



**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Thursday, August 20, 2009**  
**Virginia Robinson Gardens**  
**1008 Elden Way - Beverly Hills, CA**

## 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

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|-------------|--|---|
| August 20   | Garden Tour<br>Led by Tim Lindsay              | Virginia Robinson Garden<br>Beverly Hills, CA |
| October 15  | Tree Horror Story<br>Susan Sims                | Sims Tree Learning Center<br>Pedley, CA       |
| December 10 | Annual Scholarship Awards/Officer Installation | TBD   |
| January 14  | WTMS   | LA Arboretum<br>Los Angeles, CA               |

### 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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## Cal Poly Pomona - Rose Garden – May 21, 2009

By Johnny Aguila

When Will Keith Kellogg purchased some property in Pomona, California he chose to hire Charles Adams as the original landscape architect, who was responsible for the majority of the Kellogg Ranch landscape. Charles Adams began his work for Kellogg in 1926. Because of Adams, the Rose Garden, Cactus Garden, and other sights were created. Adams often had problems with Kellogg though, especially when he wrote to Kellogg to inform him of the Rose Garden's progress. Kellogg would like to have known in advance that they were going to construct a rose garden, so he would have the opportunity to okay the proposition. However, Kellogg didn't remain upset because this garden became a tourist attraction and was praised often due to its rose variety and design.

The Rose Garden is laid out in a circle, with eight pie shaped sections, and each contains a different variety of rose. There are eight rows in three sections and six in the other five sections. Adams' reasoning for the garden's set up

was found in the following letter to Kellogg from Adams on December 3, 1926:

"By building it on the wheel plan, we have every rose where it can be easily examined or picked from a path, and where the work of care is at a minimum."

The Rose Garden of yesterday is virtually the same as the Rose Garden of today. It follows the same designs and similar colored roses. The Rose Garden remains a popular location on campus and will remain a part of California Polytechnic University's colorful history. As a gift for the Cal Poly Pomona Campus, the class of 1994 purchased a gazebo for the center of the Rose Garden. The gazebo serves as a lovely focal point for the garden and can be used as an interesting background in photographs or just a quiet refuge for anyone seeking a break from their busy day.

For more information go to <http://www.csupomona.edu/~licensingofspace/gallery/rosegarden.html>



## UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION

**AUGUST 20, 2009**

### LOCATION:

**VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDEN**  
**1008 ELDEN WAY - BEVERLY HILLS**

### COST:

**\$10.00 ENTRY FEE PLUS LUNCH!**

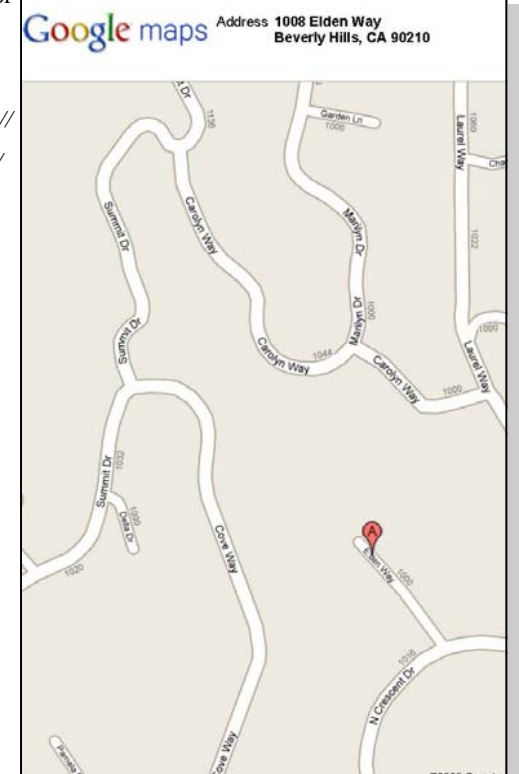
### TIME:

10:00AM

Please join us at the historic Beverly Hills estate for a beautiful morning of garden delights! Tim Lindsay, the Director of the gardens, will lead our tour.

Virginia Robinson Gardens  
1008 Elden Way  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Thursday, April 20, 2009 at 10 AM. Lunch provided.



## STS Business Meeting– May, 2009

### Past Presidents in attendance:

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| ◇ Dan Jensen,  | ◇ Dan Rojas    |
| ◇ Kevin Holman | ◇ Antonio Ayon |
|                | ◇ Kevin Holman |
|                | ◇ Alan Hudak   |

### Raffle:

Raffle prizes generously donated by:

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| ◇ Kevin Holman– RPW     | ◇ Janessa Cotugno |
| ◇ Will Harrison, Target | ◇ Heather Crippen |
| ◇ West Coast Arborists  |                   |
| ◇ AY Nursery            |                   |
| ◇ Street Tree Seminar   |                   |
| Raffle Winners          |                   |
| ◇ David Cooper          |                   |

### NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 20th at Virginia Robinson in Beverly Hills, CA

Don't forget to bring any questions you may have to network with.



## Upcoming Industry Events

### WESTERN CHAPTER ISA presents:

**Certified Tree Worker Prep Course**  
 July 10 Santa Barbara, CA  
 August 14 Carmichael, CA

**Application of Practice of ANSI**  
 August 24 Palo Alto, CA

**Oak Field Day**  
 September 18 Anaheim Hills, CA

**Recognizing Tree Diseases**  
 October 16 Chico, CA

Register online at [www.wcisa.net](http://www.wcisa.net)



### CALIFORNIA URBAN FOREST COUNCIL PRESENTS:

#### July 17, 2009 - Essentials of Urban Forest Management - Roseville, CA

Sacramento Valley CaUFC presents Essentials of Urban Forest Management at the Maidu Center in Roseville. Topics include: Urban Forest Management Places, Calculating Carbons, Engaging Elected Officials, and Marketing Trees- 6.5 ISA CEUs are available. Cost is **\$65 in advance/ \$85 at the door.** – [www.caufc.org](http://www.caufc.org) to register

#### July 23, 2009 - Fire in the Urban Forest Workshop - San Jose, CA

The California Urban Forests Council and the Bay Area Urban Forest Ecosystem Council are pleased to invite you to: "FIRE in the URBAN FOREST" Workshop on July 23, 2009 - 9:30AM to 2:45PM at the Roosevelt Community Center, 901 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95116 – the cost is \$35 - lunch is included

As the fire season approaches we look forward to your attendance to learn Best Management Practices, and to understand the legal aspects of fire in the urban setting. Register easily on line at [www.caufc.org/Workshops](http://www.caufc.org/Workshops)

## Scholarship Essays– Pt 2

### The Importance of the Living Infrastructure-

By Jess Johnston

Street trees provide vast economical, social, environmental, ecological and aesthetic benefits. Can you imagine an urban city without trees? The thought of a concrete jungle without a healthy and safe population of trees makes me cringe. Being a horticulture student opens my eyes even further to the significance and sheer beauty of specimens found right in your back backyard, on your commute, or in the park where your kids play. It really is amazing how your perspective on our urban forests changes as you begin to become more exposed and educated to arboriculture, as if you have a new pair of eyes. I have to be careful to pay attention to the road as I find myself admiring a stand or trying to identify trees at 55 MPH. Street trees are more important and beneficial than we could ever imagine and applying modern arboricultural practices to the care of these trees in establishing sustainable urban forests is the key.

There are a few basic methods and concepts vital to ensuring the health, sustainability and safety of any population of street trees. Of course, appropriate planning, planting and maintenance are the keystones. Also, having diversity in the ages and species will allow for long-term benefits and stability. Optimizing canopy size as well as ground and underground space for these trees is especially essential for individual tree growth and development. Another tactic is to promote awareness about needs and benefits of street trees through educational outreach programs to the necessary community members and private organizations. Lastly, recycling and reusing



any green waste from the trees, taking regular inventories, following plant health programs and using approved maintenance techniques are still more ways to maximize health and benefits of street trees.

Now let's talk about the benefits of street trees! Obviously, they beautify homes and communities. Their aesthetic value contributes to increased property values, as well as calming traffic. You may not have known that people drive slower on tree lined streets and that trees are subconsciously calming and reduce crime while increasing pedestrian friendliness. For the homeowner, not only do street trees increase the value of a home but also cut street noise while cutting electricity use by providing shade in the summer and blocking cold air in the winter. Flowering trees provide food for wildlife while coloring our public spaces with a dazzling palette; not to mention the fall colors our deciduous species reveal as they politely remind us what month it is. Street trees also reduce flooding and improve water quality as well as cool and purify the air we breathe. Our urban forests contribute to increased human health and well-being in so many ways.

In conclusion, street trees have immeasurable benefits and are remarkably important to our communities. They are the axle that allows cities to continue to spin. Every member of a community, whether consciously or unconsciously, relies on its urban forests to provide the atmosphere they crave. It really is up to us to ensure the health and safety of our living infrastructure by applying modern arboricultural practices to the care of these trees.

Jess Johnston is the second of five 2008 Scholarship recipients to be featured in our newsletter. He is currently in his senior year attending Cal State Polytechnic University, Pomona studying Ornamental Horticulture. He is active in several groups including Los Robles Hort. Club, PLANET, and campus outreach programs. He has also won the Lifescapes International Award for Scholastic Achievement.

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