



# STREET TREE SEMINAR, INC.

Your Los Angeles/Orange Regional Urban Forest Council

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### NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 15, 2018  
Huntington Gardens  
San Marino, CA

## 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

2018		
February 15	WTMS Winter Program "The Urban Forest and You"	The Huntington Gardens San Marino, CA
March 22	TBD	TBD
May 24	TBD	TBD
July 2018	Summer WTMS	TBD

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



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# STS Newsletter

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## Scholarship Awards & 2018 Officer Installation

December's meeting was held at Kellogg West in Pomona. We welcomed in our 2018 Board of Directors, and honored our scholarship recipients and outgoing board members. Here's to a great year in 2018!

### 2018 Board of Directors

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STS 2018 Board of Directors, from left: Emina Darakjy, Lucas Mitchell, Rachel Malarich, George Olekszak, Lisa McCoy, Ken Pfalzgraf, Ann Hope, and Ted Lubeshkoff

Scholarship Chair Al Remyn and committee member John Conway presented the awards for our four 2018 scholarship recipients. Congratulations to our students, introduced below. Look for their essays in our newsletter, starting with Robert Douglass in this issue!

### Robert Douglass

Robert is currently a student at Mira Costa College with a course of study in Horticulture. He has a 4.0 GPA with 12 units completed.

Robert's statement: A year ago, I decided to change career paths from work with nonprofits in sustainability to work in landscape construction. At first this was mostly an economic decision, however it quickly grew into a passion. I enjoyed the feeling of accomplishment from working hard and seeing immediate results. As I gained a greater understanding of the hardscape, plants, and trees we installed the more I wanted to be involved in the designing and decision making. This led me to MCCC's Horticulture Department, where an incredible faculty as helped foster greater knowledge and passion for the industry. Since beginning school, I've decided to hone my horticultural education towards Landscape Architecture. This route into the industry

combines my enjoyment of the art and science of the urban landscape. Plus, it would allow me to work for a variety of public projects that that serve our Southern California communities and help build and maintain our urban forests. I am still weighing my options, but am considering pursuing a degree in Landscape Architecture from Cal Poly Pomona when I finish Mira Costa. Other passions of mine include outdoor activities like mountain biking, hiking, rock climbing, camping and trail running.

### Justinian Osei-Akosa

Justinian is a 2-time awardee of our scholarship! He is currently a student at Mt. San Antonio College with a course of study in Integrated Pest Management. He has a 3.54 GPA with 37 units completed.

Justinian's statement: I am still pursuing an Associate of Science degree in IPM, and plan to transfer for a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Science from Cal Poly Pomona. With degree in tow, I plan to obtain a PCA license and the



From L: Ken Pfalzgraf, Robert Douglass, Al Remyn, Justinian Osei-Akosa, John Conway, Maricela Vazquez, Jennifer Hinostrza and Jose Alfredo Gama Vargas

Notes from our December 2017 Meeting

Our December meeting was held at Kellogg West Cal Poly Pomona. STS President, Ken Pfalzgraf led the meeting.

Past Presidents in Attendance were Leon Boroditsky, Kevin Holman, Alan Hudak, Paul Webb, Fred Roth, Al Remyn, Christy Cuba and Rose Epperson

Raffle Donors were Ann Hope-Mauget, Lisa McCoy-Century Products, Al Remyn, Ted Lubeshkoff- JTL Consultants, Emina Darakjy, Lucas Mitchell, Leon Boroditsky,

Rose Epperson, David Cooper, Kevin Holman-RPW, Christy Cuba, Agriturf, Alan Hudak and Paul Webb-RPW

Raffle Winners: Michael Buompensiero, Tom Hope, Brenda Dodds, John Conway, Alan Hudak, Ken Pfalzgraf, Lisa McCoy, Kevin Holman, Emina Darakjy, Rebeca Rivera, Antonio Gomez, Chaz Perea and Leon Boroditsky

Our next meeting will be held at Huntington Library and Gardens in San Marino, CA , February 15, 2018 Visit our website for more information or to register.

The Importance of Street Trees - by Robert Douglass

It is widely known that urban forests provide economic, social and environmental benefits to our communities. While we plant trees along our main streets and in our neighborhoods, they often fail to grow into the large canopy trees that we revere. One of the largest difficulties preventing large mature growth of street trees in an urban environment is compaction. This limits room for root growth, thus reducing a tree's ability to consume air, water and nutrients. Also, creating hazards due to lack of structural stability needed to stay upright when faced with heavy storms and strong winds. This is a huge problem that must be addressed if we want to increase the density and health of our urban forests.

compacted soil ideal for tree root growth. The systems are designed to absorb storm water runoff of events up to 2 inches, reducing the cost and strain of other storm water treatment plans.

The project in San Marcos along Armorlite Dr. designed by KTU + A Planning + Landscape Architecture, created a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly street lined with Brisbane box, crepe myrtle, and coast live oak trees. The Silva Cell system used on site created 8,800 cubic feet of soil under permeable paving to support 52 newly planted trees. This site will also manage the street's storm water to comply with requirements to control pollution and water flow before entering storm sewers or the San Marcos Creek.



Robert Douglass, Scholarship Recipient

Recently, I was made aware of a solution when the details of a local project in San Marcos, CA came across my desk. The project invested in their street trees' health and longevity utilizing a product called Silva Cells by Deeproot.

Silva Cells work like a "suspended pavement", their modular frame structure transfers the weight from the top to a compacted surface below. The frames create space for lightly

These technological advances save the city and developers money in the long run by reducing the cost of managing storm water, and lowering the cost of replacing healthy trees. Trees are an important part of our green infrastructure, so it is important we take the necessary steps to invest in the long-term survival and health of them.

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Alan Hudak Honored with Lifetime Membership

Street Tree Seminar would like to congratulate our 2009 Past President Alan Hudak, on his retirement from the City of Anaheim. Alan has been a significant part of STS for many years, holding several board, committee positions, and our 2009 President.

In addition to Allan's long term voluntary service to STS, he served as the Parks Services Superintendent for the City of Anaheim for 13 years and a total 43 years within the horticulture industry. After graduating from Cal Poly Pomona in 1974, his journey began for 43 years throughout the horticulture industry which took many turns. He began working at a wholesale nursery with Dave Lannom, the renowned former professor of horticulture at Mt. San Antonio College. Allan's extensive 43 year journey included maintaining shopping malls for a landscape contractor, a horticulture teacher at ROP - Whittier, and briefly with the Irvine Company. Besides providing his horticulture knowledge and skills to various organizations, Alan has provided advice as a financial investment specialist.

Alan indeed has had a long and varied journey! Now as he looks forward to relaxing in his retirement years, he intends to pursue roof top gardening, visit wineries throughout California, travel abroad and of course, catch up on his honey-do's! Alan and his wife have plans to travel to London, England this coming April. Well done Alan and well deserved! May you have a long and happy retirement!



STS Past Presidents Alan Hudak and John Conway

STS Scholarship, cont'd

internationally recognized ISA Certified Arborist and Certified Crop Advisor certifications. With disease affecting cacao crops in Africa, the epidemic affects my family in Ghana, Africa, who have owned a cacao farm for generations. The CCA certification will be a tool to help control the disease and the ISA certification will allow me to contribute to the urban canopies in Ghana, and hopefully start a branch of the ISA there.

Marisela Vazquez

Marisela is currently a student at Cuyamaca College with a course of study in Landscape Architecture. She has a 4.0 GPA and has just begun her schooling.

Marisela's statement: About one year ago, I began designing miniature gardens as a hobby business. This hobby, as well as my experience with gardening, served me well as clients continually asked me for advise on what type of plants to use in their new drought-tolerant landscapes. Instead of expanding my business, I decided I would

pursue a degree in the field of landscape architecture to better serve the community on a larger scale.

Jose Alfredo Gama Vargas

Jose is currently a student at Mt. San Antonio College with a course of study in Integrated Pest Management. He has a 3.21 GPA and is in his first year.

Jose's statement: I come from a lineage of farmers. I don't truly know my family as farmers or what they grew. I hear faint recollections of bean soups, maize for hand-made tortillas and fermented agave. My mother tells me my grandfather loved the earth and he worked it until his unexpected death. For the sake of brevity, I believe I am following my family's footsteps: I am a farmer, or cultivator, or gardener in the making. I may be taking up the task as big as fighting climate change. I know this is the right path. After so many years, my intuition is finally at peace. I want to be learning and practicing horticulture.



Registration Now Open!

February 15, 2018

WTMS Winter 2018- The Urban Forest and YOU!

The Huntington Library & Gardens

San Marino, CA

5.75 CEUs will be available, 1.0 DPR Applied For

Happy New Year