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**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Thursday, June 29, 2006**  
**Golf Tournament**  
**Royal Vista Golf Club**  
**Walnut, CA**

**2006 MEETING SCHEDULE**

June 29	GOLF TOURNAMENT	Royal Vista GC Walnut
July	DARK ~ Have a Great Summer!	
August 24	PLANTING TREE with Municipalities	Tree People Los Angeles, CA
September 28	TBA	
October 26	TBA	
November 30	TBA	
December 21	OFFICER INSTALLATIONS and SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM	

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*"To promote the advancement of urban forestry and provide a forum for tree care professionals to share their experiences, knowledge, and expertise for the benefit of the membership and the enhancement of Southern California's community forests."*

**VISION STATEMENT**

*"To enhance the health and beauty of Southern California cities by improving the quality of our community forests."*

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**STS NEWSLETTER**

JUNE 2006

*~Thinking INSIDE the Box~*

Hosted by VCTC

**F**or May's meeting we had the unique opportunity to visit Valley Crest's beautiful headquarters and speak with the owners of one of the foremost companies in the industry. The topic was tree relocation, and the clever title of the day's presentation was "Think Inside the Box".



Moving trees poses unique problems that require knowledgeable and trained professionals if the tree is to survive and thrive in it's new environment. Moving trees is not a new thing, people have been moving them for thousands of years. Although some things have changed, the basics remain the same, regardless of the method- capturing root ball, protecting and transporting to new location.

We move trees for many different reasons. We can transplant them for environmental enhancement, such as bringing trees to a new development or to bring aesthetic value to homes, businesses and streets. We can move them to preserve them, such as saving an old tree or one that holds sentimental value. It is important to remember that some trees are protected and there are ordinances that must be followed when moving trees.

One method used is boxing (and storing). The root ball and surrounding dirt is boxed on 3 sides and then a bottom is put on to support the root ball. and moved, or sometimes stored for a period of time to allow the roots time to re-establish before being replanted. The box protects the tree until it is ready to be transplanted. Another method used is the ball and burlap, which is done entirely by hand, digging up the tree and wrapping the root ball

in burlap. Another option is the mechanical tree spade, which is best suited to smaller trees that are easily accessed.

Before being moved the tree must be assessed for health or disease. Moving an unhealthy tree or one that has been improperly cared for may result in the tree not taking to it's new environment well, and maybe failure. It is also important to consider the time of year that is best suited to the tree when moving it. Make sure that the tree will have sufficient access to water. In addition, there are steps to take prior to moving the tree to ensure it is ready. For example, remove any limbs that may pose a hazard when moving it.

Most importantly, relocated trees must have proper after care to insure that they thrive. The length of time varies from case to case, but it is critical to the health and vigor of the tree to have it professionally maintained.

Street Tree Seminar, Inc. would like to extend our thanks to the entire Valley Crest family of companies, for today's event and their gracious support through the years.

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**UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION**

**JUNE 29, 2006**  
**STS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

LOCATION:



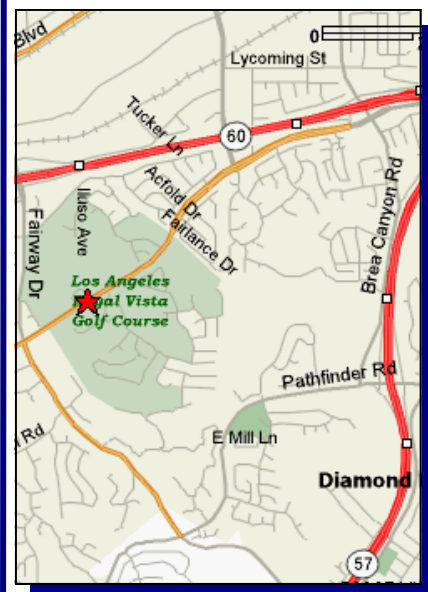
**LOS ANGELES ROYAL VISTA GOLF CLUB**  
 20055 E Colima Road - Walnut

COST:

**\$75.00 PER GOLFER**  
**\$15.00 LUNCH RESERVED**  
**\$20,00 AT THE DOOR**

MEETING SCHEDULE:

6:30am Shot Gun Start  
 10:30-11:00 Gathering  
 11:00-12:00 Program  
 12:00-1:30 Lunch & Meeting



### STS Business Meeting— May 25, 2006

**Past Presidents in Attendance:**  
Al Epperson

the membership is greatly appreciated.

(x2), Kevin Holman, Roy Boak, Leo (x2), Heather Crippen, Cy Carlberg, Al Epperson

**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

**Raffle:** Raffle prizes generously donated by : RPW, Street Tree Seminar, Valley Crest Tree Company, Mauget.

Raffle Winners: Claudine Meeker, Tadd Russikoff, Cindy McCall

**Next Meeting: June 29, 2006**  
Next meeting will be the Golf Tournament at Royal Vista Golf Club.

### Upcoming Industry Events

**June 19-21, 2006**

**Community Forestry At It's Best National Conference**  
Arbor Day Farm  
Nebraska City, Nebraska  
Contact: NADF 402/474-5655

**July 19-20, 2006**

**Tree Appraisal - A Two Day Course WCISA Regional Meeting**  
Burbank Hilton  
2500 N. Hollywood Wy - Burbank, CA  
Contact: WCISA office 714/639-3610

**June 22, 2006**

**The Importance of Trees in WCISA Regional Meeting**  
Stanford University - Tressider Student Union  
459 Lagunita Drive - Palo Alto, CA  
Contact: WCISA office 714/639-3610

**July 29-Aug 2, 2006**

**Hooked on Trees, Arboriculture up North**  
ISA 82nd Annual Conference & Trade Show  
Minneapolis Convention Center  
Minneapolis, MN  
Contact: ISA- www.isa-arbor.com

### The Importance of Street Trees— Scholarship Essay

*Submitted by Amber Crisp, 2005 Scholarship Recipient*

Trees are the largest and the longest living organisms on earth. They are of continued importance to our world. We as people must credit many of the things we get today to trees. People have always had a good relationship with trees, much of the things we have or do in our lives are related to trees in one way or another. We breathe oxygen which is produced by the leaves of trees. We use the branches and trunks of trees for a plethora of things including: housing, paper, furniture, and fire. Sap from pine trees has been used as glue and tar, and maple sap can be turned into syrup and sugar. Many fruits and nuts that we enjoy eating or using in a recipe for food come from trees. Some trees such as Gingko Biloba even hold some medicinal values.

Street trees are one of the easiest and effective ways to improve the quality of the urban environment. A well placed tree offers endless aesthetic and functional benefits. A tree planted in the right spot can help to insulate your home and lower your energy costs. Increased tree planting provides benefits such as a cooler microclimate in the summer, a barrier to the wind in winter, and better air quality. Street trees characterize the surroundings of the street, filter sunlight for shade, visually soften the streetscape, and introduce the beauty of life and nature into our lives.

Trees create a wall for privacy from the street and from neighbors to a certain extent, and from unwanted noise and sights. They add higher value to property by way of

aesthetic benefits, energy saving value and other functional benefits. Trees catch the attention of tourists, shoppers and businesses, bringing them to urban areas. They also help to prevent erosion in the soil. Trees make our surroundings more attractive, relaxing and peaceful.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR



*Amber Crisp*

Amber currently attends Mt. San Antonio College studying horticulture and has a GPA of 3.37. She has been involved in horticulture in her high school as well as the community. She developed a nursery

growing project at her high school valued at \$3,500.00.

### Volunteer Work Trains Arborists for Future Disasters

CHAMPAIGN, IL (April 26, 2006)

Volunteer arborists are assisting in a unique storm restoration effort. The Gulf Coast Tree Assessment (GCTA) project has volunteers traveling to Mississippi and Louisiana to work in teams assessing storm damaged trees as well as developing treatment and rebuilding plans. Training received during this project provides each of these volunteers with valuable knowledge to utilize in their home communities when a natural disaster strikes.

The list of potential volunteers includes arborist from all over the United States as well as those from other countries. Once assigned to a group, the volunteers must commit for an eight to ten-day period to help assist with the program. After a one-day training session, they begin their work assessing the storm damaged trees in their assigned areas.

Volunteer teams use handheld computers and GPS equipment to record data including location, tree species and immediate care recommendations. The information collected is transferred to an online data management program, then analyzed and compiled into a list of priorities to give back to the communities to help guide in the rebuilding effort. Information is also being saved to help with future storm-related events in other areas.

Most of the trees in the Gulf were damaged by standing salt water, but the winds and heavy machinery used in cleanup also caused damage. Volunteers with the Gulf Coast Tree Assessment project look for trees that can be saved, offer suggestions to bring those trees back to full health, and help develop replacement plans for those trees that are lost. The project was organized through a collaborative effort involving several government agencies as well as community and non-profit organizations.

These groups are working together to provide funding, equipment, training, and volunteers. So far five groups totaling 17 volunteers have participated in the Gulf Coast Tree Assessment program, and many more have signed up to offer their assistance.

able and recommend treatment. Another goal is tree replacement. While volunteers are assessing the existing tree conditions and maintenance, they are also looking for areas where trees could be replaced. They look for places to put more weather-resistant trees to help prevent this level of destruction from happening again. Salvage and replacement are starting points for the rebuilding of these Gulf Coast communities' urban forests. Though much work has been done, there are still many communities in need of this project. The project plans to continue sending assessment groups through the summer for as long as work is available. The ultimate goal is to build greener urban areas helping communities recover one tree at a time.

Goals of the program include avoiding unnecessary removal of healthy trees. Many times, cleanup automatically involves removing all the trees in an affected area.

These volunteer arborists are able go through and find trees that are salvage-



Organizations involved in the Gulf Coast Tree Assessment project include: the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA); Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA); Davey Resource Group; Alabama Cooperative Extension; Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI); Geospatial Information Technology Association (GITA); Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry; Mississippi Forestry Commission; NUCFAC; USDA Forest Service, Region 8; USDA Forest Service, Washington Office, Urban and Community Forestry; Coastal Land Trust and USDA Forest Service Southern Center for Urban Forestry.



SMA has joined forces with the ISA and its chapters and PAs, the USDA Forest Service, Davey Resource Group, and others, to provide teams of expert arborists to assist with tree damage assessment for affected communities along the Gulf Coast.

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