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STS NEWSLETTER

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STS October Meeting & Garden Tour

How lucky we are to be Street Tree members! October's meeting was held at yet another beautiful haven, Huntington Gardens. With it's multitude serene gardens, it's museums, and it's library, Huntington is a place you could easily spend an entire day in.

A private, nonprofit institution, The Huntington was founded in 1919 by railroad and real estate developer Henry Edwards Huntington and opened to the public in 1928."

Dr. Folsom gave an excellent and very informative touring, walking the grounds and taking us through an oral history of the gardens, the lot, and the trees residing within.

"The Huntington is a research and educational center set amidst 120 acres of breathtaking gardens. Three art galleries and a library showcase magnificent collections of paintings, sculptures, rare books, manuscripts, and decorative arts. The botanical garden features over 14,000 different species of plants.

We had an excellent (as always) lunch, and we would like to thank both Target and Mauget again for their generous support of Street Tree Seminar, Inc.

UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 16, 2006

RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS
HISTORIC GARDEN TOUR

LOCATION:

Rancho Los Alamitos
6400 Bixby Rd.
Long Beach, CA

COST:

RESERVED: \$15.00
AT THE DOOR: \$20.00

MEETING SCHEDULE:

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

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, November 16 2006
Historic Garden Tour
Rancho Los Alamitos
Long Beach, CA

2006/07 MEETING SCHEDULE

November 16	Historic Garden Tour	Rancho Los Alamitos Long Beach, CA
December 14	Officer Installations/Scholarship	Amazon Barbecue Fullerton, CA
January 18	WTMS: ARBORICULTURE --The 3 P's: "Planning, Planting and Pests"	Los Angeles County Arboretum Arcadia, CA

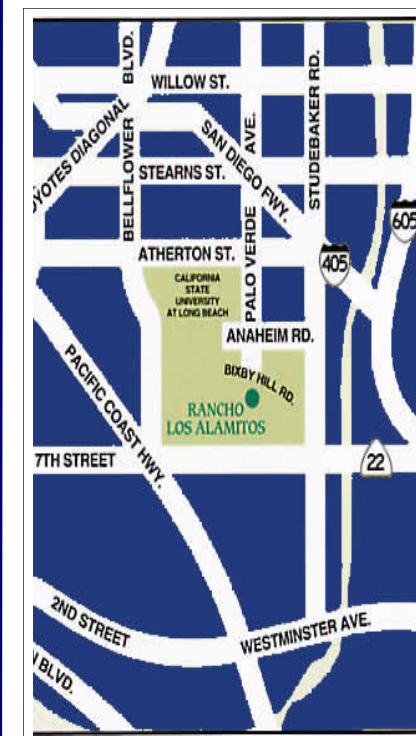
If you have a great idea for a meeting for the 2007 year, please contact Kevin Holman at 714.870.6352

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 Business Meeting— October 26, 2006

Past Presidents in Attendance:

Andy Trotter, Al Remyn

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.

Raffle: Raffle prizes generously donated by : RPW, Street Tree Seminar, Valley Crest Tree Company, Mauget, Davey Tree and West Coast Arborists

Raffle Winners: Rebecca Latta, Janice Bartolo, Art Murphy, Marvin Trotter, Ken Rokosz, Heather Crippen (x2), Carl Mellinger, Lorna Remyn, Tadd Russikoff and Roy Chavez. Congratulations!

Next Meeting: November 16, 2006

Next meeting will be an historic tour of the "Rancho Los Alamitos.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2007:

Wayne Smith	3 year Director
Chuck LeRoy	" "
Alan Hudak	2 year Director
Johnny Aguila	1 year Director
Dave Teuschler	Secretary
Cy Carlberg	Treasurer
Janessa Cotugno	Vice President
Kevin Holman	President
Art Murphy	Past President



A Call for Arborists!

The Western Chapter ISA, a partner in United Voices for Healthier Communities, is looking for arborists who are interested in participating in The Great Clean Air Tree Planting Project. As an initiative of the South Coast Air Quality Management

District, this project aims to plant 3,000 – 5,000 trees in the largest single-day urban tree planting effort in the history of the South Coast Air Basin. This

unique event is being kicked off in the Spring of 2007 as an Arbor Day event, with the main event being held statewide in conjunction with Make a Difference Day on October 27, 2007. We are looking for arborists who would like to share their tree-planting skills and knowledge with community volunteers in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. For more information, please visit

www.unitedvoices.org, or contact Mary at the Western Chapter office: (714) 639-3610.



Al Remyn took our STS Booth to the Western Turfgrass Expo!

Topless Trees Are Indecent

Trees must be pruned sometimes to avoid interference with utility lines, buildings, or parts of the surrounding environment. Whenever pruning to reduce a tree's size is required, avoid the harmful practice of topping.

Topping involves removing all parts of a tree above a certain height with no consideration for its structure or health. This method is not a viable method of height reduction but only a temporary and ineffective solution that actually makes a tree more hazardous in the long run.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) explains why topping is not an acceptable pruning technique. "Topping is probably the most damaging and detrimental thing a person can do to a tree," says Sharon Lilly, Director of

Education for ISA. "Topped trees are ugly, and the harmful effects usually endure for the life of the tree."

The destructive effects of topping include:

- "Starved" trees – Topping often removes 50-100 percent of the leaf-bearing crown robbing the tree of food-producing leaves.
- Creation of weak shoots- As a defense mechanism, a tree will quickly grow (up to 20 feet in one year) food-producing shoots that are weak and prone to breaking, resulting in a more hazardous tree.
- Added stress for the tree- If a tree does not have enough stored energy it will not be able to produce the chemicals required to defend the multiple wounds from a disease or insect attack.
- "Sunburned" trees- The leaves within a tree's crown absorb sunlight. Without this protection,

branches and trunks are exposed to high levels of light and heat which can burn the tissues beneath the bark.

- Poor aesthetics- Topping removes the ends of branches often leaving unsightly stubs, and destroying the natural form of the tree.
 - Higher maintenance costs- Trees that have been topped will need pruning more often, or may die and need to be removed.
- Topped trees are potential liabilities and can reduce property value.

To help avoid these harmful side effects ISA advises that trees should be pruned according to the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) pruning standards. An ISA Certified Arborist should quote approved ANSI pruning methods to their customers. Beware of



a tree service that offers to top your tree; they may not be up to date on the latest pruning methods.



The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Champaign, Ill., is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research and education 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, and to find a local ISA Certified Arborist, visit www.treesaregood.com.

Upcoming Industry Events

December 3-6, 2006

ASCA Annual Conference
Napa, California
Contact: ASCA 301-947-0483

January 9, 2007

Pruning on the Cutting Edge Conference
Tempe, Arizona
Contact: WCISA- 714.639.3610

February 18-23, 2007

Municipal Forestry Institute
Lake Arrowhead Conference Center
Lake Arrowhead, CA
Contact- www.urban-forestry.com

July 27 - August, 2007

Catch the Wave of Global Arboriculture
ISA ANNUAL CONFERENCE -
Hosted by Western Chapter ISA
Honolulu, HI
Contact - www.isa-arbor.com