



STREET TREE SEMINAR, INC.

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NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, May 19, 2011
Fullerton Maint Service Div
1580 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

May 19th	Fullerton's Parks & Trees Program	Fullerton Maintenance Service Div 1580 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton, CA
June 9th	Annual Golf Tournament	Robinson Ranch Golf Club Santa Clarita, CA
August, TBA		
October 20th	The Highlights of the City of San Dimas	The Walker House 121 N. San Dimas Avenue, San Dimas
December 15th	Annual Scholarship Awards Hosted by STS	Kellogg West 3801 W. Temple Avenue, Pomona

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."

Remember to email Robert Sartain @ RSartain@santa-clarita.com with your reservation



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STS Newsletter

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City of La Mirada welcomes Street Tree Seminar to the city's aquatic center

Our first general membership meeting of 2011 was held at the La Mirada Aquatic Center. The center is located behind City Hall at 13806 La Mirada Blvd. The Aquatic Center is a wonderful new facility that has competition pools and a "Buccaneer Bay" water park. The water park has water slides and a lazy river that you can float around and enjoy the day. The facility offers all kinds of swimming classes and swimming exercise classes for all ages.

Jose Mercado was one of the guest speakers and he spoke on the relations and working with the Hispanic employee. The topic was well received and beneficial to many in attendance. Jose discussed the cultural differences, such as language, family and religion. He explained that the Hispanic culture can be from many parts of the world and not just Mexico. In order to better understand the employee it is best to know where they are from and to know something about the culture. In general, most Hispanics are proud of their heritage and can be insulted if you assume they are all the same. Their families are very important to them and if there is a special ceremony or a religious holiday, than it is best to work with them on time off. The results from an agreeable negotiation for Ash Wednesday or Good Friday will go miles in the spirit of employee and employer relations. Another area that is important to Hispanics is their birthdays and anniversaries. Jose explained that Hispanics are proud of their birthday and it is a really big deal for them. The bottom line was that employers

will get more from the employees if you treat them as humans instead of slaves. Funny thing is that seems to be the same for anybody!



The second part of the meeting was focused on pest updates from Kevin Holman. Kevin spoke about the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) and how the pest is infecting the citrus trees worldwide and how they are now being found in the United States. The pest has been found in Florida, Mississippi, Alabama and other areas of the south. Most concerning to us is the pest has been found in California. The ACP transmits a disease that discolors leaves, creates bitter fruit and can cause decline of the tree. Kevin says that this is a real serious problem to the citrus industry and that growers are looking for resistant variety of citrus trees for the future.

Another pest that was discussed was the Red Palm Weevil. This pest has been found in southern California and can bore into the trunks of palms causing major structural damage to the tree. Again this is a very important pest to the agricultural date production as well as ornamental palms. This pest is also found worldwide and now is creeping in on California.



The third pest discussed was the Gold Spotted Oak Borer. This pest is already in San Diego county and moving north. It affects varieties of native

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NEXT MEETING!



May 19, 2011
Fullerton's Parks & Trees Program
Round Table Discussion to follow (send topics to jconway@newportbeachca.gov)

LOCATION:

FULLERTON MAINTENANCE SERVICE DIV
1580 W. COMMONWEALTH, FULLERTON, CA

TIME: 10:30 AM FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

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

Business Meeting - March 17, 2011

At the start of the general meeting STS President Wayne Smith presented Past President Alan Hudak with his STS plaque for his service as STS President in 2010.



Thanks to Mauget, RPW, Alan Hudak and Emina Darakjy for contributing to the prizes - the lucky recipients were: Tony Emerich, Emina Darakjy, Ken Rokocz, Al Epperson, Nate Dodds, Ron Mann, Robert Sartain and Luis Miramontes - there were a couple of others, but we couldn't read their names.

Wayne thanked Dan Jensen for coordinating the facility and also Steve Forester from the City of La Mirada for allowing the use of the Aquatic Center facility for the STS meeting.

Please remember to write your name legibly on the prize sheet so we can acknowledge your great fortune!

Past Presidents in Attendance – Al Remyn, Kevin Holman, Rose Epperson, Alan Hudak, Dan Jensen.

Next meeting: May 19th, 2011
Vice President John Conway has asked the City of Fullerton to share their program and facility with us. Please make sure to reserve your spot and save \$5.00!

Upcoming Industry Events



www.wcisa.net

Serving the Environment with Quality Arboriculture

77th Annual Western Chapter ISA Conference and Trade Show
Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine ~ San Diego, California
May 11 to 13, 2011

June 2, 2011

Rigging Seminar
Vermeer Pacific, Fontana, CA

Call 909/428-4800 to reserve your spot

September 15-17, 2011

CaUFC Annual Conference
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Palo Alto, CA

Visit www.caufc.org/Annual%20Conference

Hit the Links with STS - June 9, 2011

Robinson Ranch Golf Course
27734 Sand Canyon Road ~ Santa Clarita, CA 91387
Thursday June 9, 2011



Registration begins at 8:00am ~ Tee Times start at 9:00am

FORMAT:

- **Best Ball Scramble - Peoria Scoring System (Blind Draw), Prior to the start of the tournament, the Tournament Committee (Robinson Ranch Staff) will select 6 secret holes (2 x par 3's, 2 x par 4's and 2 x par 5's). After all score cards have been turned in, the net scores will be determined using the Peoria Scoring Formula.**
- **Mulligans available at check in - \$20.00 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**
- **Prizes will be awarded following the tournament.**
- **Raffle tickets will be available at check in.**

ENTRY PROCEDURE:

- **Entry form is attached below.**
- **Fee is \$75 per player includes; green fees, cart, range balls, on course contest, one raffle ticket, gift bag and lunch.**
- **For further information - call: (714) 639-6516.**

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2011

The Importance of Street Trees - by Robert Kurner, Scholarship Recipient

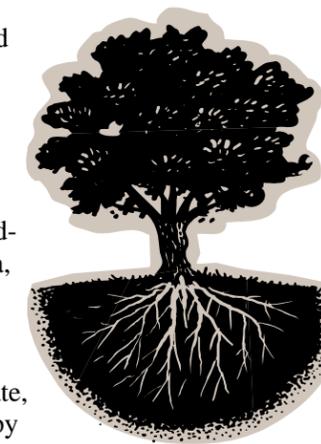
I can sit here at my keyboard and type out an essay on the benefits of street trees. I can tell you how trees add to the aesthetic beauty of a neighborhood, how trees raise property values, and how trees aide in carbon sequestration. I can go on and on about the interconnected urban forest and all the good that it can do if properly managed. I can do that, but all that has been said a thousand times before. So much so that it should be common knowledge if not common sense.

As a horticultural student I tend to focus on the native plant species of California. I enjoy Oaks over Olives, Pines over Palms, and Manzanitas over all others. I spend a fair amount of time wandering around the towns and cities near Cal Poly Pomona and I take great pride in knowing I can name off every native tree species I come across; I can also count them all on one hand. Now I will not lie. I cringe at the site of a carrotwood. I lament at the loss of a laurel in favor of a liquidambar. I have simply seen too many sad sickly stands of chlorotic nine foot Podocarpus planted in parking lots across southern California.

Our native trees are overlooked and underutilized. Here in the state of California we live among botanical wonders. We are home to the Tallest Trees, the most Massive Trees, the Oldest Trees, and some of the Rarest Trees on the planet. However our Urban Forest is composed of a majority of non native, poorly adapted, physically destructive, and often invasive species. Growing native trees as street trees presents an opportunity to bring the natural forest and the urban forest together and can further serve to augment our diverse ecological regions.

The trees species that will best survive our intermittent droughts, our Santa Ana Winds, our cold spells, and our occasional frosts are the tree species that naturally grow here. A Palo Verde is a perfect substitute for any number of trees destined for small poorly irrigated planters located in parking lots. Evergreen oaks and lofty pines provide relief from oppressive heat and damaging wind. Parkways and planters alike are suitable homes for Sycamores and Pines. Quaking aspens and Black oaks deserve a special place of honor for those who seek fall color. In terms of mitigation and carbon sequestration no Genus matches the natural live span. The lumber of Redwood, Red Cedar, Red Fir, Limber Pine, Sugar Pine, Oak, Incense Cedar, Sycamore, Manzanita, Walnut, and Douglas Fir are all used in countless craftsman applications.

Our native trees are the best tools we have to work with. They represent cons of evolution that make them the perfect candidates for this region. They are well adapted for our soils, our climate, and our neighborhoods. If given the opportunity they can make our streets and our cities a happy healthier place.



Highlights from March General Meeting - continued

oaks including the Coast Live Oak, Canyon Live Oak and the California Black Oak. The borers feed in the cambium region of the tree and can cause eventual death. One of the main controls is to not move firewood from dead or cut trees. This has been leading to the spread of the pest into new areas. Currently there is a 50% mortality of oaks affected by this pest.

Two other pests were mentioned for good measure. One is the Myoporum Psyllid and the Tipawana Tipu Psyllid. Both of these pests are causing damage to the associated trees.

For more information on these pests, Kevin recommended to do a web search on the internet and see all the information related to each of the new bugs.

Lastly, Steve Forester, the Director of Public Works for La Mirada gave a brief

overview of the urban forestry operations of the city. La Mirada is 7.8 square mile and has approximately 14,000 street trees for the 50,000 residents in the city. The majority of the tree work is done by contract with a few inspectors managing the inspections and operations for the maintenance program.

Steve also explained some of the relative tree issues related to the Aquatic Center. One example was the transplantation of some Canary Island Date Palms that were scheduled for removal at another site. Steve worked to have the palms transplanted to the Aquatic Center as well as helped on the design of the tree and landscaping. Steve explained how this was good tree preservation and community relations as well as providing the Aquatic Center with some established trees.



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