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TRIVIA TIME!

Which pruning practice actually does more harm than good for your trees?

- A) Pruning your oak trees in the fall
- B) Topping
- C) Using a chainsaw
- D) Pollarding

Trees are sometimes called ... ?

- A) the stomach of the world
- B) the harvest of the world
- C) the shady part of the world
- D) the lungs of the world

Which hardiness zone is best for the Japanese maple tree?

- A) 5 to 8
- B) 2
- C) 3 and 4
- D) It does well everywhere.

What does "self-fertile" mean in relation to your trees?

- A) That they don't need fertilizer
- B) It means they can duplicate on their own
- C) It's not a term that you use for trees
- D) It makes it technically possible for the pollen and ovules to unite and produce fruit without additional trees being present.

**Congratulations to Bun I.
for winning November's trivia quiz!**

The **first 3** people to email the correct answers to each of these questions wins! The first place winner will receive a **custom crafted charcuterie board from Arbor Upcycle and a \$200 voucher for any tree service!** Second and third place winners will receive a **set of 4 custom made Arbor Upcycle coasters and a \$100 voucher for any tree service!**

*Past FIRST place winners may play for fun; however, only one FIRST place win per person in a 12 month period. 2nd and 3rd runners up may try again in hopes of achieving first place status; however, they may only win a \$100 voucher per 12 month period.

Please email your answers to news@arboristnow.com with "**Quiz Answers**" in the subject line.

Good luck!

NOVEMBER QUIZ/ANSWERS

- 1) Which one of these trees is endemic to the San Francisco Bay Area?
 - a. Hollyleaf Cherry (*Prunus ilicifolia*)
 - 2) Which one of these trees is a Gymnosperm?
 - b. Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*)
 - 3) Which pine has the longest cones?
 - d. Sugar Pine (*Pinus lambertiana*)
 - 4) Which tree provided a valuable food source to the Ohlone Indians?
 - c. Coastal Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia*)
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HACKBERRY

THE URBAN TREE OF THE YEAR

For those of you familiar with [SMA](#) (the Society of Municipal Arborists), you may know that they vote each fall and choose a new tree for the award of urban tree of the year.

This year, they have chosen the [hackberry tree](#) for 2020. The tree is incredibly tough and has a lot of wonderful and unique characteristics to set it apart from other urban trees.



Typically, the hackberry tree ranges from Wyoming to New England and handles both fairly extreme hot and cold weather well. [Hardiness zones 2-9](#) are your best bet for growing them if you are so inclined. They most commonly grow anywhere from [40-60 feet tall](#), however, there have been exceptions around 100 feet tall as well.

So, what makes this tree such a fantastic addition to urban forests? Hackberry trees make wonderful homes for many types of wildlife, including deer, small mammals, and some game birds. Many different species also eat their fruit – turkeys, deer, and even humans enjoy their small berries. They also have the benefit of being able to clean the air and water surrounding them, and they do a great job of assisting with [wind erosion](#).

The hackberry tree certainly has a lot to offer, and it's a great choice for the Urban Tree of the Year. Learn more about this fantastic tree [here!](#)

JOKE OF THE MONTH



What did the single tree say to
the tree who stood her up?

You should have put a ring on it.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

Clint Stewart
Custom Craftsman



Custom Craftsman Clint Stewart, has quite an adventurous history. His lineage begins with a bit of luck, 'Luck of the Irish' one could say; and extends to the harbor boats of [Ellis Island](#) where his great, great grandfather was a Ship's Carpenter and his offspring were iron workers who helped forge the infamous New York City skyline!

A lot of 'masters' influenced Clint's craft. His grandfather was a *master* carpenter, his godfather a *master* furniture maker, and his uncles all contractors. Working with his hands and *mastering* his craft comes

second nature and definitely is 'in his blood.'

Growing up in Florida, at a young age and against his grain (at the time), Clint began working with his father and uncles throughout his school years. Admirably, he put himself through college by doing concrete, and decorative concrete, work. From one shore to another, Clint made his way to Hawaii where he worked production jobs for the military giving him a different tool; one that gave him the ability to view life from a production and time-management mindset. Once again though, carpentry beckoned Clint to be a right-hand for yet another master carpenter; where he learned the majority of his high-end finished carpentry skills.

The circle seemed complete ... ah, but not yet.

In 2007 Clint was in San Francisco doing high end remodels when another creative calling surfaced ... music. Modestly, he states that 'through some luck and chance' he embarked on a music career. He spent 12 years traveling the world and performing music, finally landing in Berlin in 2013. Never veering from his roots, Clint did custom woodworking jobs and projects where he kept this passion alive and his skills polished.

Clint returned to the [City by the Bay](#) after deciding to leave music behind as a full-time career, so he could pursue starting his own furniture company. As luck would be his charm once again, Clint met *Remy Hummer*, Arbor Upcycle's creator, where he embarks on yet another adventure.

Like the wood derived from the trees Clint mills, the story of where they came from and where they will ultimately end up, is a whole other chapter - one we can't wait to learn about!

Arborist Now and [Arbor Upcycle](#) certainly feel lucky they have Clint as such an instrumental part of the team!

BEST TIME OF YEAR TO PRUNE FRUIT TREES

Young trees are pruned to train them to become structurally sound, to make them easy to care for and to ensure the production of high quality fruit. Pruning will:

- Control size for easier care in maintaining and picking fruit
- Increase strength – develop strong limb structure
- Distribute sunlight evenly throughout tree
- Regulate fruit bearing – removes excess fruitwood
- Renew fruitwood – to continue strong buds and flowers
- Remove undesirable wood- dead, broken, and crossing branches.

The most ideal time of year to prune fruit trees is the dormant season,

December, January (best) and until the middle of February - due note summer schedule for Apricots though.

[Call us today](#) to come out and properly prune your fruit trees!



FROM OUR BLOG

HOW TO INCORPORATE MORE TREES INTO YOUR LANDSCAPING



A surefire way to immediately improve your landscaping is by adding more trees. There are so many benefits to having trees on your property and in your life, as long as you plan in a smart and productive way!

Here are our top tips for planning, choosing, and incorporating more trees into your landscape.

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Our crew in action!







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Jan. 16 - 19 - [FOG Design+Art](#)

Jan 17 - 20 - [Napa Truffle Festival](#)

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