



STREET TREE SEMINAR, INC.

Your Los Angeles/Orange Regional Urban Forest Council

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NEXT MEETING
August 25, 2016
Trees and Water
Sherman Gardens
Newport Beach, CA

2016/17 MEETING SCHEDULE

Aug 25	Trees & Water	Sherman Gardens Newport Beach, CA
Oct 27	TBD	TBD
Dec 15	Annual Scholarship & Officer Installation	Kellogg West Pomona, CA
Feb 9	WTMS Winter Program	Huntington Gardens San Marino, CA

Interested in hosting a program in your community? We are interested in hearing from you!
Contact heather@streettreseminar.com

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 Ann Hope at ann@mauget.com with your reservation



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Highlights from the May Meeting, by Rose Epperson

Lucas Mitchell from the city of Rancho Cucamonga shared the history of city's urban forestry program with us. Like many southern California cities, they are challenged by the current drought conditions. In the 1970s, flood control redirected the natural water flow. Through the years the city has established many ways to create a nice environment despite the challenges. They have a water restriction program and have refrained from monoculture planting zones to increase the plant palate in their inventory.

The city has an in house nursery which allows them to apply best management practices for young tree care. This has allowed them to train trees for stronger growth patterns and also allowed for root restructure. Many of the plants were obtained through a grant program with Edison and Cal Fire – this led to an abundance of materials, some a great match, others not so much. It has given them the opportunity to work with the plants and city staff on training and furthering their ability to identify new items that may work in the city's palette.

Other ways they are being water wise include a mulch program and turf renovation opportunities throughout the city – their goal is to return all materials back onto the properties. What grows in Rancho, stays in Rancho.

cate the public and outreach through the urban forest councils (such as Street Tree Seminar) to educate our city officials. She shared information on how pests enter the area – through containers and by the movement of wood materials from county to county. Adding the stress that our urban trees are facing is a recipe for disaster. Many communities, like Rancho Cucamonga,



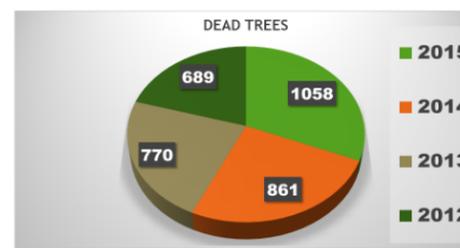
Our very own Ann Hope and Lucas Mitchell

have water usages restrictions in place and as Ann pointed out, "Hand-watering an urban forest is not an option."

Ann shared slides on the "most popular" emerging and continuing issues in Southern California. Much of the conversation wrapped around Golden Spotted Oak Borer, which leaves few exit wounds but internally there are many channels being created, and the "D" shaped exit wound of the Emerald Ash Borer. The newest villain on the scene is the Polyphagus Shot Hole Borer (PSHB) which is reaking havoc on our urban and community forests. Ann recommends that tree care professionals get familiar with this new pest and try to understand it's movement the best they can to make informed decisions on care. Some solutions she sees in the future would include removal, treatments of infected wood materials, and returning to native species in the landscape.

Street Tree Seminar would like to thank Ann and the team at Mauget for hosting us at their facility – it was a great way to spend a day collaborating with our peers.

ANNUAL DEAD TREE REMOVALS 2012 - 2015



The city studies annual tree loss. The accompanying graph depicts the statistics over the past three years.

Lucas' philosophy is "adapt to sustain" - he believes it's working about 60% of the time. That is a statistic he would like to change, but is proud of the work the city is doing to maintain a green and growing atmosphere for their residents.

Our host, Ann Hope from Mauget, followed Lucas with a great presentation on pest issues that arise when combatting drought. Her prescription is to edu-

WTMS Summer 2016 - Why Trees Fall Down, July 21, 2016

This summer's WTMS, held at Kellogg West in Pomona, was a great success; congratulations to Ken Pfalzgraf for putting together this excellent programming.

Leon opened with the Flag salute and introduction of the board members, and recognized the vendors.

The first speaker was Kevin Eckert, who spoke on the importance of a standardized assessment process and reading indicators of structural defects in trees. Kevin's talk was about the many different standards used in our industry when assessing tree failure risks. He talked about ISA doing a better job with ANSI A300 Part 9/BMP, providing a good foundation to work with for better results. This talk was so interesting I took 6 pages of notes. Kevin is a great speaker, if you missed the opportunity to hear him speak, next time make sure you can attend. Kevin presented in the afternoon also, discussing the likelihood of tree failure. He has so much experience, having traveled around the world inspecting tree failures. He brings so much beneficial information to those of us who don't get out in the trees enough.

We also heard from Jeremy Barrick from the City of San Diego, who was previously employed in New York City. He spoke about the many challenges facing cities after a large storm. Jeremy talked of the problem presented by storm Sandy on the East Coast, the 2nd costliest storm in US history, with a loss of 11, 000 trees. Jeremy explained how they were able to reduce their response time by prioritizing which trees were the most important to handle first. Jeremy experienced three different large storms on the East Coast, with the loss and replacement of 20k trees.

- submitted by Ann Hope, Secretary



Our Speakers—James Komen, Ken Pfalzgraf, Kevin Eckert, Leon Boroditsky and Jeremy Barrick

Ken Pfalzgraf from the City of Beverly Hills spoke about the dangers of Palm trees, a subject he's very passionate about. He provided handouts on the Structural Stability of Arborescent Palms. We enjoyed his talk thoroughly.

Our last speaker was James Komen, from Class One Arboriculture. James spoke about the basics of trunk formula method tree appraisals, which I always find so interesting. I don't think the general public has a very good understanding of the value of their trees. Mr. Komen's presentation reiterated what determines the value of the trees on site.

I can't wait to see what's in store for Winter! Mark your calendars for February 9, 2017 in San Marino.

Visit our website to download the speakers presentations at www.streettreeseinar.com



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STS 2016 Golf Tournament, Dad Miller Golf Course, June 10, 2016

Our 2016 Golf Tournament was hosted at Dad Miller Golf Course in Anaheim, CA. Good times were had by all, young and old, and we raised some money for our scholarship fund! Mark your calendars for next year, you won't want to miss it! Congratulations to our winning players~

THIRD PLACE

~Dave Cooper

~Kris Burbidge

SECOND PLACE

~John Spalione

~David Spalione

~Armando Torres

~Jeff

FIRST PLACE

~Joel Bereng

~Joe Oerum

~Noah Oerum

~Wayne Smith



Our First Place Team

LONGEST DRIVE

-Joe Oerum

CLOSEST TO THE PIN

-Dave Cooper and Armando Torres

Many thanks to our raffle donors: Century Products, West Coast Arborists, Roy Boak Tree Service, Wayne Smith and Tadd Russikoff, Frank & Lisa Madero and Oak West Landscape.

Congratulations to our raffle winners~ Joe Oerum, David Spalione, Drake DePasquale, Joel Bereng, John Spalione, Kris Burbidge, Dominic DePasquale, Jeff, Noah Oerum, and Dave Cooper

Upcoming events

Aug. 19-20	<u>2016 PTCA Seminar & Field Day</u>	San Diego, CA
Sept. 16	<u>WCISA- Pests and Trees</u>	Anaheim, CA
Sept. 30	<u>WCISA: Chipper Safety & Maintenance w/ Cal Line Equipment</u>	Santa Fe Springs, CA
Oct. 13	<u>WCISA- All About Roots</u>	Santa Barbara, CA

Invest from the Ground Up is hosting a CIRCLE Tree Planting on Saturday Oct 23rd in nine cities throughout California! CIRCLE is the California Initiative to Reduce Carbon and Limit Emissions.

We need planting leaders as well as general volunteers in Anaheim, Baldwin Park, Bellflower, Ceres, Chula Vista, La Puente, Ontario, Paramount, and Tracy. Go to Invest-fromthegroundup.com/circle to sign up as a volunteer arborist!

NEXT MEETING:

Trees and Water

August 25, 2016

10:30 AM

Sherman Gardens

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