



## STREET TREE SEMINAR, INC.

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### NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday, October 15, 2009**  
**Sims Tree Learning Center**  
**Pedley, CA**

### 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

October 15 Tree Horror Story  
Susan Sims

December 10 Annual Scholarship Awards/Officer Installation

January 14 WTMS

#### 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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### Virginia Robinson Gardens– by John Aguila

**S**ituated in the heart of Beverly Hills, the Virginia Robinson Gardens covers over six hillside acres and includes five distinctive gardens, and with its expressive blend of architecture and landscape, is a beautiful representation of an early twentieth century estate.

*The Italian Terrace Garden* offers brilliant views of specimen trees and citrus terraces. Planted under large Magnolia trees are a variety of camellias, gardenias, clivias and azaleas. This garden area is connected by brick paths, fountains and ponds creating a visual paradise to inspire you.

*The Formal Mall Garden* presents a kaleidoscope of brilliant color reflecting seasonally changing perennial borders and specimen cycads in the lawn.

*The Rose Garden* is filled with wonderful spring and fall fragrances.

*The Kitchen Garden* displays edibles from the delicious world of vegetables and herbs.

*The Tropical Palm Garden* features the largest Australian king palm collection in the continental United States. This memorable garden, with its cool, moist smells and dramatic textures, transports you to an exotic tropical paradise. Planted in the glade are gingers, bananas, and the stimulating plumeria.

*The Renaissance Revival Pool Pavilion* built in



1924 and modeled after the famous *Villa Pisani* in Italy, overlooks a sparkling pool constructed with mosaic tile wainscoting. Decorative panels adorn the Roman arches that one passes through when entering the foyer of the pavilion.



The main residence is a striking Mediterranean Classic Revival home completed in 1911 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Preserved in its interior are the furnishings and mementos of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winchester Robinson, heirs to the J.W. Robinson department store empire.

A visit well worth your time, the Virginia Robinson Gardens is open for guided walking tours led by volunteer docents. Tours last approximately 75 minutes and are held Tues. through Fri. at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tours include the house and gardens. Advance scheduling is necessary. To obtain reservations or other information, please telephone the gardens at (310) 276-5367. Tours can accommodate up to 50 people. Car-pooling may be necessary since parking is prohibited on surrounding residential streets. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

### UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION

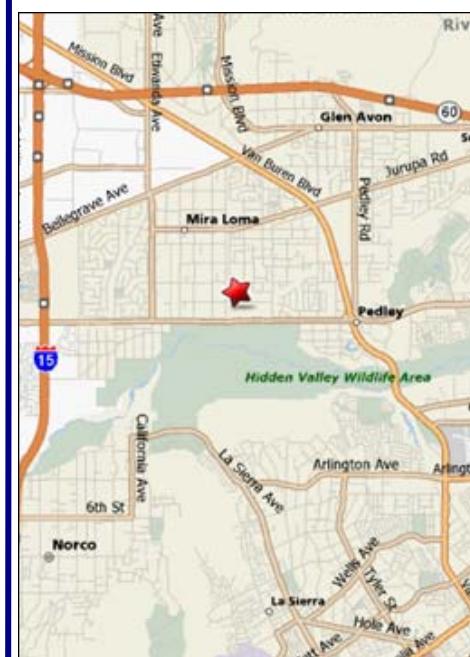
**OCTOBER 15, 2009**

### TREE HORROR STORIES

LOCATION:  
**SIM'S TREE LEARNING CENTER**  
**6111 APPALOOSA AVE.**  
**PEDLEY, CA 92509**

COST:  
**\$15.00**

TIME:  
**10:30AM**



Sim's Learning Center is located off the 15 or 60 freeways at Limonite - turn on Bain to 60th right to Appaloosa right. Phone: 951-685-6662

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## STS Business Meeting- August 2009

Our August meeting was held at Virginia Robinson Garden in Beverly Hills.

Past Presidents in attendance were Art Murphy, Kevin Holman and Rose Epperson

**Prizes generously donated by:**

- ◊ RPW
- ◊ Street Tree Seminar, Inc.
- ◊ Greg Applegate
- ◊ West Coast Arborists, Inc.

**Winners were:**

- ◊ Rose Epperson

**Upcoming Industry Events**

**RETAINING & SUSTAINING TREES IN URBAN & SUBURBAN LANDSCAPES**

Date: Tuesday, September 22  
Time: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Location: UCR Extension Center, 1200 University Ave.  
Fee: \$179/\$152.15 (15% discount) (continental breakfast, lunch, materials & parking included)  
Reg #092-SCA-A50  
Contact: Linda Coco Phone: (951) 827-5804 Web site: [www.extension.ucr.edu](http://www.extension.ucr.edu)

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**What Now? What Next? A New Direction for Urban & Community Forestry**

**2009 California Urban Forests Conference**  
**October 1-3 in Ventura, California**



Join municipal arborists, urban forest managers, landscape design professionals, planners, non-profits, public health advocates, and those interested in community trees from across California for 2½ days of networking, plenary sessions and peer presentations, industry updates, information about the latest products and services, and the annual CA Urban Forestry Awards. With a focus on the management, research science, funding and innovation that influence urban forestry, everyone should leave the conference more prepared to affect positive change once back at home!

Andy Lipkis, TreePeople founder and President, will be our keynote speaker. We have been extremely fortunate to assemble a cast of presenters with fresh ideas and solutions to define a new direction for urban and community forestry. We think you will agree. We find ourselves in unique and changing times. What we all need to do now, is come together as a community so we can creatively and intelligently determine what we should do next!

For more information and to register, visit [www.caufc.org](http://www.caufc.org).

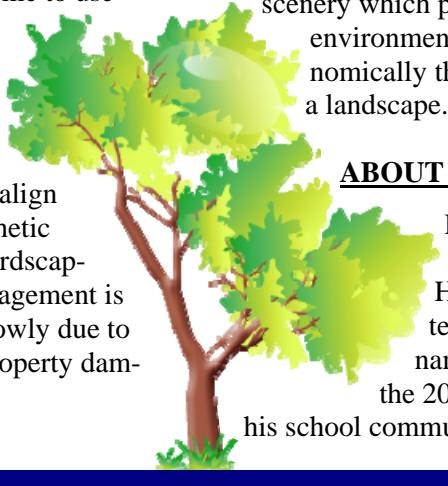
## Scholarship Essays- Pt 3

### Trees

**By Daniel C. Delgado, Jr.**

**I** am on a wonderful road to a career which will enrich my life forever. Trees became a part of my life a few years ago when I decided to take a class with Dave Lannom at Mt. San Antonio College. Since then I've focused on educating myself on the subject of horticulture and trees. After taking "The Arboriculture" class with Fred Roth, I realized how trees in general are misunderstood organisms.

Today's society has clearly shown a great appreciation for trees but has misunderstood the physical and physiological aspects of tree growth. The diverse group of trees on our planet has allowed us to better understand how they affect humans and nature both in a natural and landscaped environment. Trees supply us with the oxygen needed to survive while cleaning the air and providing us with a more pleasant atmosphere. Over the past 50 years we've come to use trees for entertainment (tree houses), aesthetic and more importantly, health reasons. Over the years we have continued to plant trees without truly understanding the importance of being educated on this great organism. Most of our trees are in our gardens or align our streets; this has definitely improved aesthetic issues, which are the product of too much hardscaping, but has caused new problems. Tree management is an issue which is finally gaining attention slowly due to unfortunate accidents, poor aesthetics and property damage which can reach millions of dollars.



#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Daniel is the 3rd of 5 STS scholarship recipients to be featured in our newsletter. He is currently a senior at Cal State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Studying Ornamental Horticulture. He was selected for the 2008-2009 PLANET Team and is active in his school community.

## Golf Tournament Results from June, 2009

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's golf tournament a huge success! We had 69 participants who all enjoyed a great day of golf at Brookside Golf Club in Pasadena, CA. Congratulations to the winners:

**First Place**-Anthony Vasquez, Anthony Giapapas, Beto Cruz, Sal Perez  
**Second Place**-Robert Newman, Evan Aldrich, Norm Seiger, John Spalioni  
**Third Place**- Jeff Morrison, Brett Richardson, Rick Gould, Wayne Smith  
**Men's Long Drive**- Jeff Morrison  
**Men's Closest to the Pin**- Brett Kirkpatrick  
**Women's Long Drive & Closest to the Pin**- Karen Bryden

A very big thanks to all of our sponsors, without whom this could not have been such a great successAnd also to our wonderful volunteers: Epicenter Management, John Conway, Johnny Aguila, Janessa Cotugno, Bill Candlish, Wen Wang, Dave Cooper & Emilio Blanco.

