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Your Los Angeles/Orange Regional Urban Forest Council

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NEXT MEETING
February 9, 2017
WTMS Winter Program
Palmfoolery
Huntington Gardens
San Marino, CA

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE



Feb 9	WTMS Winter Program	Huntington Gardens San Marino, CA
March 30	Irvine Ag Center w/ John Kabashima	Irvine Ag Center Irvine, CA
May 25	Trees of Chernobyl w/ Ben Brown	Elysian Park Los Angeles, CA
June	Annual Golf Tournament	TBD

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 Lisa McCoy at lisa@crbtools.com with your reservation



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2017 Officer Installation and Scholarship Awards

Our annual December meeting was held at Cal Poly Pomona's Kellogg West. We gathered together to award our scholarship winners and welcomed our 2017 Board of Directors. We look forward to a great year in 2017!

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From Left: Ted Lubeshkoff, Ann Hope, Lucas Mitchell, Lisa McCoy, George Olekszak, Emina Darakjy, Ken Pfalzgraf

Congratulations to our five 2016 scholarship winners, introduced below. Look for their essays in this and upcoming newsletters. Thank you to our Scholarship Chair, Al Remyn, and committee member John Conway for presenting the awards.

Justinian Osei-Akosa

Justinian is attending Mt. San Antonio college with a course of study in Integrated Pest Management. He is active in his community, working both at the nursery and as a substitute teacher.

Justinian's statement: I originally attending Mr. SAC taking courses toward a Physician's Assistant program. I had some interest in horticulture and took a plant propagation class for personal self-enrichment. Realizing the value of horticulture, I discovered careers more aligned with my original intention of studying the sciences: to contribute to the health and wealth of the Earth and its people. My future plans include earning an Associate's Degree in IPM, obtaining Nursery Management, Landscape Irrigation, and Tree Care and Maintenance certificates, and obtaining a PCA license. I will continue my education to earn a BS in Plant Science, and obtain Certified Crop Advisor license. As a CCA, I will ensure that the sources of our produce, fresh oxygen, and medicine are produced and maintained with the most ideal, well-proven practices, enhancing the livelihood of soils, plants and humans.

Danette Dean

Danette is attending Mt. San Antonio College with a course of study in horticulture. She previously graduated from ITT Technical Institute as a salutatorian with an AS in Computer and Electronic Engineering. She is active in the Mt. SAC horticulture club. Danette comes to our field after the stroke of her father, and re-arranging priorities as she cared for him.

Danette's statement: I feel I should be selected for this scholarship because I really enjoy learning all about trees and plants that surround us. Ever since I started attending Mt. SAC, I find myself paying more attention to the beauty of nature surrounding me. Even while writing the essay for this scholarship, I learned many new things about the trees in my own hometown of Pasadena, CA. I am always coming to work at the Mt. SAC nursery with new questions and the people I work with are always happy to answer them. Before I was hired on as an employee, I volunteered 40 hours a week for a little over a month at the nursery. Even though the work was hard, I enjoyed waking up every day to go to work. I am not sure what my future in horticulture

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holds but I do know that the possibilities are endless and each possible path overlaps the other somewhere along the line. If I am given the scholarship, the money would be used for books and continuing my education at Mt. SAC. I am a full time student only working part time at the nursery and still caring for my father. The wonderful people that I have met since changing my career and starting horticulture have already made the experience worth it. I am excited to see where this next chapter brings me.

Jacqueline Ford

Jacqueline is attending Mt. San Antonio College with a course of study in Landscape Design. She is active in the school's Hort club and is a girl scout leader, in addition to working at Armstrong and running her own business, Jacqueline Ford Designs.

Jacqueline's statement: I would be honored to be awarded a Street Tree Seminar scholarship because design and construction are true passions of mine, from as far back as I can remember. I wake up every day excited to see what the day holds and I take on any challenges boldly and fearlessly. Being a woman in the construction industry is not easy or common; there are very few of us out there. I would love to be the driving force for the next generation of women, to show them that we too can be great in a field that is primarily male driven. I think the industry is ready for a change and I want to start the movement in that direction. If awarded this scholarship, I would use it to continue my education, and possibly help purchase the necessary study materials needed to attain my goals. Thank you for providing opportunities like these for students to help them achieve their goals and aspirations.

Trisha Moreira

Trisha is attending Mt. San Antonio College with a course of study in Ornamental Horticulture. She is a Plant Care Technician at Wolff Horticulture and is active with the Turf Team.

Trisha's statement: I decided to study horticulture after having taken many different courses for psychology, sociology and child development, I realized that horticulture is what I am really passionate about. After taking Horticulture Science, it was no longer a struggle to get to class, it was something I looked forward to. The combination of my love for horticulture, rock climbing, camping and trees has helped me determine that I want to become an ISA Certified Arborist along with obtaining other licenses from the industry. I am also interested in studying Plant Pathology, which I feel would be extremely helpful with being an arborist.

Benjamin Brown

Benjamin returned to win our scholarship for the third time in 2016. He is attending Cal Poly Pomona with a course of study in Environmental Biology and Plant Science. He is an STS member and an ISA member, as well as a National Society of Leadership and Success member, and employed by the Pomona Unified School District. Benjamin is also very involved in the community as a member of several clubs.

Benjamin's statement: At the start of my second year as a double major, I am amazed at how much I have been able to learn, grow and experience in the past year. While I transferred in to Cal Poly with a 4.0 GPA, I have broken my 4-year perfect streak and now stand at a 3.94 GPA. Despite this, I have continued to win several more academic awards, most notably the distinguished Cal Poly Pomona President's Council Award— the highest distinction offered at my university. My aspirations remain the same. I hope to be able to one day conduct research and teach, giving back to the

community that has given me so much.



Notes from our December 2016 Meeting

Our December 2016 meeting was held at Cal Poly Pomona's Kellogg West in Pomona.

Past Presidents in attendance were: Rose Epperson, Christy Cuba, Fred Roth, Al Remyn, John Conway and Alan Hudak

Prizes were donated by: Alan Hudak, Kevin Holman, Lucas Mitchell, Ken Pfalzgraf, Lisa McCoy, Leon Boroditsky, Ann Hope, Rose Epperson, Emina Darakjy, Christy Cuba, Rebecca Rivera and Tree Pros.

Raffle Winners: Emina Darakjy, Justinian Osei-Akosa, Lucas Mitchell, Heather Crippen, Lisa McCoy, Brian Scott, Ann Hope, Rebecca Rivera, John Conway, Ann Hope, Kevin Holman, Danette Dean, Ken Pfalzgraf, Christy Cuba

Next Meeting: February 9, 2017

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Scholarship Essay– by Justinian Osei-Akosa

My heart goes out to the trees. They stand firm against the smog, giving us fresh oxygen, and beauty to an otherwise visually limiting landscape, and keep our inherent connection to nature somewhat intact. With the race for resources and development tougher than ever, many urbanites don't have the knowledge or even the mental space to appreciate what street trees are doing for us by the minute. They are the unsung heroes of the concrete jungle, the urban landscape.

As a youth growing up in Los Angeles, street trees were only good for shade, or a trunk to leave my nom de plume on, while waiting for a bus to school or a friend's place. Back then, I only occasionally noticed an appreciation for trees when neighbors let us raid their fruit trees, or when my parents took my siblings and me on leisure drives around the city, noticing unique looking trees not seen in my neighborhood.

Unfortunately, many people in urban landscapes and walks of life only appreciate trees the way I did as a kid. Children don't play outside as much anymore, missing the traditional practice of picking ripe fruits and enjoying whatever the neighbor's trees yielded. Smart phones keep our heads down; we miss the glory of the trees. Despite how much we may take street trees for granted, they never waver in their duties for us, as the heroes that they are.

True heroes are usually unsung, as fame or recognition are never their intentions. However, unsung heroes re-



Justinian Osei-Akosa with Al Remyn

mind us of their heroism by the very nature of their duties. Educators, firefighters and nurses prove this every day. Trees do too!

These days my tree identification knowledge adds to my daily driving experience. I drive down 48th street in Los Angeles and admire the rows of Canary Island Date Palms (*Phoenix canariensis*) livening up the neighborhood, their fronds expanding in the sky like a 4th of July fireworks show. When my girlfriend and I hike our favorite trail, we appreciate the beauty, shade, and fresh oxygen offered by the majestic elder natives, the Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) and California Sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*). I suspect street trees don't mind being unsung heroes. Naturally, trees speak softly and carry big trunks. What role models!

