



NEWSLETTERS

Greetings from the APA President! - July 2020

This newsletter is written to inform APA members of the happenings within our organization over the last six months.

The APA is now in its 10th year as an organization! What an odd year it has been. I hope you are all hanging in there and are able to get back to the trees. We Aesthetic Pruners are so fortunate that we work outdoors.

Since our last newsletter, in November, a lot has happened and yet nothing has happened. The world has been turned on its side and consequently the APA has not been able to hold physical meetings. We have been able to carry on with our board and committee meetings through video conferencing.

Because we haven't met in person, there will be no new photos in this newsletter of APA members having fun together. In lieu of recent photos, I have dug up some old photos (some up to 20 years old!) for your viewing pleasure.



The man, the myth, the legend, Dennis Makishima

We were able to squeeze in a few in-person APA events and happenings before 'Shelter in Place' began.

We last met together as a large group at the APA annual meeting in January. Maryann Lewis was our guest speaking on her pruning lessons in Portland Oregon. Members can now view her talk through a link on the APA website thanks to member and videographer Lara Miranda! Simply visit the APA website member's page for the link.

We also held a New Professionals meeting on Pricing in early March. Michael Hemes and Dan Villaume were our guest speakers and we had a great turn out of 18 people. Thank you Michael and Dan!

In March, Randall Lee, the current Craft Standards chair, was able to squeeze in two CAP tests before the shutdown. We now have two new APA Certified Aesthetic Pruners- Diana Chamberlain and Dierdre Davis Eickhoff. Congratulations Dierdre and Diana! And thank you to the CAP proctors: Randall Lee, Peter Bowyer, Lary Huls, Melissa Hyams, and Judy Thomas.

Randall is hoping to be able to resume testing again in August. If you are a certified member and interested in helping to proctor an upcoming exam, please contact Randall Lee at apa@aestheticprunersassociation.org.

Dierdre has since relocated to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She will be starting up her pruning career out there, so if anyone has any contacts for her please get in touch with Dierdre. Her info is on the APA website.

Diana Chamberlain is in the Bay Area, California working as a pruner and designer of Japanese gardens.



Bill Castelln, Rich Huss, Bet Neary, Tom McCall, Leslie Buck, and Alex Hatch

News

- The APA has a new mailing address: 5627 Telegraph Ave. Suite 171 Oakland, CA 94609
- The board is working with a lawyer to trademark 'APA Certified Aesthetic Pruner'. It will take one year for the whole process and we will keep you updated throughout on the progress.
- CAP mentoring group- Eric King and I have started a mentoring group for APA members who are interested in pursuing certification. To join please contact us at apa@aestheticprunersassociation.org
- Members 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.

- APA tote bags are for sale. We have received a new shipment. They are \$18 each. Please respond to those who are interested.

Admin view



Committee News

Education Committee- Has been working on New Professionals meetings, the upcoming Pruning Intensive Workshop (now postponed), website content, and organizing Tree Talks. Members- Grant Foerster -chair, Barbara Eaton, Diana Chamberlain, Joe Ehrmann, Judy Thomas, Jane Chua-Couzens, Evelyn Borchert

National Growth and Outreach (NGO)- Has met via Zoom twice now to work on creating chapters in other areas. Members- Maryann Lewis -chair, Jeff Harris, Dierdre Davis Eickhoff, Emily Fronckowiak, Nicole LaPlante, Matt Luks-Jurutka, Grant Foerster, Diana Chamberlain.

Finance Committee- Met in April via Zoom with our accountant Helga Mahlman to discuss accounts, chapter growth, trademarking, among other things. Members- Melissa Hyams- chair, Dick Austin, Randall Lee, Dina Blackwell.

If you are interested in joining one of these committees please respond to this email.



Sachiyo Aoyama and Yuki Nara work in Dennis' front garden

Cancelled/Postponed events

August- APA Potluck at Katherine Randolph's house is cancelled this year. We will try again August 2021!

September- The Solano Stroll has been cancelled. The APA is already registered for our booth in September 2021.

October- The NAJGA National conference in San Diego was cancelled and rescheduled for Fall of 2021. There will be an APA talk by CAPs Grant Foerster, Maryann Lewis, and Emily Frockowiak.

November- The APA Pruning Intensive Workshop is cancelled and will be rescheduled for Fall 2020

Welcome New APA Members!

- Janet Barton- Fremont, CA
 - Zachary Beyersdoerfer- Asheville, NC
 - Reiko Hanyu- Fairfax, CA
 - Scott Holland- Tigard, OR
 - Jeff Kowalski- Lafayettee, CA
 - Patty McFarland- San Anselmo, CA
 - Kristen Meyer- Pacifica, CA
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Dennis Makishima, Dick Austin, Bill Castellon



Maggie Hoppe, Nancy Buell, Melissa Hyams, and yours truly in Dennis' back yard

Send Us Your Photos

We would like to create a page describing aesthetic pruning to the general public with before and after photos. If you have a set of photos that you would allow us to use on the website, please email them to apa@aestheticprunersassociation.org. We will not be crediting the photos.

Upcoming Zoom Events

CAP mentoring meeting- Monday July 20th, 7pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86086421909?pwd=aEc3QmpPeHhIZUEvaEFGRkhqeXIDUT09>

Meeting ID: 860 8642 1909

Password: 065513

Tree Talk- The History of the Lake Merritt Japanese Garden- Dick Austin and Denise Mason- date and info to come.

New Professionals- September- Jocelyn Cohen will discuss marketing.

Tree Talk- October- Bill Castellon part two of his talk on training a young pine tree.

Events by others - two talks by APA members!

The Oakland-Fukuoka Sister City Association will hold a series of virtual lectures as part of its Japanese Living Environment program. To learn more and to register, click on the links below. Questions can be sent to: jnpliven@gmail.com.

Making the Japanese Aesthetic Our Own by Bill Castellon
Sunday September 20th, 10 AM - 1 PM PST

Curating the Japanese-style Garden by Randall Lee
Saturday September 26th, 10 AM - 1 PM PST

APA Board

President- Dina Blackwell

Vice President- Greg Kitajima

Secretary- Eric King

Treasurer- Melissa Hyams

Members at Large-

Barbara Eaton

Denise Mason

Michael Weber

***Elections will be held in January 2021 for these open board positions:*

President, Vice President, Member at Large, Member at Large. Please respond to this email if you are interested.

APA Committees:

Craft Standards- Stand in Chair- Randall Lee

Education- Chair- Grant Foerster

Finance- Chair- Melissa Hyams

Membership- Chair- Michael Weber

Promotions- Chair- Dina Blackwell

Website- Chair- Denise Mason

Interested in joining a committee? Do you have a skill that may help the APA? Please respond to this email, all are welcome!

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