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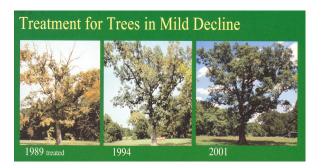


# Tree Times

"VITACARE"

# New Product Introduction: Cambistat

Sooner or later there comes a time when we are forced to think, if not say, "I just wish that tree (plant) would stop growing." It may be almost perfect just like it is now but soon it's going to rub the roof or interfere with the walkway. Of course, to stop a plant or tree from growing is not possible but at last, we have a means to slow growth, by up to 60% over a three year period. And maybe best of all an exciting new product called Cambistat acts as a switch in the plant's genetic mechanism to simultaneously redirect natural sugar energy. not only away from growth but toward insect, disease, drought and heat resistance. As a consequence,



in the photo series here are achieved. While antecedent forms of Cambistat have been used in the agricultural arena for some years, this current generation of this product now offers significant visual benefits for landscape plant owners and managers. Cambistat is the newest addition to our VitaCare program and family of plant care tools. Call us at the office for more details and costs.

# Fred Morgan To Teach Spring Seminar

# Arborist & Horticulturists Study Tree Risk Assessment at Botanic Garden

In late March '05, an aggregation of up to 50 regional green industry personnel will take a closer look at the liability aspects of landscape trees. Normally viewed as assets, large trees can often also pose liability and risk concerns on site. Over the last years, great advances have come on board, along with new technology and critical formula to predict failure probabilities and risk levels for key trees.

Not only are large flawed trees issues on new site developments but they also frequently become emerging concerns on longestablished smaller and older sites where residents have enjoyed the amenities associated with their presence for many years, often



giving little thought to any potential downside. Most issues that compromise tree mechanical integrity and site safety evolve slowly and out of the sight of people who have come to take them for granted as features in perpetuity.

The study group will spend a morning in class looking at the options and protols, then take the afternoon to look at on-the-ground examples and see what hazards and their assessment really looks like.

This area of study is a critical one for practicing arborists because our world is replete with things growing older, larger, and increasingly senescent.



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## Did You Know...?

- - that Fredrick Olmsted (1822-1903), known as the Father of Forestry, was the man responsible for the landscape design of the Biltmore, the famous Vanderbilt mansion in Ashville, NC, as well as New York City's Central Park and the Capitol grounds in Washington DC. He was also instrumental in securing Yosemite's National Reservation.
- --- that mycorrhizae is a living fungal spore existing naturally all over the world in undisturbed forest floors. Mycorrhizae associates symbiotically with plant root hairs to multiply root mass and efficacy hundreds of times. Now, mycorrihizal spaces can be introduced commercially into hostile suburban soils. A decade of university and private studies have demonstrated the impact of mycorrhizae presence on plant well-being.

# From My Journal

### Polonius advice to his departing son Laertes (from Shakespeare's Hamlet)

There, my blessing with you!

And these few precepts in thy memory look thou character

Give thy thoughts no tongue nor any unproportioned thought his act. Be thou familiar, but by no means vulgar. The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel; but do not dull thy palm with entertainment of each new-hatched unfledged comrade. Beware of entrance to a quarrel; but being in, bear't that the opposed may beware of thee. Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice: take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment.

Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy but not expressed in fancy; rich, not gaudy: For the apparel oft proclaims the man. Neither a borrower nor a lender be, for loan oft loses both itself and friend and borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry. This above all: to thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.



A Friend is some one who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words.