003**  
State Forestry Tree Grants  
John Melvin, CDF  
Santa Clarita Sports Center  
Santa Clarita, CA  
HOSTED BY TRUGREEN  
LANDCARE, INC.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**  
10:30-11:00 Gathering  
11:00-12:00 Program  
12:00-1:30 Lunch &  
Meeting

**PRICE:**  
\$5.00 RESERVED

## 2003 MEETING SCHEDULE

October 30, 2003	State Forestry Tree Grants John Melvin, CDF <b>HOSTED BY TRUGREEN LANDCARE, INC.</b>	Santa Clarita Sports Center Santa Clarita, CA
November 20, 2003	Fire Safety in Urban Wildlands Kay Greeley	Malibu Forestry Unit 942 N. Las Virgines Malibu, CA
December 16, 2003	Scholarship Program Installation of Officers <b>*Note—Date Change</b>	San Antonio Winery Los Angeles, CA
January 22, 2004	Western Tree Management Symposium <b>"ARBORICULTURE—The Full Circle"</b>	LA Arboretum Arcadia, CA

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# Street Tree Seminar, Inc. Monthly Newsletter



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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.

## STS TOURS RANCHO SANTA ANA BOTANICAL GARDENS

### Native Trees of California

Bart O' Brien, Director of Horticulture at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden led a tour of the native trees of the garden with 42 attendees. His tour highlighted trees in different plant communities located throughout California. The trees and descriptions listed below are a sample of what we saw on the tour. Thanks to Bart for the great tour! The editor encourages visiting the garden after the first cold spell of the winter to see the trees with fall color.



Garden Director, Bart O'Brien, welcomes Street Tree President, Dave Thompson, to Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens.

### Adenostema sparsifolium (Red Shanks, Ribbonwood)

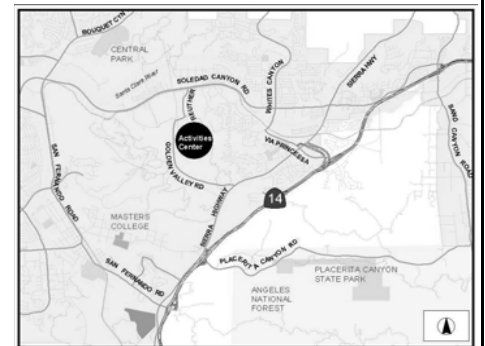
Ribbonwood is a member of the rose family. Local specimens can be found in the mountains of Southern California. It has unusual reddish bark and makes a very attractive grove of trees or small specimen. The foliage has been described as 'feather-like' and chartreuse with striking reddish bark. It blooms profusely with small creamy white flowers. Under cultivation, the tree is drought-tolerant, needs good drainage and is relatively free of insects and disease. Excessive watering can cause the plant to sucker and the foliage to yellow.

### Quercus garryana (Oregon Oak)

Oregon Oak is also native to the inner north coast and Klamath ranges in Northern California, although it can be found as far south as Northern Los Angeles County. The tree was named in honor of Nicholas Garry of the Hudson Bay Company who wrote about the tree in journal during travels in California and Oregon. The wood of this tree is used for furniture, cabinets and paneling. Mature specimens in Southern California can reach 50 to 80 feet with a rounded crown. An identifying feature of this tree is leaves with a shiny dark green upper surface with downy whitish hairs on the underside. The acorns bulge outward from the cup instead of tapering like some oaks.

## UPCOMING MEETING INFO

**October 30, 2003**  
**STATE FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAMS**  
**PRESENTED BY JOHN MELVIN, CDF**  
Santa Clarita Activities Center  
20880 Center Point Pkwy  
Santa Clarita  
call for directions-661-294-2500  
**HOSTED BY TRUGREEN LANDCARE**



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**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 25, 2003**

President Dave Thompson called the meeting to order. Past presidents in attendance were Ron Hill, Al Epperson, Rose Epperson, Andy Trotter and Dan Jensen.

**Treasurer's—Omar Davis**

Balances As of 9.25.03

General Account	\$	9,582.80
Money Market Account		25,116.11
CD Account		<u>103,210.07</u>
Total Assets	\$	137,908.98
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**Scholarship—Al Remyn**

Al indicated that the applications for scholarship are already out and the deadline is mid-October to return them to STS.

**Door Prizes—Janessa Butts**

Door prizes were donated by West Coast Arborists, Century Products, RPW Inc., and Street Tree Seminar.

The lucky winners were Al Remyn, Rebecca Latta, Bart O'Brien, Marvin Trotter, Rose Epperson, and several others.

**NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 30, 2003**

*HOSTED BY TRUGREEN LANDCARE.*

**Location:** Santa Clarita Activities Center, 20880 Center Point PKWY, Santa Clarita 91350....call for directions. 661-294-2500

**Topic: State Forestry Tree Grants**


John Melvin from the CDF will be our speaker. The grants that will be discussed will be the current Prop 12 grant and the upcoming prop 40 Urban Forestry Grant along with application tips. He may also cover other grant sources currently available.

Additional items to be covered will be how the CDF collaborates with other Urban Forestry organizations in deciding how to award grant money and for what type of projects, how the grant guidelines are created and what is expected.

**DON'T FORGET TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT OCTOBER'S MEETING BY 10/25/03!**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Latta,  
Secretary

**GET WELL WISHES...**   
**to STS Life member, Bill Trotter, who is making a slow recovery from a serious illness.**

**We will keep Marvin and the entire Trotter family in our thoughts and prayers and hope to see Bill back behind the camera at a STS meeting real soon!**

**INDUSTRY CALENDAR**

**BEGINS SEPT—CONTINUING THRU WINTER, 2004**

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

**CONTACT:** UCR Extension, 800/442-4990  
**OCTOBER 24, 2003**

*PROPER PRUNING PAYS*  
**CAA HANDS ON WORKSHOP**  
Yuba City Corporation Yard  
Yuba City, CA

**CONTACT:** CAA 925/755-2405  
**OCTOBER 23-26, 2003**

*MARKETING URGAN FORESTRY*  
**CUFC & CALIFORNIA RELEAF CONFERENCE**  
Long Beach Hilton Hotel  
Long Beach, CA

**CONTACT:** CUFC @ www.caucf.org

**NOVEMBER 13, 2003**

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

**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

**JANUARY 22, 2004**

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

**CONTACT:** Greg Monfette—213.485.5675

**STS TOURS RSA BOTANIC GARDENS—CONTINUED**

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**Chilopsis linearis (Desert Willow)**

The garden has done extensive hybridization of this showy small tree. The cultivars often have large, showy pink or violet flowers. Desert willow is a large deciduous shrub or small tree that may grow 10 to 30 feet tall, and has an open, spreading crown. The tree has pale green willow like leaves that are about 5 inches long with smooth margins. The pink to light violet flowers are 1.25 inches long and wide, and occur in clusters up to 4 inches long at the end of the twigs. The fruit is a narrow, elongated two-celled pod-like capsule 4 to 10 inches long. First year twigs are green but later turn gray to reddish-brown. Chilopsis is hardy to 10 degrees and is relatively drought tolerant, once established.



*Chilopsis linearis (Desert Willow) is in full bloom at Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens*

**Celtis reticulata (Western Hackberry)**

Hackberry is found in canyons and washes in the mountain ranges bordering the California Deserts. Associated plant communities include Joshua Tree and Pinyon Juniper Woodlands. This sturdy small spreading tree can reach 30 feet with a rounded crown. It often has multiple trunks with ash gray bark that has thick projecting ridges. The leaves are leathery and impressed-veined on the upper surfaces with a sandpaper like texture on both surfaces. The leaves are dark green above and yellowish-green on the under surface. Small cherry-like fruit are produced in April and May. This tough plant can tolerate alkaline soils, heat, wind and drought.

**Cercocarpus betuloides (Western Mountain Mahogany)**

Mountain Mahogany is in the rose family, like the Ribonwood. It has very attractive whitish twisted plume shaped seedpods that catch the light in the early morning and evening hours like no other plant. The plant can reach 25 to 30 feet tall but is better as a screen or planted into groves. It makes a nice multiple-trunked tree.

**Fraxinus dipetala (Flowering Ash)**

Flowering Ash is the only native ash with a display of fragrant, showy flowers appearing in May or June. The tree can be a large shrub or small tree. It is na-

tive to canyon sites and mountain slopes in the Sierra Nevada south to Orange County in foothill woodland and chaparral communities. It can tolerate heavy soils and variable watering.

**Heteromeles arbutifolia (Toyon)**

Toyon, or California Holly, is an evergreen shrub or small tree to 25 feet. It is deep rooted and often used for soil stabilization and erosion control.

Showy red berries appear in the winter, which provide excellent forage for late winter migratory birds. The plant can also make an excellent screen or hedge.

**Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp. aspelniifolius (Catalina Ironwood)**

Catalina Ironwood has been in cultivation for many years and is a member of the rose family. It is a slender evergreen tree that can reach 60 feet. It has reddish brown bark that exfoliates in long strips. Small white flowers are borne in flat-topped clusters. This tree needs excellent drainage and prefers coastal environments. It is especially attractive planted in groves.

**Pinus monophylla (Oneleaf Pinyon)**

Oneleaf Pinyon is a small round-headed tree that grows slowly to 30 feet. It is native to dry rocky slopes in the Eastern Sierra and in the mountains adjacent to the Mojave Desert. The tree does not have a typical pine tree form, looking more like an apple tree than a pine. It can tolerate extreme inland conditions.

**Quercus chrysolepis (Canyon Live Oak)**

Canyon Oak can be found from Southern Oregon south to Baja California in the canyons and on moist slopes below 6,500 feet. Pasadena has them as street trees on the northern border. This small to medium sized tree is round headed or spreading and has whitish fissured bark. The leaves are extremely variable, but usually greenish above and yellow and fuzzy below. The acorns can be substantial; the cup will resemble a golden turban with inch long acorns inside. The tree is adaptable to a variety of soils and prefers some infrequent summer moisture.