



MEMBER NEWS

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March 2020 PTCA General Meeting Details

Join the PTCA this March for our monthly general meeting. We have a great program lined up that you surely won't want to miss!

We will meet at Fillipi's Pizza Grotto in San Diego. After an Executive Meeting of our Board (all members are welcome!), we will begin our General Meeting at 6:30 PM.

Our March program kicks off with Ron Matranga, former PTCA Board Member, Board Certified Master Arborist and Registered Consulting Arborist. Ron will explore and explain what all those letters mean that are associated with Arborist credentials and different fields of arboricultural practices. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and see how these achievements could benefit your career.

Next we will hear from PTCA Education Chair Dan Simpson, who will present

the March Tree of the Month - the Carrot Wood, *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*. Known in Australia as the Tuckeroo, Dan will share what makes this species a great choice for planting in small spaces.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, March 3! This is your best monthly opportunity for CEUs and a great chance to network with other tree-care professionals in the San Diego area.

The cost for this meeting is \$25 for members, and \$30 for non-members. If you bring a prospective member as your guest, they get dinner free!

Please visit our website at ptcaosd.wildapricot.org to register, or contact our office at 714.639.6516.

Monthly Meeting Details

Date: Tuesday, March 3

Location: Fillipi's Pizza Grotto
9969 Mira Mesa Blvd
San Diego, 92131

Cost: Members: \$25
Non-Members: \$30

Register: ptcaosd.wildapricot.org

Executive Meeting
5:30 PM

All Members Welcome!

General Meeting
6:30 PM
Dinner Included

Scheduled Topics

The ABC's of Arboriculture
Ron Matranga

The Tuckeroo and You
Dan Simpson

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This Carrotwood in Orange, CA was nominated for the CA Big Tree Registry by A. Cowley in 2006.

It measures 28 feet high, with a trunk circumference of 31 inches and a crown spread of 31 feet for a total of 67 points!

Known in Australia as the Tuckeroo, this species is our Tree of the Month. Turn to Page 7 for more information!

Page 7 Tree of the Month:
Tuckeroo and You!
(*Cupaniopsis anacardioides*)

INDUSTRY NEWS

Career Pathways for Tree Care Workers and Employers

Hello, PTCA members!

We hope you can attend the workforce development workshop on Monday, February 24, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM at Urban Corps San Diego. We'll further explore the opportunities that Lauren Welch and I outlined at the PTCA meeting on February 4. This will only be the starting point to better understand the issues and cooperate to get some quality students into entry-level tree care jobs.

-Anne Fege, Ph.D.
afege@aol.com



Reminder about Monday's meeting:
Career Pathways for Tree Care Workers and Employers

Many tree care businesses struggle to source and retain a sustainable workforce, yet there are young adults with interests in physical outdoor work, demonstrated responsibility and reliability, and no path to entry-level tree care jobs.

Local tree care businesses and professionals are invited to a workshop to identify common interests of students and tree care employers. This "Tree Care Careers Pathway" workshop will be held on Monday, February 24, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM at Urban Corps San Diego, 3127 Jefferson Street San Diego, CA 92110, near the Old Town trolley station. Please RSVP at <https://secure.givelively.org/event/urban-corps-of-san-diego-county/career-pathways-for-tree-care-workers>.

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About the PTCA of San Diego

OUR MISSION is to improve our community's quality of life by making our urban forest safer and more beautiful through education and proper tree care.



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EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS are held on the first Tuesday of each month. During the summer months, arboricultural tours ("Tree Walks") are featured throughout San Diego County.

We are in the process of selecting a new meeting location. Until a permanent venue has been chosen, we will meet at Filippi's Pizza Grotto (Scripps Ranch), located at 9969 Mira Mesa Blvd, San Diego.

The cost to attend general meetings is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. Summer Tree Walks are free of charge.

Information for upcoming meetings is available at our website at www.ptcasandiego.org, and in our monthly newsletter.

CEUs are available!

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PTCA ANNUAL SEMINAR & FIELD DAY is held every August, featuring industry experts bringing the latest research and information to San Diego's historic Balboa Park. Cosponsored by the Professional Tree Care Association of San Diego and City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department, this is your best local opportunity to get information or training in your field of tree care.

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Spanish Language Chipper Operator Course

Accidents involving brush chippers are a significant concern for tree care and landscape employers, the tree care workers who operate the equipment and manufacturers alike. Strong anecdotal information from the field tells us that chipper operators receive little or no formal training on chipper operation and field maintenance.

TCIA's Tree Care Academy Chipper Operator Specialist course is designed to train tree care crews in hazards, as well as accepted practices for brush chipper operation and other associated tasks. The course, which is built for crew members who often do not receive formal training opportunities, will increase involvement with self-policing.

Learn from Noe Cardenas, CTSP and earn 3.75 ISA and TCIA CTSP CEUs.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Nomination Period Open for 2020 ISA Awards Program

The International Society of Arboriculture recognizes outstanding achievements in the arboricultural profession with the use of its awards program. Nominate your peers in the industry who have made excellent contributions to the arboriculture profession and the organization for the ISA Awards of Distinction and the ISA True Professionals of Arboriculture program. Information on these awards can be found on ISA's website at www.isa-arbor.com.

All forms and supplemental information must be submitted to awards@isa-arbor.com. The deadline for nominations is 8 March 2020.

The award recipients will be announced and honored publicly at the 2020 ISA Annual International Conference and Trade Show, 9-12 August in Albuquerque, New Mexico U.S.

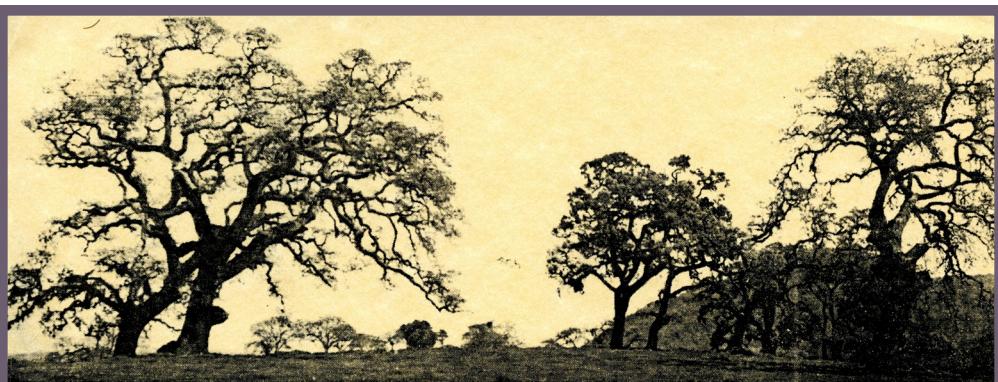
Recently rediscovered by Education Chair Dan Simpson, 'The Arborist's Creed' by Millard Blair was written in 1935 and adopted by the California Arborist Association many years ago. This is a timeless foundation for the Professional Arborist.



This workshop will be held on Friday, March 13, 2020. Registration is \$25 and limited to 50 attendees. A Tree Care Academy Chipper Operator Specialist workbook is included. Lunch is not included. Please bring a bag lunch.

To register, visit www.ptcasandiego.org or call 714-639-6516.

This workshop is being funded in part by the Arborist Safety Training Institute.



THE ARBORIST'S CREED AND PRINCIPLES OF PRACTICE

WE WILL keep the thought before us that trees are the friends of man; that from the beginning they have furnished him with food, shelter, clothing, and weapons; that in all ways they make the world more habitable and beautiful for all creatures.

We will do all in our power to subdue insect pests and diseases of trees, and to obviate unfavorable conditions in their environments.

We will endeavor to impart a just appreciation and understanding of trees, as living things, to those with whom we come in contact, but we will divulge our knowledge of tree lore only to those fit and ready to receive it, and then only in so far as they are prepared.

We will not treat a tree for pay if we are convinced that the tree is dying and we cannot save it. Neither will we leave a tree or branch that is a menace to life or property without disclosing the danger to the parties concerned, and suggesting the means that would render it safe.

We will not knowingly use injurious or useless materials or methods in felling, feeding, treating, or spraying trees or shrubbery, nor allow it to be done by others under our charge.

We will perform all services pertaining to our profession to the best of our ability at the time we deem most suitable to gain the best results.

Should we discover a tree with an incurable disease or an uncontrollable insect pest that may threaten surrounding trees, we will draw the attention of the proper persons to the condition so that the menace may be promptly checked. Likewise, if we observe the start of an epidemic of pests or disease which we may check by private means, we will do so.

We will remember that those who employ us possess the virtue of respect for the things of nature and should be appreciated for that trait; and, further, that they may be as fond of the more delicate growth beneath the trees as they are of the trees themselves, so we will use care that our treatment does such growth no avoidable harm.

We will do whatever we may, legally, to prevent the ignorant or wanton destruction or mutilation of trees.

We will disclose no means of surreptitiously destroying trees or shrubbery.

We will endeavor at all times to so conduct ourselves that our craft shall merit the highest respect and esteem of all persons.

We will consistently strive to improve our craft.

Further, our fellow-workers and competitors, if they be true craftsmen, have like problems and strivings, and we will accord them the same consideration that we expect ourselves.

MILLARD F. BLAIR, Author

Officially adopted by
THE CALIFORNIA ARBORISTS ASSOCIATION INC.

2020 February General Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Present:

Miguel Sibrian (Vice President), Ricardo Aguilar (Secretary), Dan Simpson (Education Chair), Jim Thompson, Pete Ryken, Brian Bishop.

Executive committee called to order at 5:35 PM

- Jim updated on the 2020 Epicenter management contract, as well as the progress on tax files and bylaws in regards to PTCA.
- Pete discussed Arbor Day 2020; Brian Bishop updated that the event would be held on May 1st @ Quail Botanical. More information will follow.
- Group reviewed the monthly Agenda items.
- Dave Ephron/Kurt Peacock updated on the Fruit Tree Pruning seminar event held in January. They would like some PTCA involvement for next year and beyond, committee will discuss further next meeting.

Executive Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Member Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.

- The PTCA received an award at the SDRUFC Holiday Banquet on December.
- Kurt Peacock updated the group on the Annual Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop held in January.
- Brian Bishop announced that the 2020 North County Arbor Day will be held at Quail Gardens in Encinitas on May 1st. Details are still pending. More information to follow.
- Dan Simpson announced that the 2020 South County Arbor Day would be held at South Crest Park. More information will follow.
- Miguel announced the upcoming training event: ASTI Chipper Operator Specialist Course, March 13, 2020

Speakers:

Gary De Jong (San Diego Zoo)

- Gary gave some highlights from the Eucalyptus 2018 conference in Montpellier, France on silviculture and eucalyptus farming for zoological benefits. Gary explained how he is responsible for the farming, harvesting and delivery of the many eucalyptus species that are the dietary essentials for the koalas at the San Diego Zoo.

Anne Fege (San Diego Regional Urban Forest Council)

- Anne explained how Urban Corps has a strong employment and education program, contracts and grants to provide tree planting and young tree care work experience, and a commitment to graduate a few students each year that are immediately qualified for and accept entry-level jobs with a tree care business. There will be a half-day workshop on February 24th to explore common interests and realistic outcomes to build urban forestry pre-employment programs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Meeting took place at Filippi's Pizza Grotto, Scripps Ranch, 9969 Mira Mesa Blvd, San Diego, on February 4, 2020.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Ricardo Aguilar.

ASCA Consulting 2020 Academy

February 26–29, 2020

Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel
Sacramento, California



February General Meeting Summary

We had a pretty low member turnout for some interesting topics. If you have any suggestions for meeting topics, please contact Dan Simpson at dsimpson.tree01@gmail.com

Meeting Announcements - The annual Fruit Tree Pruning workshop for hands-on training was a success. Kurt Peacock, Dave Ephron, and Tom del Hotal shared their expertise with eighteen folks who attended. They commented on several attendees being homeowners with fruit trees. A big thank you to them for once again conducting this annual event.

Just as a reminder, we encourage you to check your posting in the PTCA directory and see what services you are representing to potential clients. Our area is an ideal region for growth of diverse fruit tree species. I have found very few of our members who list fruit tree services.

Arbor Day is coming and Brian Bishop is handling arrangements for our service to trees event, to be held on May 1st at the San Diego Botanic Garden in Encinitas. Please contact him for details.

Our first speaker, Gary De Jong, is the eucalyptus browse specialist at the San Diego Zoo. He is responsible for managing the growth, harvest and delivery of the vital eucalyptus browse to koalas at the Zoo. Without fresh cut foliage of certain species, there would be no koalas in San Diego or as far away as some zoos in Europe.

In 2018, Gary had the opportunity to attend the world Eucalyptus Conference in Montpellier, France. Travel always adds value to one's perspectives and improves job knowledge. This conference of global eucalyptus experts offered days of sessions on managing eucalyptus to maximize the production of growth and wood that could later be processed into paper pulp. If you did not know, eucalyptus is very desirable for paper pulp production. There are many countries besides Australia that are engaged in large-scale production of eucalyptus that is grown to produce short fiber material used for bathroom tissue and other products. Eucalyptus does indeed produce highly desirable material for processing.

The San Diego Zoo manages over 10 acres of mixed eucalyptus species for koala diets. The growth is managed in a coppice fashion for easy harvest. Pest control is a challenge with over a dozen eucalyptus pests now in California. No pesticides can be used on the dietary foliage, so any cultural improvement on growth helps.

France has been engaged with eucalyptus growth trials since the 1950s. The results of those trials led to wide scale plantations in the 1970s. Hybrids were developed with the goal of being frost-resistant and fast growing for pulp wood production. Some of the plantation photos

remind me of what Scripps Ranch was like when it was planted in the early 1920's by Chauncy Jerabek. Trees in rows and equally spaced with the goal of future timber.

Some items of note Gary learned while attending the Eucalyptus Conference were that eucalyptus foliage is sensitive to dry air and responds favorably to potassium and water applications. Improving management of those elements will improve growth rates. Also, it is worth noting that eucalyptus pests are spreading at an increasing rate. They can be found in many eucalyptus plantations around the world. Gary and his coworkers rely on non-toxic methods of control on their farm sites. Foliage wash down with overhead sprinklers provides multiple benefits. One observation he shared was the new population of tree frogs that inhabit the rows. Our recent rainfall may have an extra blessing.

While the San Diego Zoo is focused on providing eucalyptus to feed koalas, the majority of the global eucalyptus plantations are established for producing lumber and paper pulp. What we condemn as a terrible tree, others consider as a global resource.

Our next topic was a joint presentation from Anne Fege of the San Diego Regional Urban Forest Council and Lauren Welch of the San Diego Urban Corps. Looking at the lack of a qualified work force, they have created a career training program for Work Force Development. Those of us in the green industries are all acutely aware of a shortage of skilled employees. The Urban Corps program is designed to identify and train those individuals with a demonstrated commitment towards a career.

Anne shared a look at the ISA career paths in arboriculture and the entry levels in various positions. Many of the young urban demographic are in the 18-26 year range and without a high school diploma. By working closely in a one-on-one process they are able to coach students into completing their working and learning goals. Tree San Diego has some students already working on tasks in support of urban forestry funded projects with a variety of partnerships around San Diego County.

This program seems like a win-win for all involved. A survey was circulated to members in attendance. Please contact Dan Simpson if you are interested in getting a copy of that survey. If you have questions on the program and need more details, here is the contact info for Lauren Welch, Development Manager - lwelch@urbancorps.org, 619-629-0884.

PTCA San Diego presents:



CHIPPER OPERATOR SPECIALIST WORKSHOP BILINGUAL COURSE

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When: March 13, 2020 –
8:30am to 1:30pm

Where: RDO Equipment,
10108 Riverford Road,
Lakeside, CA 93040

Registration Cost:

\$25- limited to 50
attendees

Materials provided by TCIA:

Tree Care Academy
Chipper Operator
Specialist Workbook

To Register: visit
www.ptca-sandiego.org or
call 714.639.6516

Instructor:

Noe Cardenas

Lunch: Not provided –
please bring a lunch

CEUs: 3.75

QUESTIONS?

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www.ptca-sandiego.org

The Tuckeroo and You (*Cupaniopsis anacardioides*)

This seems like a good time to remind members that not all trees from

Australia are eucalypts. As

we consider candidates for planting in small spaces, check out the Tuckeroo. That's another thing about trees from down under; they have common names there that are

unusual to us here!

This tree is said to have an edible fleshy and orange covering on its seeds. There are also claims it is toxic. Still, consumption by wildlife led to the name Tuckeroo; Tucker is an Aussie word for food. You may know it as the Carrot Wood, *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*, a member of the Sapindaceae or Soapberry Family. This small maturing species was imported to America in the 1960's and has been a good selection for small spaces in Southern California. However, in Florida, it became so invasive that it is removed on sight.

You may find seedlings popping up in some landscape settings here but it is not a widespread problem. After the small insignificant flowers produce their orange capsules and the birds eat the seeds, the dried capsules can become nuisance litter.

The medium sized pinnate foliage is unique in that you may find odd and even pinnate leaves on the same tree. The foliage is evergreen with leaf color ranges from dark to medium green. The outer bark is coarse and gray but it is the orange color of the wood that led to the Carrot Wood name. Its low oval canopy can be pruned into a nice round shape with thinning adjusted for the required amount of sun or shade for the site.

This tree is also a good selection for use as a visual screen. Canopy height and width will average about 20 feet overall. Longevity will be over fifty years and these trees tolerate hot dry winds as well as a wide range of soil types.

Our California Big Tree Register lists

a specimen of *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* in Orange. It is 28 feet high with a crown spread of 31 feet. The cited trunk circumference is 31 inches. Doing the math, 31 divided by 3.14 reveals almost a 10-inch diameter. I know there must be bigger ones out there since this species has been around for almost 50 years. I know I personally removed larger ones

in my active years!

If you want to be prepared, buy a sewing tape from a fabric store. They are inexpensive and easy to keep in your truck. Now it's up to you and the right Tuckeroo to get listed in the California Big Tree Register.

For more info and images go to <https://selectree.calpoly.edu/>



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LOCAL CALENDAR

Upcoming Industry Events

February 24, 2020

Career Pathways for Tree Care
Workers and Employers
San Diego, CA
www.sdrufc.org

February 26, 2020

ASCA Consulting Academy 2020
Sacramento, CA
www.asca-consultants.org

February 28, 2020

WCISA Spanish Language Workshop:
El Entendimiento del Árbol y Como Crece
(Understanding Trees & How they Grow)
Los Angeles, CA
www.wcisa.org

March 13, 2020

Chipper Operator Specialist
Spanish Language Course
Lakeside, CA
www.ptcasandiego.org

March 13, 2020

Tree Maintenance,
Protection, and Risks
San Diego, CA
www.sdrufc.org

March 13, 2020

Pruning Workshop: A New Standard
for a New Decade
Riverside, CA
inlandurbanforestcouncil.org

April 10, 2020

Tree Agency, Advocacy, Action,
and Accomplishments
San Diego, CA
www.sdrufc.org

April 1, 2020

TRAQ Course
Jurupa Valley, CA
www.wcisa.net

April 27-30, 2020

WCISA Annual Conference
"Reach Your Highest Peak"
Olympic Valley, CA
www.wcisaconnect.com



Join us at the Peak

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