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STS August Meeting & Tree People Tour



Tree People Eco-Friendly Headquarters

August's meeting was hosted by Tree People at their gorgeous and unique headquarters in Beverly Hills. After a drive up the winding road you arrive at this small piece of beautiful simplicity. The building is made from scraps left over from the buildings that were previously on the property, insulated by old blue jeans, and there is a 225,000 gallon cistern under the building to catch rainwater to be filtered and used throughout the property. When you walk into the kitchen you see a mulch pile and a tour of the grounds will reveal round buildings called *yerts* that they built themselves, as well as various educational activities designed to help kids understand how to work with the environment.



Yert from the outside

The Tree People staff discussed their program, started by Andy Lipkis when at 15 years old he saw the dwindling forests and learned that this was due to smog. He gathered a group of summer campers and planted trees in an old parking lot. He then challenged the California Department of Forestry to donate 8,000 surplus seedlings, and the California Conservation Project was born.

Over the years Tree People has planted millions of trees, but more than that they have involved the people and the community, gotten them vested in the health and long-term welfare of the trees, and excited about the prospects that these new trees bring.

Through programs like Campus Forestry, Citizen Forestry, Fruit Trees to Combat Hunger and so many more, Tree People is not only giving back to the community, but helping the community to continue giving to itself.

For more information, or to join tree people, go to www.treepeople.org

UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 28, 2006

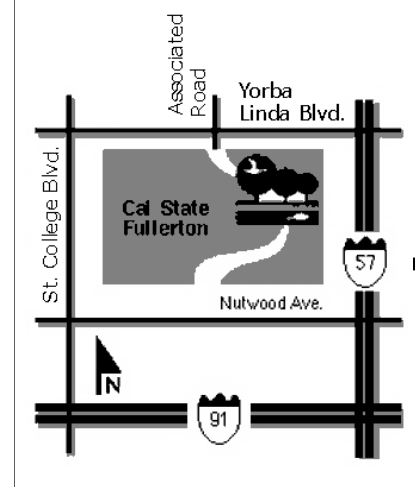
FULLERTON ARBORETUM TOUR

LOCATION:
 Fullerton Arboretum
 1900 Associated Road

COST:
 RESERVED: \$15.00
 AT THE DOOR: \$20

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

Directions:
 Exit 57 at Yorba Linda Blvd. going West
 Left at Associated Road, go to the end, turn left into parking.



NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, September 28, 2006
Arboretum Tour
Fullerton Arboretum
Fullerton, CA

2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

September 28	Intro & Tour of Arboretum	Fullerton Arboretum Fullerton, CA
October 26	Trees of the Garden- Dr. Folsom	Huntington Gardens San Marino, CA
November 16	TBA	
December 14	Officer Installations/Scholarship	Amazon Barbecue Fullerton, CA

If you have a great idea for a meeting for the 2006 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."

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STS Business Meeting— August 24, 2006

Past Presidents in Attendance:

George Gonzales, 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, West Coast Arborists and Tree People.

Raffle Winners: Alan Hudak, George Gonzales, Greg Monfette, Janessa Cotugno, Carl Mellinger, Jan Bartolo, Jaohunny Aguila, Oscar Sanchez, Denise Rodriguez, Rachel Dawson,.

Next Meeting: September 28, 2006

Next meeting will be a tour of the beautiful Fullerton Arboretum.



Upcoming Industry Events

September 29, 2006

The Write Stuff
Sacramento, CA
Contact: WCISA office 714-639-3610

October 5-6, 2006

Desert Green
Las Vegas, Nevada
Contact: Helen Stone 702-454-3057

October 18, 2006

Identifying, Treating & Managing Hazardous Trees
Brea, CA
Contact: Ted Stamen 949-454-2409

December 3-6, 2006

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

The Importance of Street Trees— An Essay by Noe Cardenas

Dear Civilized World,
My name is Noe Cardenas. I have been a city employee for three and a half years, and a horticultural student for three. My foals and desires have always been to obtain a career outdoors. Know I am happy to say that I have found my calling as a horticulturist. I specialize in arboriculture and am pursuing to become a professional as a certified arborist in this landscape industry.

I began as a trainee dragging brush in the public sector and soon realized that I needed to get educated in this great industry of ours. From my knowledge and experience (thanks Dave Lannom) in maintaining street trees I can say that there are acceptable and unacceptable trees planted. To start I would like to say that there is no perfect tree, they all have desired and undesired characteristics.

Qualities to look for in a street tree are root structure, excurrent or decurrent mature growth, seeds, or flowers, releases sap, hardiness, susceptible to pest, and strength of wood. Of course there are many things to consider when selecting a tree specimen for our streets. We need safe trees that are indestructible to their environment and still aesthetically pleasing.

Planting a tree that is brittle can become a potential lawsuit for cities due to the high volume of traffic on any given street. As a city employee I worked on trees with notorious surface roots that broke sidewalks, gutter drains, clogged residential sewer lines and many other problems. Also topping trees that were planted in the wrong location posing a fire hazard to power lines. Trying to correct these problems not only is costly but can also make a bad situation worse.

Example: to rebuild broken side-

walks we need to remove roots in large amounts usually with a stump grinder. This takes from the trees anchorage, stability, water and nutrient absorbing ability. This one action alone does no good to any tree, instead now we have a potential hazard. Topping trees also causes a hazard by the aftermath of improper branching called witch's brome. The unions of these branches are not strong, and with weight they have a great potential to break and cause damage. This type of topping is a method often used, where people do not understand the effects it has on a tree (or are left with no choice). This can result in anything from shock, vulnerability to diseases, pests, fungus, all due to the tree stressing out and using it's stored nutrients to recuperate what it lost. The worst case is death of the tree. An option is to remove the improperly planted tree specimen. This would be a very costly process that most cities can't afford.

These are some of the reasons why we need to get educated, so we can prevent hazardous and costly situations from happening. Choosing the right tree for a street tree will benefit everyone's wallet, and safety, while living in this civilized world we live in. I would like to give thanks to all my fellow students at Mt. SAC who have enlightened me, my professors and co-workers, and especially my wife Nilar. This is the beginning of my professional career. I am happy to say that I am a professional member of the International Society of Arboriculture. I will grow to become a contributing factor in our industry. Remember, safety first.

Sincerely, Noe Cardenas



More Pictures from Tree People



Outside the building



Inside the Meeting