



STREET TREE SEMINAR, INC.

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NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, May 21, 2009
Cal Poly Pomona Rose Garden
Pomona, CA

2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

May 21	Cal Poly Pomona Rose Garden	Pomona, CA
June 18	STS Annual Golf Tournament	Brookside Golf Course Pasadena, CA
August 20	TBD	
October 15	Tree Horror Story Susan Sims	Sims Tree Learning Center Pedley, CA
December 10	Annual Scholarship Awards/Officer Installation	TBD

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

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Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden (RSABG) *"California's Native Garden" by Johnny Aguila & Wayne Smith*

What a peaceful spot nestled in the city of Claremont, near the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. The Garden was first established by Susanna Bixby Bryant, a member of one of California's pioneering families in 1927, on her rancho in Orange County. With over 6,000 kinds of native plants, California has the richest flora of any state in the continental United States and Susanna recognized the need to conserve this plant diversity. Later relocated to Claremont in 1951, this 86 acre Garden is the largest botanical garden dedicated exclusively to our state's native plants.

RSABG's mission promotes botany, conservation and horticulture to inspire, inform and educate the public and the scientific community about California's native flora. The Garden is devoted to the collection, cultivation, study and display of native California plants and to graduate training and research in plant evolution. Through all its programs, the Garden makes significant contributions to the appreciation, enjoyment, understanding and thoughtful use of our natural heritage.

The Garden's living collection represents nearly fifty percent of the entire plant heritage of California, and is sure to provide you with plenty of new and fascinating experiences with each visit. Experience the changes in colors and textures of the Botanic Garden throughout the seasons.

There are 3 unique areas to be explored: Indian Hill Mesa, the East Alluvial Gardens, and the Plant Communities. Take a relaxed stroll along the Garden's meandering pathways, attend classes on native plant gardening, explore native landscape designs. Visit the Garden Shop to find more ideas for your native garden, unique books and gifts, and tips for green living. Brochures are available for self-guided walks and tour guides are available with a 2 week advance notice.

Special thanks to Bart O'Brien, Director of Special Projects, for his well-informed talk and tour.

Located @ 1500 N. College Ave. Claremont, CA 91711.
Ph. (909) 625-8767. Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Starting March 29, 2009 there will be an admission fee for garden visitors.



UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION MAY 21, 2009

**LOCATION: CAL POLY POMONA ROSE GARDEN
3801 W. TEMPLE DR., POMONA**

COST: \$15.00 PLUS \$5 PARKING

TIME:

GETTING THERE:

From Los Angeles:

Take the 10 freeway EAST and exit at Kellogg Drive.

From Orange County:

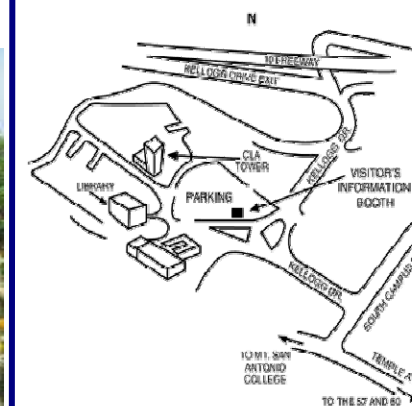
Take the 57 freeway NORTH to Temple Avenue and exit north (left-hand turn) to the campus.

From The Inland Empire:

Take the 10 freeway WEST and exit at Kellogg Drive.

From the Pasadena area:

Take the 210 freeway EAST to 57 Freeway SOUTH. Exit on Temple Avenue and turn north (right-hand turn) to the campus.



STS Business Meeting— March 2009

Past Presidents in attendance:
 Alan Hudak
 Al Remyn and Kevin Holman

◇ Alan Hudak
 ◇ Sylva Blackstone

be with us as we return to the format on which Street Tree Seminar was founded: sharing of stories, problems, successes surrounding the management of trees.

RAFFLE:

Raffle prizes generously donated by:

- ◇ Kevin Holman— RPW
- ◇ Target
- ◇ West Coast Arborists
- ◇ Street Tree Seminar

Winners

- ◇ David Cooper
- ◇ Elisabeth Hoskins
- ◇ Wen Wang
- ◇ Bill Candlish

NEXT MEETING:

STS May meeting will be held May 21 at Cal May Meeting Thursday, May 21, 2009

Bring your questions/stories to this round table discussion at the lovely Rose Garden at Cal Poly, Pomona. Spring is here!

Fred Roth, professor of Horticulture/Plant and Sol Sciences, will

Parking permits, available at any of the guard shacks, are \$5.00 -- carpool if you can!

Campus map is available at http://www.csupomona.edu/map/campus/central_campus_small.pdf

Hope to see you all there!

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Scholarship Essays— Part 1

The Importance of Trees— by Hector Ramirez

We tend to ignore the crucial importance trees have on our society. Trees in general play a vital role in our everyday existence as human beings. There are a plethora of benefits that trees provide us, either in the urban forestry realm or on the streets adjacent to our homes. However, the role street trees have on our communities clearly indicates the need to focus more attention on arboriculture and spread the wealth of knowledge within the community.

The most obvious function of street trees is to beautify our communities and to increase the value of our homes. There is clearly a difference between residential tracts that have no trees and tracts filled with trees. It seems that residential tracts lacking in trees look plain and without life. Residential tracts lined with redwoods or carrot woods tend to give more life to the area. Trees also have a tendency to increase property values because they are an added value to the community.

Street trees also have a psychological soothing effect on us. In the fast pace society that we live in, it is important to temporarily disassociate ourselves and relax. Trees in general, whether in a park or street, enable us to relax and reflect on stresses encountered during the day.

There are several environmental benefits street trees provide us. Street lined with trees provide wind-break which slows down the movement of air as it nears buildings or homes, thereby decreasing the possibility of damaged property. Trees on streets also create shade and



have a cooling effect on structures. This enables us to turn down our air conditioner during hot summers; by doing this less energy is used and more money is saved. Much is said about the dangers of smog and the destruction of the

ozone layer. However, tree canopies engulf dangerous pollutants and cleanse the air we breathe. The process of photosynthesis, which occurs in trees, removes excess carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

In closing, there should be a better understanding between the interplay of trees and society. Only then will we understand the true benefits trees provide us. On a basic level they provide shade and cool us off while allowing us to relax and reflect. The complex exchanges that occur within the canopies, however, are essential for our survival on earth; trees are an essential element for our survival.

Hector Ramirez is one of five 2008 Scholarship recipients. Hector is presently attending Mount San Antonio College studying Horticulture. He has been very active in several groups such as Sports Turf Club and is a member of several associations. Hector worked in landscaping for 5 years and the Pomona Unified School District for 2 years. Since August 2007 until now he is working for the City of Riverside.



STREET TREE SEMINAR, Inc. ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Brookside Golf Club 1133 Rosemont Ave., Pasadena CA 91103 Thursday, June 18, 2009

TIME: Registration begins at 8am
 Modified Shot Gun start at 9am (52 player min)

FORMAT:

- Best Ball Scramble.
- Each player will tee off. From the point of the best drive, each player will hit a second shot and so on until the ball is in the hole.
- Lowest number of putts will be used as a tie-breaker.
- Mulligans available on the course- \$10.00 per team.



PRIZES:

- First, second and third place team.
- Longest drive, Closest to the pin on a selected par three – Men's and Women's divisions.
- Prizes will be awarded during lunch following the tournament.
- Raffle tickets will be available on the course.

ENTRY PROCEDURE:

- Entry form is attached below. Fee is \$80.00 per golfer - includes on course contest, continental breakfast, BBQ lunch and 1 free raffle ticket.
- If the minimum of 52 paid golfers is met, each player will receive a voucher for 1 free round of golf. Voucher may not be used that day. (See Brookside Golf Club for further details).
- For further information contact Wayne Smith at 661-294-2548 or Heather at 714-639-6516.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2009. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET THIS DEADLINE, SO WE CAN COMPLY WITH THE GOLF COURSE.

Street Tree Seminar Annual Golf Tournament ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Organization: _____ Email: _____

Billing Address: _____

Credit Card or Check #: _____ Expiration date: _____

CC Type: [] MC [] VI [] AMX Signature: _____

OTHERS IN FOURSOME(S) _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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