

Meetings and Announcements

The focus of this Greenscene is meetings and announcements, given in chronological order.

Annual Pruning Demonstrations

We plan to offer our annual pruning demonstration for deciduous fruit trees January 11, Wednesday, and January 12, Thursday. Location is at our demonstration orchard adjacent to the UC Cooperative Extension building, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Ave. For both days, the start time will be 12 noon. Trees will include peaches, apricot and cherry, and also grapevines. We plan to have on-hand for sale our publication *Pruning Deciduous Fruit and Nut Trees*, the best on this subject I have found. If you want to learn about fruit trees, please feel welcome to attend. There is no charge nor is pre-registration required. Mohammad Yaghmour, our Advisor for commercial orchards, will lead the demonstration.

Return to Chiang Mai, Thailand—Late January to early February, 2023

Several of us had the opportunity to visit Chiang Mai, Thailand, during our 2019 Horticulture Study Tour. I plan to make a return visit and invite you to join me. I am planning to fly out January 28, Saturday night (late flight out of the Bradley Terminal), arriving Tuesday, January 30 (lose a day across the International Date Line). We would all stay at the Empress Hotel, where we stayed before, with return to the U.S. Tuesday, February 7.

I plan to visit several horticultural areas, which will be arranged when in Chiang Mai. These include the Mae Rim Demonstration Farm (the best definition of sustainability I have found anywhere), the Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden, Doi Suthep and Bhubing Palace, and likely others. Such a visit also affords opportunity to see handicrafts, including gems. The date frame includes the annual Chiang Mai International Flower Festival, held the first weekend of February, a gala event.

Travel Gallery of Pasadena, which has handled the business arrangements for our horticultural tours, is handling reservations for the Empress and transfers to and from the airport in Chiang Mai for our group. They will also handle air if you wish. If you want to join me, please contact Travel Gallery for additional details, 1-800-858-6999. Details are also available on line — <https://travelgallery.grcoll.co/go/hortthailand>. In light of the Flower Festival, hotel reservations may fill quickly.

I know this is short notice, but I do want to offer this opportunity to you to visit Thailand and its lovely horticulture. I think this late January-February time frame is the best time to visit northern Thailand, the dry season, and ahead of Songkran, and the Flower Festival is fun and interesting. You may send me an email me if questions, jfkarlik@ucanr.edu

40th Annual Landscape Management Seminar

The 40th Annual Landscape Management Seminar is planned for Thursday, February 16, 2023, at Hodels in Bakersfield. We will apply for eight hours of PCA credit including two hours of laws. The program is being developed, and we especially welcome back Dr. Jim Downer from UCCE to speak about pruning and tree diseases.

Spring 2023 Horticultural Tour

Our offering of horticultural tours of gardens and landscapes was interrupted by Covid. Indeed, plans are underway for our horticultural tour to England, Scotland and Wales, in spring, 2023. The dates are May 12 departure and May 27 return. There will be more information available from me via the Greenscene and at the Travel Gallery website at <https://www.travelgallery.com/> as available.

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