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Annual Report

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

A Message from the Chair

GREETINGS BRITTON FUND SUPPORTERS,

It is my very great pleasure to report to you all that the Britton Fund, Inc. has enjoyed a stellar first year. Through the efforts of many, great strides have been made in both the fund-raising and educational project arenas.

Our partnership with CalFC, CalFire, California ReLeaf, and other non profits associated with the United Voices for Healthier Communities program (funded in part by fines levied against oil companies by the AQMD) led to the Britton Fund, Inc. being the educational voice of the "Great Clean Air Planting Project" and the recipient of a \$50K Prop 40 grant from the State. We have created and distributed 20 booths bearing the message that "Healthy Communities Grow on Trees" and that it can be as easy as "One, Two, Tree"! These booths are available for check out for your community event, so please utilize them to spread the word in your community. Continued maintenance of the trees planted in your community is very important, and that message is captured in the booth materials.

Tim Womick has appeared to perform his "Trail of Trees" presentation in six San Jose area elementary and middle schools in to celebrate Arbor Day in both 2007 and 2008, courtesy of Anderson's Tree Care Specialists. Rhonda Berry of Our City Forest organized these appearances. Tim also appeared at both Scouting Camp Work Days in 2007 & 2008, and will be at the Britton Fund Rider Reception held Thursday May 1st at Confluence East Park, where San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed will receive a Tree City USA Award from John Melvin of Cal Fire.

Through the outstanding leadership efforts of Andy Trotter, we have held two Work Day events at Boy Scout Camps in Southern and Northern California in 2007 and 2008. Together these events have generated \$23K in income. Andy's crews at West Coast Arborists and Gabe Beeler's crews at Fallen Leaf Tree Service have been instrumental in the success of these events. They have donated numerous man and equipment hours to the cause.

Gil Mitchell is leading the first annual Britton Fund, Inc. bicycle ride Thursday

May 1st, for which he has secured 26 riders who hope to raise in excess of \$20K!

This year's Annual Meeting will also have two additional fund-raisers, a Silent Auction to be held during the two day program, and a Casino Night to be held immediately following the Banquet Saturday night May 3rd.

There are a wide variety of educational and fund-raising activities available to participate in. We invite you to get involved with your community and the Britton Fund, Inc. to help spread the word about the value of trees and a healthy urban forest. We gratefully look forward to your participation and eagerly anticipate the research we intend to fund in the future.

~DOUGLAS ANDERSON



October 27, 2007—Chair, Douglas Anderson, participates in United Voices for Healthier Communities tree planting at Toyon Park in Anaheim, California.

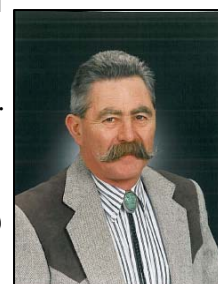
Our "Roots"

JOHN CAMPBELL BRITTON passed away on Sunday, September 2, 2001, of pancreatic cancer. He was surrounded by family and friends at McKinney Creel Ranch, in Klamath River, California.

John was born in Ely, Nevada, on December 14, 1937. He was raised in Palo

Alto and lived in Oakland for many years. A graduate of The California College of Arts and Crafts in 1965, he received an MFA in Sculpture from the University of California at Berkeley in 1967. He taught at the California College of Arts and Crafts for a number of years. He lived briefly in

Monument Oregon, working as a buckaroo, and operating a small commercial cattle ranch.



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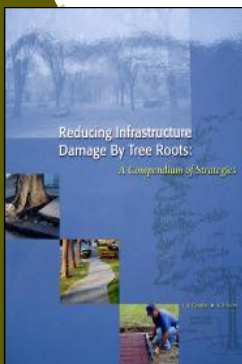
John Campbell Britton
The Pinnacle Arborist

Donor List as of April 25, 2008

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| James P. Allen, Consulting Arborist | Doug Hamilton | "Shigo Science" raffle ~ Henderson |
| Anderson's Tree Care Specialists, Inc. | McGee & Thielen Insurance | Teresa Trueman Madriaga |
| Boy Scouts of America~ West LA Council | "Recognizing Tree Disease" raffle ~ Carmichael | "Tree Demographics" meeting ~Stanford |
| Britton Fun-d Ride Participants & Donors | Jack Phillips | Western Chapter ISA |
| Britton Tree Service, Inc. | Robert Phillips & Edie Layton | Workday 2007 & 2008 Participants |
| David Brown | | |
| California Arborists Association | | |
| Jim Clark/Nelda Matheny | | |
| Bryan Davidson | | |
| Desert Green Foundation | | |
| Al and Rose Epperson | | |
| Walt Fuji | | |
| "Greening the Green Industry" raffle | | |

FINANCIAL RESULTS~12/31/07

CASH & EQUIVALENTS	5,438.43	CONTRIBUTIONS	22,487.15
MONEY MARKET	14,981.52	EVENT PROCEEDS	22,878.12
ACCTS RECEIVABLE	29,699.72	GRANTS	27,699.72
INVENTORY	3,120.00	PUBLICATIONS	2,000.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	799.00	INTEREST INCOME	947.06
		LESS EXPENSES	(21,193.38)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$54,038.67	TOTAL EQUITY	\$54,038.67



Reducing Infrastructure Damage by Tree Roots, remains a top seller on ISA's publication list.

...A Compendium of Strategies

Prior to our incorporation, the Western Chapter ISA's Chapter Directed research fund (aka the John Britton Memorial Fund) sponsored the printing of this valuable reference book.

This compendium was developed

to serve as a concise and comprehensive reference on the subject of tree and infrastructure conflicts. With up to date descriptions and assessments of methods used to reduce damage, this resource is intended to provide tree manag-

ers, planners and engineers with the information they need to create effective management plans.

Reprinted in 2007, the popular publication is now available from the Britton Fund, Inc, website or Western Chapter ISA office.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Project title: *Oaks in Urban Landscapes: Selection, Care, and Preservation*

Authors:

Laurence R. Costello, University of California Cooperative Extension
Bruce Hagen, California Dept. of Forestry
Katherine Jones, University of California Cooperative Extension

Publisher: University of California (ANR Communications Services)

Grant Support: Britton Fund
WCISA E. J. Slosson Endowment (Univ. of California)

Project Rationale: Oaks are widely acknowledged to be a highly valuable natural resource in California. In woodland areas, they provide significant benefits, including wildlife habitat, water quality protection, erosion control, recreational opportunities, and aes-

thetic value. In urban landscapes, they are valued for their multiple environmental, social, economic, and aesthetic benefits.

Significant challenges face those who are charged with the management of oaks in urban landscapes. Many considerations related to planning, design, selection, care, and protection are needed. To be successful, tree care professionals need reliable and up-to-date information. To date, there is no publication that provides a comprehensive and detailed treatment of this subject.

Objective: To produce an authoritative publication that will serve as a key resource for all those involved in oak management in urban areas. Ultimately, this information will be used to preserve and protect our urban oak resource for future generations.

Work Completed to Date:

Work was initiated on this project in 2004, and has continued through 2007. Following a series of field visits to locations throughout California, an extensive review of the literature relevant to oak management was conducted. This information was used to establish recommendations regarding the selection of oaks for urban landscapes (native and non-native), root and soil management practices (irrigation, fertilization, planting, and mulching), pest management, pruning, risk assessment, and protection during development/construction. Special topics include: oaks on golf courses, transplanting oaks, genetic conservation, and designing around oaks.

Although completion of the text has taken far longer than anticipated, it will be submitted for peer review by the end of February 2008. Progress was delayed

Oak Report

partly due to the need to have the manuscript copyedited prior to the peer review process. This was deemed necessary because of the differing writing styles of the three authors. Following the inclusion of revisions recommended by reviewers, publication formatting, layout, and printing, the complete process will be complete, with a projected publication date of winter 2008.

Expected Outcomes: This publication will serve as a resource for tree care to professionals make informed decisions regarding oak care practices, provide guidance to developers and planners when building around oaks, assist urban foresters needing to evaluate the health and structural stability of oaks, and serve as a useful reference for landscape architects when selecting species and

Inaugural Britton Fun-d Ride ~5/1/08

FUND RAISING



Participant Jersey

--A Metric Century (plus a skosh more)

For people who want to contribute to their profession, and to the public at large.

Participants

- Gary Abrojena
- James Allen
- Chris Buck
- Noe Cardenas
- James Clark
- John Crandell
- Jesse Craven
- Johanna Fagolin
- Michael Fagolin
- Randall Frizzell
- Nathan Garnett
- Phoebe Gilpin

- Duane Goosen
- Dana Karcher
- Rick La Mantain
- John Leffingwell
- Gordon Mann
- Jack McCabe
- Virginia Mitchell
- Jesus Munoz, Jr.
- John Nitta
- Dan Pskowski
- Marc Rubald
- Desmond Smith
- Jesse Ulloa

"It's not a race, it is a FUN ride." states Gil Mitchell, ride coordinator



Arbor Camp/Work Day ~ 4/19/08

April 18 ~ 20, 2008

Camp Pollock ~ Sacramento,

Family oriented camping activity where educating our youth and community involvement come together with a common goal:

TREES



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Healthy Communities Grow on Trees

Ensuring a healthy, sustainable environment in a changing world through fundraising, research, scholarships and education.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

The "Healthier Communities Grow on Trees Campaign" is a product of a proposition 40 grant from Cal Fire.

The campaign includes 20 educational booths based on the benefits of trees to the community.

As an arborist, you know that trees are good for your community.

- Trees are Energy Savers
- Trees Increase Home Value
- Trees Clean the Air

...And so much more

Now there's an easy way for you to help spread the word and earn CEU's while doing it!

It's as easy as one, two, tree...

1. Find an event in your community such as a pancake breakfast, earth fair, or a farmer's market.
2. Check out a table top display from the Britton Fund, complete with brochures, and a prep kit to help you brush up on your tree facts.
3. Spread the word about the benefits of trees at your community event.

Trees are good - spread the word!

We'll even give you a couple of CEUs if you fill out an event report afterwards.

If you don't know of any events in your community, ask us and we'll let you know when we hear of one.

Spreading the word has never been easier.

Sign up for this great new program today by visiting: www.unitedvoices.org.



David Teuschler of ValleyCrest Tree Company shares the benefits of trees during the United Voices tree planting event on Oct. 27, 2007.

Our “Roots” - continued

He founded Britton Tree Services, Inc in St. Helena, CA in 1976, in which he worked with his wife and companion for 20 years, Denice Froehlich Britton. During the next 25 years in the tree business, he became a nationally respected arborist, who was actively involved in his community and profession. John received numerous awards for his contributions to arboriculture over the years, including the Tree Care Industry Association, formerly the National Arborist Association, and Award of Merit for his outstanding service. John was a member of the TCIA for nearly 20 years, in a career that spanned more than 30 years in the profession. From safety to education to improving professionalism, he was a pioneer in arboriculture.

One of the first to bring in outside trainers to teach crews safe work practices and aerial rescue techniques, he was a staunch supporter of the idea that certification would help elevate the profession back when the idea was not popular. He believed that tree workers should understand tree biology

enough to be able to care for trees with skill, passion and understanding. His greatest efforts were directed toward teaching tree workers to prune in a way that enhances a trees appearance while at the same time improving its health or structure.

John was on the founding Western Chapter ISA Certification Committee, which developed the first Study Guide for Arborists and Tree Workers. He later became Chairman of that Committee. John and Denice ran WCISA Certification Program from the Britton Tree offices for over 5 years while it was becoming established. That program became the blueprint for today's International Society of Arboriculture Certification Program, a world wide program with more than 17,000 participants around the globe.

A member of the board of directors of the National Arborist Association and past president of

Western Chapter of ISA, he also served as ISA representative to ANSI A300 committee and was past president of the NAPA Valley Chapter of the California Arborist Association. In addition, John served as trustee of the National Arborist Foundation and volunteered on numerous other committees.

His willingness to fight for trees, his dedication and love of caring for trees — translated into concrete efforts on behalf of the profession of arboriculture — will sorely be missed. The field of arboriculture is fortunate to have had John Britton as a member of our profession.

Upon his death, the Western Chapter ISA set up a fund to honor the memory of “the pinnacle arborist”. This fund has grown into what is today known as “The Britton Fund, Inc.”



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VISION

Ensure a healthy sustainable environment in a changing world through fundraising, research, and education.

MISSION

Provide funding for research and education to benefit the field of arboriculture and urban forestry with emphasis on issues inherent to the geographic area of California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii.

PURPOSE

Create and enable knowledge by raising financial support for research and education to promote excellence and advancement in the field of arboriculture for the public good.

Established in 2006 as a non-profit, 501c(3) corporation, the Britton Fund, Inc. is supported by the generosity of a community of individuals; WCISA Members, corporate sponsors and private contributors—and is proud to be an instrument of information and opportunities for the profession and its representatives.

A separate entity from WCISA, the Britton Fund, Inc. receives no funding from annual membership dues to carry out its mission. Supported by the generosity of the WCISA community, the Britton Fund provides education, research and scholarships for the benefit of arboricultural professionals and students. Fund contributors share the belief that education and research improve the profession.