



STS NEWSLETTER

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Your Los Angeles/Orange County Regional Forest Council

WESTERN TREE MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM SUMMER RECAP- BY LUCAS MITCHELL

2019 Summer WTMS was held at Kellogg West on the Cal Poly Pomona Campus.

Street Tree Seminar had quite the seminar at Kellogg west last month. STS received a lot of positive feedback from several attendees. Our audience was made of arborists, green industry enthusiasts, and professionals from both municipalities and private sectors.

Kicking off the show after announcements was Carla Short sharing her struggles and accomplishments managing the urban forest in the City of San Francisco. It was very interesting to hear her and her staff's approach to obtaining the attention as well as funding of their own city council by putting Street tree responsibility on residents. What also caught the attention of the audience was the way the funding was split up amongst several tree care professionals including giving local small businesses an opportunity to participate in the improvement of their community.

She addressed many similar challenges with tree health care that many municipal arborists see daily.

Walt Warriner had a tough act to follow Carla into the morning. Walt spoke of incorporating tree preservation into the planning process of community improvements abroad. He shared his views on identifying trees that would be worth preserving either in their current locations, or possibly being re-located on projects that are new developments or re-developments. He also spoke of addressing 'less desirable' trees that maybe better off replaced than preserved. From here he talked about 'selling' this to city council within the planning process to help assure the mindfulness of contractors and their willingness to do

their best in the preservation process during demolitions, grading, developments, etc. Walt

Next up was a young lady who had traveled down from the eastern Sierras, Brittany Dyer, representing Forests to Faucets. She reminded the audience of the importance of our natural forests and the role they play in water shed to civi-



STS President Emina Darakjy welcomes attendees.

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lization and to our faucets. She shared with us the organizations GIS mapping of US forests and the contribution they provide to the surface area of our useable water. Her presentation had very little on urban forestry, however the subject matter fit right in to the days program with our overall “survival plan.”

Last speaker before lunch was an hour-long presentation by Chris Falco of West Coast Arborists. His presentation of ‘Your Brain on Trees’ was nothing short of interesting. Chris is a great speaker to begin with and his subject matter captured the audience with interesting case study results, humor, and the effect trees and forests have on our brains and emotions. Much of the audience already had a good insight of the positive effects to be amongst trees and forests, however Chris’ unique approach made for a very fun and interesting presentation that left the audience talking about **FRACTALS** in nature and art for the remainder of the day.



Dr. Beatriz Nobua-Behrman, Emina Darakjy, and Dr. Igor Lacan

After lunch Dr. Beatriz Nobua-Behrman, from the University of California Cooperative Extension gave us some very valuable updates on old pests. She not only shared with us the variance of local shot hole bores and the damages they create throughout our urban forests, but also some ideas on mitigation. She emphasized on identifying the levels of infection within individual trees and focusing on how to benefit our forests with approach and eradication.

Lastly Dr. Igor Lacan, also of University of California Extension, shared his views and studies of global warming and how to better plan our urban forests. Among many subjects and approaches, his suggestion of looking at tree species that are successful in communities which are 10*-15* warmer than our own, and choosing to start using these species now, was one of his most memorable foci.

Overall the seminar was a success with a variety of speakers and subject tying in well and complimenting each other’s topics.



Carla Short, Brittany Dyer, Emina Darakjy, Walter Warriner and Cris Falco.

SMA ARBORIST EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Arborist Exchange Program



Ever feel like you can't see the urban forest for the trees? Get the wide angle view through the eyes of your colleagues!

The Arborist Exchange Program offers municipal foresters, utility arborists, and tree non-profit managers around the world the opportunity to engage with colleagues and experience urban forestry challenges and successes in varying political and cultural settings.

Participants will spend one week together in each other's community learning about their jobs and how challenges are met under differing circumstances and with differing goals. Actual dates will be chosen by the participants. Exchanges include social time as well as working time. Partners are encouraged to host each other, but one-way exchanges are also acceptable. Cross-organizational exchanges are encouraged. Travel expenses are reimbursable.

Since 2003, arborists from the United States, Canada, Slovenia, Ireland, Brazil, South Africa, Italy, Germany, New Zealand and the United Kingdom have participated in the program. Here's what some of them have to say:

"You get to see the same things, the same problems, but from a different perspective, through the eyes of someone doing the same job as you. For me it gave me a sense of detachment—a sort of arborist out-of-body experience, from which I could observe and learn." — *Andy McCutcheon, 2006*

"The exchange far surpassed my expectations. Not only did I have glorious weather—more representative of a southern California spring than winter—but the friendships I developed are of immeasurable value to me. For me, the exchange was more valuable than any conference I've attended in my 16 years of practicing urban forestry." — *John McNeil, 2005*

"With everyone I talked to, rode along with, or learned from, I noticed one commonality: passion. Passion to inspire the young, to maximize tree survival, to increase canopy—but perhaps most importantly, true passion for the people and trees of Washington DC." — *Matthew Stephens, 2015*



To learn more about the Arborist Exchange Program and to apply, visit: www.urban-forestry.com

Applications are due by December 2, 2019.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Dig deep into urban forestry as seen by a municipal arborist, utility arborist, or non-profit professional.
- Understand tree management from another seat, and test your assumptions.
- Share successful collaborative projects between municipal and utility arborists.
- Experience peer-to-peer learning not offered anywhere else.
- Learn new techniques and solutions to shared challenges.
- Expand your professional network.
- Share your successes and promote your program.



Cities4Forests



The Arborist Exchange Program is a partnership between the Society of Municipal Arborists, the Utility Arborist Association, the Alliance for Community Tree, Cities4Forests, and the Arbor Day Foundation.

COMMUNITREE EVENTS



Rachel Malarich and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

Rachel Malarich named first-ever Los Angeles City Forester by Mayor Garcetti

A HUGE Congratulations to STS Director Rachel Malarich on her new job as the first-ever Los Angeles City Forester. We're so excited for you!

"Mayor Garcetti created the post of City Forest Officer within the Board of Public Works to help implement the urban forestry goals outlined in L.A.'s Green New Deal. These goals include planting 90,000 trees by 2021 and increasing tree canopy by at least 50 percent by 2028 in areas with the least shade, which tend to be the City's hottest, low-income communities. As Los Angeles' City Forest Officer, Malarich will lead efforts to manage and expand the largest urban forest in the United States. She will be responsible for spearheading the development of a citywide Urban Forest Management Plan and ensuring all of the City's departments and external partners use an integrated approach to achieve a shared vision for L.A.'s urban forest. " **

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2019 California Urban Forests Conference

Day 1: The Time is Now – Urban Forestry & Climate Change
 Day 2: Urban Wood – Growth of an Industry

September 26 – 28, 2019 | San Luis Obispo

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MEETING SCHEDULE 2019/20

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Aug 28	Tree Walk & Talk with Donald Hodel	LA Arboretum Arcadia, CA
Oct 23	Building Support/Value of Trees/ Protecting Trees in Construction-- Hosted by Dudek	Audubon Center @ Debs Park, Los Angeles, CA
Dec 18	STS Scholarship Awards & Officer Installation	Kellogg West @ Cal Poly Pomona, CA
Feb 13	Winter WTMS	The Huntington San Marino, CA

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

INDUSTRY EVENTS

September 26, 2019	CaUFC Annual Conference- Growing Great Neighborhoods in CA caufc.org	San Luis Obispo, CA
November 7-8, 2019	Desert Green XXIII www.desert-green.org	Las Vegas, NV
September 20, 2019	Assessing Trees for Value & Safety www.wcisa.net	Anaheim, CA
September 26, 2019	CaUFC Annual Conference www.caufc.org	San Luis Obispo, CA
October 23, 2019	Landscape Expo Show www.landscapeonline.com	Long Beach, CA
October 29, 2019	Tree Management Workshop: Risk Assessment www.wcisa.net	Santa Barbara, CA

MISSION

"To provide a forum for professionals to share their experience, knowledge and expertise for the benefit of the membership and the enhancement of Southern California's Urban Forest".



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VISION

"To enhance the health and beauty of Southern California's Urban Forest".