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NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, October 20th
Sherman Gardens
Newport Beach, CA
1 ISA-CEU applied for

2005/06 MEETING SCHEDULE

October 20	JOINT MEETING WITH CUFC Introduction of Glenn Flamik, California's New State Urban Forestry Coordinator	Sherman Gardens Newport Beach, CA HOSTED BY WCA, Inc.
November 17	SANTA MONICA BLVD PROJECT City of Los Angeles Streetscape Program	Lutheran Church of the Master 10931 Santa Monica Blvd. Los Angeles
December 8	SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2006	Lucille's Barbeque Long Beach HOSTED BY STS
January 19, 2006	Western Tree Management Symposium THE IN & OUT OF TREES All day educational program	Los Angeles Arboretum Baldwin Park

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The Municipal Forester Institute: An Exciting Training Opportunity!

Presented by George Gonzales, Chief Forester for the City of Los Angeles, and current STS President

The Municipal Forester Institute (MFI) is a brand new learning experience specifically tailored to the needs of municipal urban foresters and arborists. The first ever offering of this new program is scheduled for February 12-17, 2006 at Lake Arrowhead Conference Center in California.

Designed for those individuals who have policy and decision-making authority over trees in their communities, the Municipal Forester Institute (MFI) is an exciting new training opportunity educating professionals in non-tree related aspects of urban forest programs. The MFI will be a week-long, intensive training event that will be a challenging professional growth opportunity for all attendees.

The MFI curriculum progresses from concentrating first on the individual, then on the individual's specific municipal urban forestry program, and finally on external relations and partnerships of that program. This sequence is designed to stimulate the participants' thinking about their own professional and personal growth, then about how to improve their own program (internal focus) and finally how to build a stronger urban forestry network (external focus).

- The main themes of the Institute are:
1. Developing a leadership approach to your position
 2. Growing and enhancing an urban forestry program
 3. Strategic planning and Urban Forest Management Plans
 4. Working effectively with boards, commissions, committees, and coalitions
 5. Managing the relationship between people and trees.

Each session will combine lectures, discussion, and group-work. The group

work will be done in both small randomly selected groups, and in pre-assigned learning clusters, and will involve pre-selected scenarios or 'vignettes' that address some aspect of the topic discussed. Instructors and facilitators for the MFI will include current and former city foresters from small, medium, and large size cities in the US and Canada, state urban forestry program managers, extension foresters, organizational development experts, and other highly qualified individuals.

Assignments will include selected readings that will be discussed online in the months before and during the Institute. Readings will encompass personal effectiveness, organizational management, urban forestry program development, leadership, management, organizational development, and related topics.

In an effort to connect MFI principles with the participants' real-life situations, participants will be invited during the Pre-Institute Work to bring a problem, project, or issue that they need help with, or want to do additional work on, to the course. These problems or issues can be integrated as applicable into course discussion times. Following the MFI progression of person-program-relationships, participants will leave the Institute with a Leadership Action Plan or Strategy which they can implement back in their city, covering: 1) personal growth, 2) program enhancement, and 3) relational initiatives. Participants will also leave the Institute with an Action Plan or Strategy for how they will create or improve an Urban Forest Management Plan in their city within the subsequent 12 months.

UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION

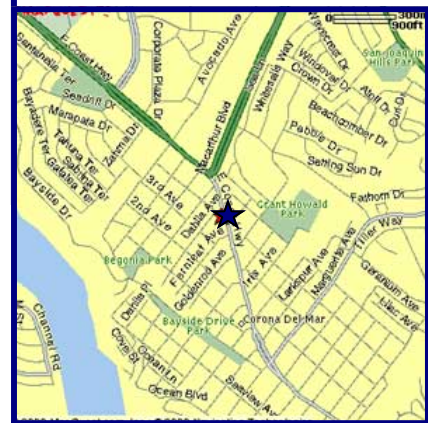
OCTOBER 20, 2005

Joint Meeting with CUFC
Welcoming Mr. Glen Flemik, California's new State Forester

LOCATION:
Sherman Gardens
2647 East PCH
Corona del Mar
949/673-2261

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

PRICE:
 LUNCH HOSTED BY:
 WEST COAST ARBORISTS
 \$ 5.00 SCHOLARSHIP DONATION REQUESTED
1 CEU HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR THIS MEETING



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STS Business Meeting— September 15, 2005

Past Presidents in Attendance – Al Remyn

Scholarship Report: Scholarship applications are going out to local colleges this week. Applications will be reviewed in November and awarded at the Christmas party in December. Good luck students!

Special Projects Report: Last year, STS provided funding to Cal Poly Pomona to assist with the design fees for new plantings at AgriScapes.

STS is in the process of scheduling a meeting to be held at Agriscapes to see the progress of the design. We'll keep you posted!

Treasurer's Report: NONE

Publications Report: The publications committee is continuing to go through the process of adding and deleting trees for in the next addition of *Street Trees Recommended for Southern California*. Any feedback from the membership is greatly appreciated.

Announcement:

Don't forget to send in your membership renewal dues! Please include your current mailing and email addresses.

Raffle Winners:

Herminio Padilla (x2), David Cooper, Johnny Aguila, Art Murphy, Cy Carlberg, Al Remyn, Kevin Holman, and the lucky winner of the Anaheim Ducks tickets was a guest of Al's, STS's new Administrative Assistant, Heather Crippen.



Upcoming Industry Events

October 25, 2005	Ontario Seminar & Exhibit Ontario Convention Center– Ontario, CA Contact– Target 800.352.3870
October 27, 2005	Tree Biometrics and Risk Assessment UC Riverside Extension Center, Riverside, CA Contact– 951.827.4105
October 28, 2005	WCISA Regional Meeting- Recognizing Tree Diseases IV La Sierra Community Center, Carmichael, CA Contact– WCISA 714.639.3610
November 17 – 18	NATURE AT YOUR SERVICE 2005 National Conference of Urban Ecosystems The Westin – Charlotte Hotel – Charlotte, NC Contact – Cheryl Kollin 202.737.1944
Feb 8-April 26, 2006	13th Arborists' & Tree Workers' Certification Preparation Course Brea Conference Center, Brea, CA Contact– Ted Stamen 949.454.2409

MFI: An Exciting Training Opportunity

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Spearheaded by Society of Municipal Arborists, the MFI is cooperatively organized by the ISA, the California Urban Forests Council, and the National Tree Trust, with financial support through the USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Program. The cost of the 5 day institute is a deal at \$800 which includes all course material, accommodations, meals and CEU's! For complete program details and application, visit www.urban-forestry.com. The deadline to register is October 15th, 2005.



The Battle of Trees Versus Turf

A public service announcement provided by the International Society of Arboriculture

CHAMPAIGN, IL — There may be a battle brewing in your backyard between your trees and your grass. Trees and turf tend to be mutually exclusive — you won't see many trees growing in the prairies or grasslands, and grass is uncommon on the forest floor.

Our urban landscapes represent an unnatural ecosystem in which we force two somewhat incompatible plant types together and expect optimum performance from each. Trees and turf compete for sunlight, water, mineral nutrients, and growing space below ground. Turf roots typically out-compete tree roots and win the below-ground battle. But the dense shade of a tree's crown can be too much competition for turf, enabling trees to win the aerial war. Shade leads to reduced grass density, increased root competition, and increased weed invasion.

In order for turf and trees to cohabitate, here are some areas you should consider:

• Pruning for light penetration — Pruning to increase light penetration should be considered, keeping in mind that it is usually not a permanent solution. Remember that trees will grow into the voids created by pruning. That's why a rule of thumb is not to remove more than one-fourth of the tree's foliage-bearing crown in a single pruning. If a tree is thinned too much, it will be stressed, and will probably

produce many watersprouts (suckers) along its branches to compensate for lost foliage. This process defeats the purpose of pruning to allow more light penetration. It may help to "raise" a tree's crown (crown raising) to improve light penetration. Crown raising involves the removal of lower branches on trees, and most tree species are quite tolerant of this pruning practice.

• Root Control — Some trees tend to form surface roots, which can be a major problem in lawns. Homeowners always want to know to what extent they can prune or remove tree roots without killing the tree. Because cut roots tend to develop more roots, root pruning is generally not a solution.

The most simple maintenance recommendation is also the most important. Mulch. Mulching the root areas of trees is one of the least expensive but most beneficial things you can do to enhance tree health and minimize competition with turf. Mulch helps retain soil moisture, moderates soil temperature, and reduces competition from weeds. Organic mulch can help condition the soil and improve microbial activity. Apply mulch about 2 to 4 inches deep but do not pile it against the tree trunks. As far as the trees are concerned the bigger the mulched area the better. Mulch groups of trees together and extend the mulched areas as far out as practical.

• Fertilization — There is a long-standing, but inaccurate, belief that trees must be "deep root" fertilized. This notion is associated with the myth that a tree's root system is an underground mirror of the crown. Because most of the absorbing roots are actually in the upper few inches of soil, it makes little sense to place the fertilizer deeper.

If you are fertilizing your lawn and trees are occupying the same area, the trees might not require supplemental fertilization. The key to any fertilization program is to base the application of the plant's needs.

• Mowing — Most people don't realize the degree of damage that can be caused by the bumping of a mower or the whipping action of a nylon string trimmer. A tree's bark can only provide so much protection against these devices. Young, thin-barked trees can be damaged almost immediately. In the worst case scenario, the trees may die. Those that are not killed will be stressed (weak and susceptible), and wounds may serve as entry points for diseases, borers or other insects.

• Chemical treatments — Herbicides, especially broadleaf weed killers, are often used on lawns. It is important to remember however, that most trees are broadleaved plants and can be injured or killed if high enough doses reach them. Homeowners must keep in

mind that "weed and feed" fertilizers contain herbicides, which can damage trees.

• Achieving a balance — Trees and turf can peacefully coexist, even thrive, in a landscape. Armed with an understanding of how each affects the other, a homeowner can modify the environment and the maintenance procedures to optimize the growing conditions for both.

One of the best ways to be assured you are making wise decisions regarding your trees is to educate yourself on some of the basic principles of tree care. The International Society of Arboriculture offers consumer information about trees at www.treesaregood.com. To contact an ISA-certified arborist in your area, visit www.isa-arbor.com.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Champaign, Ill., is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research around the world. As part of ISA's dedication to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, it offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry. For more information, contact a local ISA Certified Arborist or visit www.treesaregood.com.

