



NEWSLETTERS

Greetings from the APA President - July 2019

This is my second newsletter, written to inform APA members of the happenings within our organization over the last two months.

Since the last newsletter in May the APA has done many exciting things. The APA board has met twice (at our regular monthly meetings) and have been working on putting together such things as the next garden tour, future Tree Walks and Tree Talks, the Sachiko Umehara Scholarship fund, and discussions over the CAP test. We have been working hard on updates for the website, our new Instagram account, and ongoing Facebook page. There is a lot going on!

Past May Events

On May 14th there was an APA Tree Walk at Osmosis Day Spa in Freestone, CA. CAP Michael Alliger and spa owner Michael Stusser toured 15 APA members around the garden and discussed the history, design, and pruning of the garden. The garden was amazing! Here are a couple of photos from the event:





The public can tour the Osmosis garden by registering on their website. There will be a tour in September

<https://www.osmosis.com/events/>

After the Osmosis tour we had lunch in Sebastopol and then went on to visit Mike Umehara at Momiji Nursery where Mike toured us around so that we could see all of his many Japanese maples in their new Spring color. See Mike below in his new APA hat!

<http://www.momijinursery.com/index.html>



May 30th- Tree Talk We held a very well attended Tree Talk (40 attendees) by **Yuki Nara** on Japanese Maples. Yuki titled her talk "A Lonesome Little Red Maple and a Hooligan Green Maple". I now hear people using the term 'Hooligan Maple' when pruning a vigorous maple tree. Yuki treated us to maple pruning demos, photos, and shared with us her passion for the Japanese maple. Yuki teaches a class in the spring every year on Laceleaf maples if anyone missed this talk. Her class is part of the Merritt College Fee Based Saturday Aesthetic Pruning class program.

June 6th - 9th American Conifer Society national meeting. APA CAP members Melissa Hyams, Jule Silverwood, Maryann Lewis, Grant Foerster, myself, and Associate member Michael Weber represented the APA at the conference in Silverton Oregon. We APA members were part of the conference program and did pruning demos throughout The Oregon Garden botanical garden in their conifer section. If you are ever in the area, the garden has a section of the conifer garden that is set up as an Aesthetic Pruning demonstration garden and is pruned by Maryann Lewis. Stop by and visit! <http://www.oregongarden.org/conifer-garden/> Also, If you like conifers as much as I do, you may want to look into becoming a Cone Head and joining the American Conifer Society <https://conifersociety.org/>

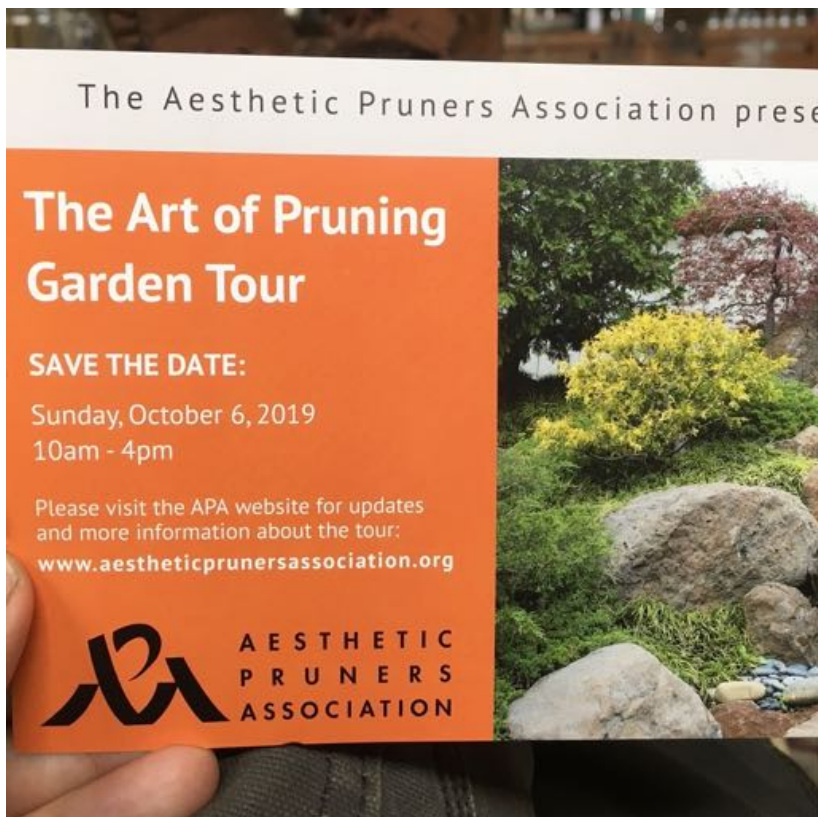
June 29th - APA Tree Walk at the private bonsai garden of Dennis Makishima. APA members were treated to a tour of bonsai with history and commentary by Dennis. So many members registered for the event that we had to do two shifts. Members total coming out to enjoy the day at Dennis!

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In closing, I would like to put my email out there to any of you who have ideas or comments for the organization, or you may want to get involved with one of the APA committees? apaPresident@aestheticprunersassociation.org

News

- -New APA Instagram account. Follow us at Aesthetic Pruners Association. If you have photos to share from APA events please contact me at the above email address.
- -Member forum- using the APA forum is a benefit of membership and is for active members only. Through the forum you can search for topics and read, post, or reply to any comment or topic. You will need to log into your account on the APA website and go to the forum page. You will want to subscribe to the forum so that you can receive notice of new topics that are discussed. It is very user friendly.
- -Denise Mason is continuing to update the APA website with news, events, and a brand new garden tour page. Thanks Denise! www.aestheticprunersassociation.org
- -Check out our Facebook page, updated by Jen Schuessler. Thanks Jen!
- -New Professionals- has begun meeting with a new group of APA professional pruners. Join this group to learn more about starting and running a successful Aesthetic Pruning business. To join this group please contact Grant Foerster at lifeofpine@gmail.com
- -The APA has registered again for a booth at the Solano Stroll on 9/8. This is a great opportunity to meet the public and to pass out your business cards. If you would like to volunteer to represent the APA at the booth please let us know at apa@aestheticprunersassociation.org
- -Members recently received an email with the Save the Date postcard for the upcoming APA garden tour. Please do share this email ready post card with friends and clients



Upcoming events:

Tree Talk:

Conifer talk by the Conifer Queen - Sara Malone!

We will also tour Sara's amazing conifer garden after the talk.

Date: Sunday July 28

Time: 11:00am to 1:30pm

Location: Petaluma, CA

There is an attendance limit of 25 APA members so please

RSVP to Randall Lee at randallalee@yahoo.com by **July 15th**.

Annual APA Potluck and Party

APA member Katherine Randolph will host the 3rd annual APA Potluck

Date: Sunday August 4th

Time: 6pm to 9pm

Where: Her home in Mill Valley- Eagle Rock Garden

This is a fun event that you won't want to miss. There will be more info to come. Enjoy the garden, views, and the company of all of your pruning friends.

APA 4th Biennial Garden Tour

Sunday October 6th

Montclair/Piedmont/Oakland Hills/San Leandro

Contact organizer Melissa Hyams to volunteer

melissashyams@gmail.com

APA Youtube Channel

Don't forget- members can access CAP Michael Alliger's talk on **'The Numinous Art of Pruning'** and his demo of the laceleaf maple pruning through a link in the APA website. Log onto the APA website and click on the Members page. You will see the talk under 'links'. The talk can be accessed by members only.

Welcome New APA Members!!

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