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UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION

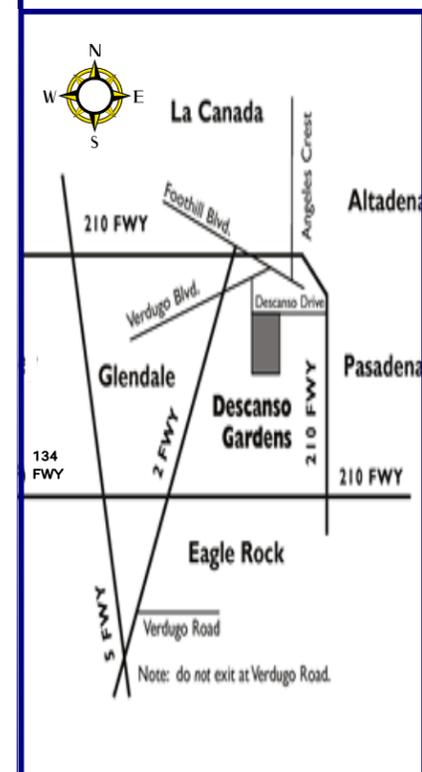
MARCH 22, 2007

DESCANSO GARDENS

LOCATION:
Descanso Gardens
1418 Descanso Drive
La Canada Flintridge

TIME:
10:00 - 12:00 PROGRAM
12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH AND BUSINESS MTG

COST: \$10.00 RESERVED
\$15.00 AT THE DOOR



NEXT MEETING:

**Thursday, March 22, 2007
Descanso Gardens
La Canada Flintridge**

2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

March 22	Descanso Gardens Tour	Descanso Gardens La Canada Flintridge, CA
May 24	TBA	TBA
June 21	Golf Tournament	Anaheim Hills Golf Course Anaheim, CA
August 23	TBA	TBA
October 25	TBA	TBA
December 13	Officer Installation/Awards	TBA

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."

WTMS- The 3 P's... Planning, Planting & Pests

submitted by Kevin Holman

Street Tree Seminar held its annual Western Tree Management Symposium on January 18, 2007 at the Los Angeles County Arboretum. It was beautiful though it was quite crisp morning at the gorgeous setting. STS President, Kevin B. Holman, presided over the program. A very big thank you to all the speakers, volunteers and exhibitors who helped make it a very enjoyable day. We had a very enthusiastic crowd of over 300 tree huggers.

The program opened with a rousing introduction from Dr. Mark Wourms who is the CEO of the Arboretum. He pointed out some of the highlights and goings on at the facility.

The next speaker was Mike Mahoney who is the publications chairman of STS. Mike's presentation focused on the new facet of the STS website which will allow members to submit tree photographs which may be used in a future tree book. There have already been some photo submittals from attendees of the seminar. Check out the STS website and click on the Submit/Search Book Photos.

Mike Palat, an arborist with WCA and an instructor, presented information on classes

now being offered at Santiago Canyon College. Mike's presentation was very lively and got the audience to interact to his questions directed at them. The school is offering Arborist related and Public Works classes.

Larry Conkings and Dave Teuschler followed with their presentation on Tree Preservation. The speakers, who work for Valley Crest Tree Company, explained how they prepare and then box up specimen trees on job sites to move them to different locations. Their program included pictures of some of the very large trees that have been moved successfully.

After the morning break, a trio of speakers representing Tree People entertained us. Jennifer Scott-Lifland, Rachael Dawson and Lisa Cahill presented a program showing what their organization does. Tree People have been planting in the Los Angeles area for over thirty years. They are one of the largest environmental educators in the United States. One of their main goals consists of the outreach to schools, from kindergarten through 12th grade. At these school sites they are often removing blacktop and hardscape and planting trees.



Due to a late arriving speaker, we had to make some adjustments to the program.

Andy Trotter and Carl Mellinger stepped up and presented information on some upcoming

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STS Announcements

The Publications Committee is now seeking pictures for possible entry into the third edition of Street Trees for Southern California.

Please take a moment to check out the new website and register to submit photos.
<http://www.streettreeseминаr.com/bookupload.asp>



There are lots of changes in store at Street Tree Seminar in the coming year; please make a note of them.

PENCIL US IN!

Street Tree Seminar is changing the format of our meetings! Meetings will now be held bi-monthly and for longer, so you'll earn more CEU's!

WTMS- The 3 P's... Planning, Planting & Pests - continued

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events. Information was presented on the WCISA field work day, which will take place on the first weekend in March on Catalina Island. Also, there will be the largest one-day tree planting coming up on October 27th.



The next speaker was Tim Johnson from Artistic Arborists in Phoenix, AZ. Tim's presentation contained information on Pine trees and the problems they have with spider mites and diseases. Tim was able to take several questions from the group who

were having Pine tree problems in their care.

After the afternoon break, we heard from our last speaker. Dr. John Kabashima with the Orange County UC Extension spoke to us on new insect pests and on Xylella disease and it's affect on some of our shade trees. John also stressed the importance of UC websites as one of our source of information on insects and diseases. John's presentation was lively and woke up a sleepy crowd at the end of the day. His information was very informative and he is also quite the comedian. Here are a couple of web sites to check out. Ipm.ucdavis.edu and Cdfa.ca.gov

Thanks to all the volunteers and staff for a great meeting. We had record attendance and things went very smooth.

We hope to see a even bigger crowd next January, Stay tuned for more details as they are made available.

Marianne Waindle from the Mauget Company did a really fine fill in for our late arriving speaker. She did a presentation on Sycamores and some methods to lessen the impact from anthracnose disease. Mauget is also doing research with some of their other new products directed at recent insect and disease problems. Then we were treated to great Tri-tip and BBQ Chicken lunch and a chance to visit with a great bunch of vendors.

The first speaker after lunch was Don Hodel. Don's presentation was on Palm tree diseases. Don has been with the UC Extension for years and is always a great speaker. Don touched the major diseases affecting Palms in our area and some control and preventative practices that we can use for these problems. Don also provided some great handouts so that group could follow along with him.

A Call for Arborists!



The Western Chapter ISA, a partner in United Voices for Healthier Communities, is looking for arborists who are interested in participating in The Great Clean Air Tree Planting Project. As an initiative of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, this project aims to plant 3,000 – 5,000 trees in the largest single-day urban tree planting effort in

the history of the South Coast Air Basin. This unique event is being kicked off in the Spring of 2007 as an Arbor Day event, with the main event being held statewide in conjunction with Make a Difference Day on October 27, 2007. We are looking for arborists who would like to share their tree-planting skills and knowledge with community volunteers in Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. For more information, please contact Mary at the Western Chapter office: (714) 639-3610. or visit www.unitedvoices.org

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Upcoming Industry Events

March 2-4, 2007

WCISA Workday—
Emerald Bay— Catalina Island
Contact— Andy Trotter,
714.991.1900

March 3-April 4, 2007

Certification Prep Course
for Arborists and Tree workers
Brea, CA
Contact— Ted Stamen
Ph.949-454-2409, fax.949-454-2429

April 16-18, 2007

Trees and Utilities
National Conference
Tuscany Suites, Las Vegas, NV
Contact— NADF, 888.448.7337

May 4-5, 2007

A Tribute to Dr. Alex Shigo
WCISA Regional Meeting and Workshop
Community College of So. Nevada
Henderson, NV
Contact— WCISA 714.639.3610

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