



## STREET TREE SEMINAR, INC.

Your Los Angeles/Orange Regional Urban Forest Council

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### NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 24, 2018  
La Casita Del Arroyo  
Pasadena, CA

## 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

May 24	Restoring the Arroyo Seco	La Casita Del Arroyo Pasadena, CA
July 26	WTMS– Fire, Flood & Trees	Kellogg West Pomona, CA
August 23	Tree Tour of Fullerton Arboretum	Fullerton Arboretum Fullerton, CA

Interested in hosting a program in your community? We are interested in hearing from you!  
Contact [heather@streettreeseminar.com](mailto:heather@streettreeseminar.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](mailto:lisa@crbtools.com) with your reservation



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# STS Newsletter

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## March Meeting Highlights - Pests, Fires and Climate Change

**In** March, we had the opportunity to join CityPlants and US Forest Service for the biannual partners' meeting. We explored some of the most pressing, interconnected issues the field of community forestry faces today. This event is brought to you in partnership with Los Angeles Center for Urban Natural Resources Sustainability in Los Angeles as a full day discussion and discourse wrapped around Pests, Fires and Climate Change. This meeting was held at the beautiful Tom Bradley Tower atop Los Angeles City Hall. We were welcomed by Sherry Hazelhurst and Josh Wilson from the U.S. Forest Service along with Street Tree Seminar's Vice President, Emina Darakjy and President Ann Hope.

Our first morning session focused on Forest Pests. This session discussed recent forest pest infestations and their connection to fire behavior. Speakers included Sabrina Drill, University of California Cooperative Extension and Chris Fettig, US Forest Service.

We continued the morning session moving into an overview and discuss fire behavior, forest restoration, and its effects on soil and hydrology. We heard from three US Forest Service experts David Weise, Jan Beyers and Pete Wohlgenuth.

During lunch we took the opportunity to share a bit about Street Tree Seminar, our history

and how we “fit” in as the Los Angeles / Orange County Region’s Urban Forest Council. Our goal is to grow that roll and get more people involved in the Seminar.

The afternoon kicked off with an exploration the interactions of forest pests and fire on other important ecosystem and social services. A combined approach was shared by both U.S. Forest Service and Los Angeles County. The speakers included Jose Sanchez and Andrzej Bytnerowicz from the Forest Service as well as Jay Lopez, County of Los Angeles Fire Department and Jocelyn Estiandan, Los Angeles County of Public Health.



We took the afternoon session as an opportunity to highlight lessons learned. It was a facilitated, interactive session designed to develop better tools for how to manage our urban forest in light of the information presented in the previous session. Led by: Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann & John Kabashima (Emeritus), University of California Cooperative Extension as well as Pat Winter and Miranda Hutten, US Forest Service, we look forward to sharing results at our July Summer Symposium at Kellogg West on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

We want to thank CityPlants and the US Forest Service for the opportunity to work collectively toward keeping the southland green and growing.





### Notes from our March 2018 Meeting

March 2018 meeting was held as a Partner's meeting at Tom Bradley Tower in Los Angeles City Hall.

**Past Presidents in attendance were:**  
Leon Boroditsky

**Prizes were donated by:**  
Emina Darakjy, Rose Epperson, Ann Hope with JJ Mauget, Leon Boroditsky, Fred Roth, Lisa McCoy and Rachel Malarich

#### Congratulations to our Raffle

**Winners:** Emina Darakjy, Jan Buyers, Nancy Sappington, Bill Candlish, Edith DeGuzman, Rachel Malarich, Sabrina Drill, Leon Boroditsky and Jim Crawford

**Next Meeting:**  
May 24, 2018 // 10:30AM

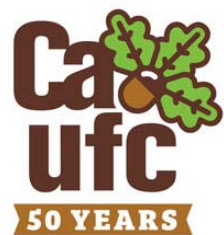
**Restoring the Arroyo Seco  
La Casita del Arroyo**

**177 S Arroyo Blvd Pasadena, CA**

Visit our website for more information or to register -streettreeseinar.com



### Springing into Action with California Urban Forests Council



Spring has been a busy season for the California Urban Forests Council.

As part of our 50th birthday celebrations, we have set a goal of 50-for-50; a combination of hosting events and work-

shops, creating new education and outreach materials, and much, much more. You can see our [progress towards our goal](#) below.

#### Planting trees and growing great neighborhoods

The [Invest from the Ground Up program](#) partnered with [West Coast Arborists, inc.](#), and the [Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture](#) again in the second round of [CIRCLE!](#) The California Initiative to Reduce Carbon and Limit Emissions 2.0 (CIRCLE) worked with our partner cities and non-profits to engage residents in disadvantaged communities, train Tree Stewards, and plant 1,650 trees. Community tree planting events took place throughout March and April

2018 Many trees in the communities that STS members call home.

#### Do you have a tree story that you would like to share?

Can you recall looking at a tree with awe? When you were filled with a deep appreciation for nature? Not just for the nature of wild areas, but also for the nature that surrounds us. For many of us, our tree stories begin in childhood; climbing trees, or swinging from a strong bough beneath a leafy canopy.

As we've matured, trees have influenced our decisions on where we live and spend our free time. For others, trees have become central to the narrative of our careers. The trees around us are part of the character of the places we live, play and work. Do you have a story about planting a tree, starting a group, or how you got started in urban forestry?

Whatever your tree story, we invite you to be part of the next chapter of our tree story by helping us celebrate our 50th birthday. We will be publishing the stories on our website and

also in our newsletters throughout the year. You can [submit your story online](#) or [Email us](#).

## Invest from the ground up



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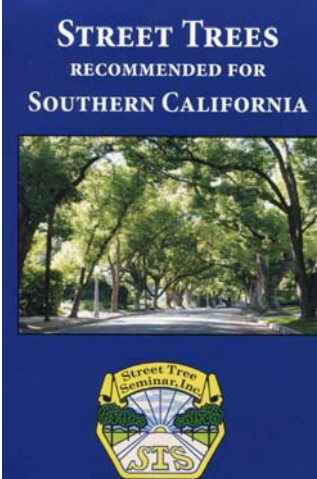
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### Street Trees Recommended for Southern California- V3~ NOW AVAILABLE!



The wait is over! Version 3 of our publication is here! New for the 3rd edition:

- ◆ A full-page photo montage portrays tree form, details of foliage, flower, fruit and bark for each species, as appropriate. This extensive pictorial coverage makes the book an indispensable identification tool for all levels of expertise.
- ◆ A pronunciation guide to botanical names is provided in the initial heading for each tree. Botanical and common names are included and cross referenced in an appendix.
- ◆ A simplified key to the species included in the Third Edition was added to help in the identification of trees you encounter in the field. Although the key doesn't lead you to a single species, it limits the number of descriptions you will need to examine to find the one you are looking for.
- ◆ Heavy-duty spiral binding permits the book to remain open to a desired page. The soft, sturdy front and rear cover will withstand the kind of punishment expected from field use.
- ◆ Many new species added.

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### The A-blast Street Trees - by Jose Gama Vargas

I'd like to write about street trees— but not for their social, economic and environmental value. I'm sure you, my reader, would be familiar with that. Instead, I'd like to use this platform to briefly recount the story of a few notable street trees in history and how these street trees inspired the human spirit in times of devastation. Most city-passers may take a street tree's unflinching commitment to life for granted. It is only in the aftermath of great upheaval that the green sprout of a bud, growing atop a charred earth, that the act begin to look more like a miracle. Such was also the case for the street trees that came to be known as the *Hibaku jumoku* of Hiroshima, Japan.

Prior to the dropping of the atomic bomb, thousands of streets trees lined the boulevard and filled the yards of homes in Hiroshima. The atomic bomb instantaneously unleashed several millions degrees centigrade and an atmospheric pressure of several 100,000 bars at its epicenter and seemingly smothered all life. According to a report by the U.S. Army, "Almost everything up to one mile from the center was completely destroyed, except for a small number of heavily reinforced concrete buildings." Dr. Harold Jacobsen, from the Manhattan Project announced that Hiroshima would be barren and nothing would grow for the next 75 years.

leaved trees like the *Cinnamomum camphor* "in general regenerated actively" while cedar and pine trees far from the epicenter were "frequently reddish in color" and some cedar and pines that looked "normal during the first year sometimes withered the following year." Some street trees, it seems, were built for catastrophes. Trees like the *Eucalyptus melliodora* developed the ability to regenerate after fierce fires. After outlasting its neighbor, the Hiroshima Castle, just a third of a mile away from the epicenter of the blast, the eucalyptus sprouted its leaves too.

Ultimately, although abnormalities were seen in plants sprouting the following spring within half a mile of the epicenter, they were infrequent in other locations and "almost completely disappeared three to four years later."

There are about 200 street trees have come to be known as the *Hibaku jumoku*. The regrowth and blooms these trees provided inspired the people of Hiroshima to rebuild. Today there are organizations like Green Greetings that provide education around the trees and Green Legacy Hiroshima that send *nsei* or second generation trees throughout the world.

These street trees are important because they have come to symbolize many things, to many people: a call for unity and peace, a celebration of life and a representation of the Japanese people rebuilding and rising up from the abyss.



Al Remyn, Jose Gama Vargas, and John Conway

\*Jose is the 3rd of our 4 scholarship recipients to be featured. Look for more in upcoming newsletters!

Things grew. In two months, new buds were found coming out from the charred stumps. Which street trees regenerated or withered differed by distance to the epicenter, but also by the species of plants. Japanese researchers found that broad-