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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1, 2007

Beginner Climber
CTW Prep
Concord, CA

July 13, 2007

Climbing Skills
Santa Rosa, CA



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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE:

I am a member of the California Arborists Association. What type of reaction do you hope to elicit with that statement? Is it recognition by the public of the fact that you are associated with a professional organization? Perhaps it is because you wish to branch out in an attempt to network with like minded arborists. Or is it simply to feel as though you are staying involved with the arboriculture industry?

I believe that everyone has a different reason for joining a particular organization. There are benefits suiting one person that may not be of much use to another. For me, this organization serves a unique purpose, one that no other membership has been able to do. If you were to ask me what I hope to have someone understand about my being a member I would have to say personal as well as professional growth. I actually hope someone asks, "What is the California Arborists Association all about."

To me this organization represents the future of arboriculture. The majority of the training we offer is aimed at the entry to intermediate level arborist. The past, present, and future influence the CAA has over our industry is immeasurable. I choose to look at my involvement as being partly responsible for that affect, and so should you. Whether you act as an organizer of an event, a volunteer assisting with one, or as a participant, we all carry weight within the organization. Participation generates income which serves as the vehicle to conduct events or support different causes. Volunteerism is what takes the concepts and puts them to action for the benefit of the members. It is through feedback at every level that these concepts are formed. There is a sort of circling effect to the whole process, which requires every type of member.

When I look at what the CAA means to me, I see the many friends I have made over the years. I also see the relationships formed with industry representatives who participate in or somehow support our events. I see people like Jeremy Tibbetts of A Plus Tree Service and Phil Evans from San Francisco State University, (both have conducted workshops this year), who selflessly dedicate time for the benefit of others in the industry to advance their careers. I am re

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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minded of all the Arboricultural legends that have been members, or still are today and realize that this is an organization rich in tradition.

The California Arborists association is more than just an organization to belong to; it is an organization to be a part of. Our uniqueness sets us apart from most of the other industry organizations, and allows us to offer a benefit to our members not found anywhere else. So be proud to advertise your membership. Take time at your next workshop or meeting to form relationships with fellow members, and fully utilize the CAA's benefits. Remember, the California Arborists Association, as well as any organization, is only as useful as its members make it. So get involved in any way you can and don't hesitate to call on us to return the favor.

Until Next Time,

Fred Frey
President
California Arborists Association

Workshop Comments:

"Denise, I really enjoyed the Climbing Skills Workshop (in Benicia), I got a lot out of it. Thanks for putting it together" Todd Mara

"Well done, Denise, Phil and Rose!" Dave Dockter

EXPERIENCED CLIMBERS NEEDED BILINGUAL PREFERRED

We need your help on June 1st in Concord at our Beginner Climber/CTW Prep Workshop. Call Denise if you can lend a hand
707-224-8269

Fruit Tree Pruning Review

By Bill Pramuk (as written in the Napa Valley Register—Saturday March 3, 2007
www.napavalleyregister.com)

Editors Note: I will not be reprinting his entire article (which he is a weekly contributor in the Home & Garden section titled Trees & People) here. You can log onto the newspaper website for the entire article—it is a great read.

"On a rainy day, the seminar was held at the historical John Muir House Estate in Martinez. The group of about 40 arborists in attendance included tree service owners, tree workers and two registered consulting arborists (yours truly & Ray Morneau, president elect of the WCISA).

In the morning, lead speaker Phil Evans of SFSU's Grounds Dept gave the group an introduction to fruit tree pruning concepts and how they apply to the finds of fruit trees grown around the Bay Area, along with some helpful handouts for us to take home.

In the early afternoon, Brian McGovern of Woodpecker Certified Arborist from San Jose, shared his experience and advice on the practical side of pruning fruit trees as a business. While many tree care professionals have found that fruit tree pruning is a money-losing practice, McGovern has successfully combined good client relationships for a profitable business.

As the rain continued to pour, my time arrived to lead a group of arborists through the fruit tree groves, in search of trees to prune. In rain gear and mud-caked boots, lugging our pruning tools, we took a close look at a number of the fruit and nut trees, young and old, scattered around the old Muir Estate. Making the best of it in the wet conditions and the awkward light of a rainy day, we did a little pruning and a lot of talking about tree care. It was fun to share some knowledge and experience and to see the enthusiasm and curiosity in the group".

THANK YOU BILL! We appreciate your valuable input on a very rainy day.

Tree Biology @ SFSU

First and foremost, I want to thank each of you (speakers) for the tremendous success of the workshop.

I am sure that the 300 eager arborists who attended were not disappointed! We also had a large number of people in other aspects of our field. Each presentation was exceptional in value—and I didn't want to leave the auditorium because I was learning, too. Having a full house stay to the very end, and in many cases later, tells us something about the value of what we offered there.

The breadth of relationship between man and trees included in Dave's talk, the standardization of vocabulary and outstanding pictures of whole root systems in Larry's talk, Leonard's creative and effective solutions to age old problems in streets and the demonstration that if you want to save the tree you can, the scientific precision and care, and window on consulting in John's talk, Kelaines' clarity in articulating the new economics of urban trees, Rob's dynamic and thorough treatment of air excavation and its uses, Ray's detailed treatment of resistograph use, and the way Torrey and Sam agreed to pitch in at the last moment and lead a tour for us- The generosity of Fred and his volunteers in taking care of just a few personal highlights and WOW—I left the meeting proud to be an arborist, and with a renewed sense of just how big the opportunities are for us in the future as the mysteries of trees are further elucidated.

I thank you all for your flexibility as we worked out the logistics of the afternoon session, and apologize for the rough edges from not having enough tour guides lined up in advance! I would appreciate any feedback on things we could do better, things that were good but we need more of, the quality of the food service, and any anecdotal commentary that came your way as well that could help us when planning the next meeting. My heartfelt thanks to each of you, and I look forward to your contribution to the workshop, and your feedback.

Phil Evans

San Francisco State University

Hi All: I tried to quickly pick up just one of the highlights of each talk in my last letter, but in my enthusiastic haste I neglected to mention Rick Sealana's talk- not only did I not know that ISA had career paths marked out, I found his focus on the possibilities for people to do career change very intriguing - made me take a look again. I also want to report that a man came up to ask me about how to get a degree in arboriculture at UC Riverside, and we ended up clarifying what the difference was between being a Master Board Certified Arborist and having a graduate degree. However, he had driven up from Riverside with his family to check out this particular talk! Now that shows the reach of a good idea. I still feel the things I learned popping up like good seeds as the days pass by.

Thanks, again. Phil

Members In Motion

2007 Tour Des Trees—Tree Fund

Two CAA members to ride in the Tour this year are looking for donations!
500 miles—6 days from Sacramento to San Jose (the long way around)

www.tourdestrees.org

CAA Supports:

Doug Anderson and Gordon Mann in their efforts to raise money for trees! You can participate by going on line to:

WWW.ACTIVE.COM/DONATE/TREEFUND/DANDERS558

WWW.ACTIVE.COM/DONATE/CAGORDONTOUR



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our climbing workshops are growing by leaps & bounds and we need to expand our volunteer list for various locations around Northern CA.

Once a year would be a TREEmendous help! Call or email Denise to have your name added to the list

707-224-8269

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New Members 2007



Welcome to:

Rocky Dorvall
Professional Tree Service—McKinleyville

Jamie Exley
The Shady Tree Care Co—Menlo Park

Rich Jenkins (returning)
Auberry

Debbie Moreno
Forestville

Jason Peet
Peets Tree Service—Dixon

Buck Swift
Swift Tree Care—Forest Knolls

Craig Swift (returning)
Swift Tree Care—Forest Knolls



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

CAA Membership is just \$45 per year
There are many opportunities to get involved.

Be a part of a great team that has a hand in
the growth
and changes within the tree care industry.

Southern CA!

We would like establish contacts for
Climbing Workshops in Southern California. Local Organizers are responsible for finding an appropriate location and experienced volunteer climbers for the day—we do the rest! For more details contact Denise @ the CAA office.

ELEPHANTS TREECYCLE!

Did you know elephants can consume about 400 pounds of vegetation a day? I just read an article from the Oakland Zoo and they said bring it on! They, the Oakland Zoo, will take tree branches and small limbs. If your job is within the hills near the zoo they may take your brush and use it for browse for the elephants. The deal is the brush can be dropped off at the zoo or you can make arrangements with them to have it picked up. The brush should be at least five feet in length and smaller than three to four inches in diameter. They may also take a few logs for the elephants to play with. I spoke to John Briggs and he and some of the crew search for browse for the animals and are always in need of plant material. He said Black Acacia is one of the elephant's favorite. Can you believe this! Local recycling, Biomass reduction and providing a food source for one of nature's creatures. The Oakland Zoo also wants other unusual items for their animal enrichment program like perfumes, telephone books, and cornstalks. Check out their website for more info

(www.oaklandzoo.org)

Article Submitted by Chris Llata

Tree branches and leaves (browse) are used as food and/or toys by many of our zoo animals. These two lists represent plants and trees that people usually contact us about. If you have something that is not on the list please contact us.

Contact John Briggs, Browse Keeper (510) 632-9525, ext. 266 for more specifics on brush for the

<u>PLANTS COMMONLY USED</u>	<u>PLANTS NOT USED- TOXIC</u>
Acacia	Conifers
Alder	Eucalyptus
Bamboo - green only	Elderberry
Birch	California Bay
Blackberry	Horsechestnut
Camellia	Laurel
Cotoneaster	Oak
Christmas trees	Olive
Deciduous fruit trees	Maple, Red spp <i>acer rubum</i>
Elm spp <i>Ulmus</i>	Myrtle
Hibiscus	Pepperwood
Palm frond (green only)	Pittisporum
Plum	Rhododendron
Roses	Walnut
Maple, Silver, Sugar	
Mulberry	
Sweetgum spp <i>Liquidambar</i>	
Thistle	
Willow spp <i>Salix</i>	
Carob	

Fruit Tree Workshop Organizer Thank You

On February 26th 2007 at the John Muir historical monument in Martinez, Ca we held a fruit tree pruning seminar. Although it was rainy throughout the day I believe that fun was had by all.

An abundance of great information was provided by Phil Evans and Brian McGovern. The presentations were done in the morning hours, then we all put our raingear on and got our pruning tools and went to the historical orchards to perform some hands on training. Many thanks to group proctors Phil Evans, Brian McGovern, John Traverso, and Bill Pramuk for help with hands-on training.

Many thanks as well to Daryl Sherman from ARS to come and promote his pruning tools, and thanks to Lucy Lawless and the rest of the National Parks Staff to make this day possible. Hopefully this seminar can continue to be performed annually at this wonderful site. Thanks to all participants that attended and we hope to see you next year.

Thanks Fred/Denise

Kelley Gilleran
Fallen Leaf Tree Service Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Gordon Mann will be retiring from the City of Redwood City as Public Works Superintendent this August after 23 years of dedicated service. He and his fabulous family will be happily moving to Auburn and just to stay busy he has been offered an exciting position with the Sacramento Tree Foundation for their Greenprint program.

CONGRATULATIONS GORDON!

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Employment Opportunities



Arborwell, listed as one of the fastest growing companies in the bay area has opportunities for new team members. We offer full benefits, retirement plan, and a fun and challenging place to work. Interested candidates should fax their resumes to 510-881-5208 or contact us at www.arborwell.com

Arborwell has operations in Hayward, San Mateo, Sacramento and Menlo Park.

Residential Sales Opportunities:

Currently accepting resumes for residential and estate sales in Sacramento and East Bay districts. Candidates should have a minimum of 2-3 years experience in general tree work services, good communication and computer skills. Large portfolio of existing clients to manage available, Certified Arborist is a plus.

Estimator / Dispatch Assistant:

Positions are available to assist Account Managers in estimating job sites and scheduling and dispatching of crews. Great opportunity for people who may not want to continue in a tree climbing capacity: Candidates need to have the knowledge of tree species and necessary work to be performed. Certified Tree Worker or Certified Arborist is a plus.



Tree Services Magazine is now available to interested persons free of charge, log onto: www.mrpllc.com **Tree Services Magazine** to sign up for your copy.

BULLETIN BOARD

Used forestry truck wanted

I need a diesel manual trans, 57 ft high ranger or altec ins. boom chip dump no cdl. If you know anyone who has one for sale please contact me thank you.

Russel Hayden (rwhaydn@yahoo.com)

FUNNY !

A woman from Los Angeles, who was a tree hugger and an anti-hunter, purchased a piece of timberland, near Grants Pass, OR. There was a large tree on one of the highest points in the tract. She wanted a good view of the natural splendor of her land so she started to climb the big tree. As she neared the top she encountered a spotted owl that attacked her. In her haste to escape, the woman slid down the tree to the ground and got many splinters in her crotch.

In considerable pain, she hurried to the nearest doctor. She told him she was an environmentalist and an anti-hunter and how she came to get all the splinters. The doctor listened to her story with great patience and then told her to go into the examining room and he would see if he could help her.

She sat and waited three hours before the doctor reappeared. The angry woman demanded, "What took you so long?" He smiled and then told her, "Well, I had to get permits from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management before I could remove old-growth timber from a recreational area. I'm sorry, but they turned me down."



From Alyce Traverso

San Rafael firm seeking Spray Dept supervisor. Benefit package and excellent wages. Must exhibit ability to communicate with clients. CDL & good driving record required. Self-motivated.

FAX: 415-721-2470 or call Darby 415-472-7105

A new website to check out for field grown Oak trees in the Napa Valley:

WWW.mainstreettrees.com

Owners Mike Gleason & Jean Wheeler

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Address correction requested

2007 TENTATIVE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- 1.27.07 Annual Dinner & Awards
- 2.16.07 Climbing Skills—Benicia
- 6.01.07 Beginner Climber / CTW Prep—Concord
- 7.13.07 Climbing Skills—Santa Rosa
- 9.29-30.07 Climbing the Giants Camping—Leggitt
- 10.07 6th Annual Climbing Invitational

We are always looking for workshop Organizers!

Contact Fred Frey—707-953-9494 or
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