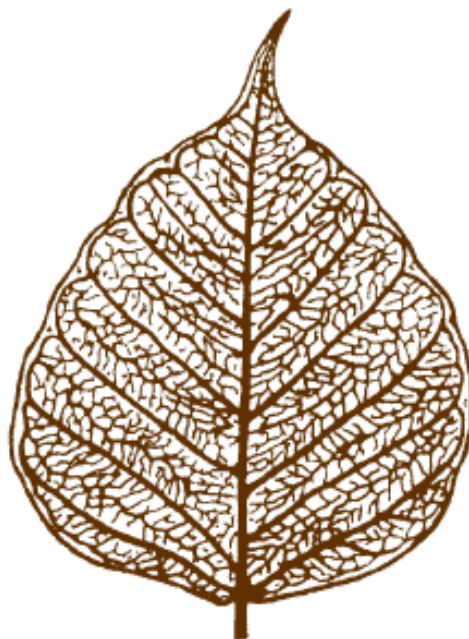


# DIRECTORY OF PROFESSIONAL AESTHETIC PRUNERS 2014



*Inspired by aesthetics, guided by nature.*

*AESTHETIC PRUNING embraces the creative interpretation of small trees and shrubs in the urban context. The living art form combines the artistic skill of the pruner, the essence of a tree, the science of horticulture and needs of clients and surroundings ≈ Dennis Makishima.*

## About This Directory

The pruners in this directory combine sound horticulture with an eye for movement, line, structure and form. Their focus is on small trees and shrubs, usually under fifteen feet tall. They welcome new challenges in integrating plant material with its surroundings. They deepen garden harmony and unity by pruning within the garden's context.

A respect for trees and their vitality is paramount in their approach. Horticultural, environmental and climatic conditions factor into every aspect of their work. Plant health is their first priority. Much of the work is done on a seasonal basis, that is when conditions are best suited for a particular type of pruning. It may take several prunings to implement their vision, as they progress only as quickly as benefits a tree.

Many of the pruners listed have studied with master pruner Dennis Makishima or with his leading students. They are trained at recognizing natural forms and utilizing them to allow a tree to completely express its essence and tell its story. Each has individual styles and specialties to offer their clients. The aim of this directory is to assist the public in locating a uniquely qualified professional aesthetic pruner.

**\*\*Listings are alphabetical by last name.**

**[www.aestheticpruning.org](http://www.aestheticpruning.org)**

## DIRECTORY OF PROFESSIONAL AESTHETIC PRUNERS 2014

### **AOYAMA, SACHIYO (510) 849-4408**

Pruning for beauty and health, specializing in Japanese black pines, maples and Japanese Gardens. Will work with other plants. Twice trained in Japan. Fifteen years experience. Will travel beyond the San Francisco Bay Area to where plants need me. Have worked in Japan, Holland, Seattle, Boston, Chicago, Wisconsin and Austin, Texas and San Diego.

### **BLOOMBERG, DIANE (925) 382-3516**

[dianeblomberg@hotmail.com](mailto:dianeblomberg@hotmail.com)

Aesthetic, natural style pruning for plants/Trees fifteen feet and lower. Training: Certification from Merritt College Landscape, Horticulture and Design programs. Completion of Merritt College Aesthetic Pruning training program including course work and monthly pruning clinics.

Work area: Primarily east of the Caldecott Tunnel; Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek, Moraga, Lafayette. Flexible depending on job scope.

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

### **BOWYER, PETER THOMAS (510) 658-4941**

[mail@peterthomasbowyer.com](mailto:mail@peterthomasbowyer.com)

Landscape Contractor 712862

**website:** [peterthomasbowyer.com](http://peterthomasbowyer.com)

Garden designer-builder, horticulturalist, aesthetic pruner. Tree climbing to 4 stories/40'. Sees shaping earth, water and plants as equally important in the larger scheme and to creating beauty in detail. Inspirations range from natural landscapes to cultural ones. Works with organizations, government, citizens, customers and other trades. Leader of numerous projects in public gardens. Speaks Spanish well, and Japanese poorly. Experienced (since 1981), well trained (6 certificates) and well equipped.

Work area: East Bay, Marin, the Peninsula and Japan.

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

### **BUCK, LESLIE (510) 295-7006**

[Lbuckeye2@gmail.com](mailto:Lbuckeye2@gmail.com)

With satisfied clients for over fifteen years, I enjoy working in the smallest private garden to large estates. I specialize in pruning individual trees and shrubs *as natural as possible*. I help customers contemplate their established gardens, bringing out design and atmosphere. Sometimes I'll prune just one special camellia plant in an old woodland garden, or fifteen specimen magnolia trees in a contemporary landscape. I lecture yearly, particularly on the topic "pruning for beginners," while I write a memoir of my adventures working in the Japanese landscape company, Ueto Zoen.

Work area: Berkeley, Oakland, Contra Costa and Marin County

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

**[www.aestheticpruning.org](http://www.aestheticpruning.org)**

## DIRECTORY OF PROFESSIONAL AESTHETIC PRUNERS 2014

### **BUELL, NANCY (510) 418-6564**

[nbuell@comcast.net](mailto:nbuell@comcast.net)

Aesthetic pruning of urban trees and shrubs with careful attention to plant health and bringing out the beauty and character of each tree or shrub. Offering a range from focal point, detailed pruning, to a more casual look for background trees, shrubs and hedges. Experienced with a wide range of plants found in Japanese, Mediterranean or native gardens. Open to sharing expertise with homeowners as desired

Work area: Bay Area

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

### **BURMAN, MARYANN (650) 868-2427**

[sacrdspce@yahoo.com](mailto:sacrdspce@yahoo.com)

**website:** <http://www.MaryAnnBurman.com>

Creating Sacred Space: *harmonizing our inner & outer lives*. Skill, intuition and wisdom integrate art and science in aesthetic pruning of Japanese maples, Japanese black pine, ornamental trees and shrubs. Group and individual instruction on topics such as Aesthetic Pruning, Healing and Nature, Intention and Intuition, Working with the Energy of the Garden, Healing Touch.

Work area: *Serving the San Francisco Bay Area since 2001.*

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

### **CAREY, LISA (510) 847-2577**

[seedsofgrowth@yahoo.com](mailto:seedsofgrowth@yahoo.com)

**website:** <http://www.sagestonelandscapes.com>

Gentle sculptor of trees and shrubs retaining natural form and beauty. Pruning for sustained health, well being and future. Landscape design, installation and cultivation. Garden staging including container plants. Work with contractors and clients on importance of early, ongoing pruning of established trees and shrubs, after installation, to maximize health, form, beauty and longevity of plants. Bay Friendly Landscape Maintenance Certified and a Green Certified Business.

Work area: Bay Area, especially the East Bay.

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

### **CASTELLON, BILL (510) 569-8003**

**dba: Bill Castellon Landscapes**

[billcastellon@aol.com](mailto:billcastellon@aol.com)

Japanese aesthetics in garden design, construction and maintenance. Specializing in stone placement, pruning and bonsai. Aesthetic pruning and stone placement instructor at Merritt College. Lectures and workshops on related topics. Gold Medals, 2000 San Francisco Garden Show and seen on HGTV.

**[www.aestheticpruning.org](http://www.aestheticpruning.org)**

## DIRECTORY OF PROFESSIONAL AESTHETIC PRUNERS 2014

### **CHURGEL, PETE (510) 843-1901**

[petethepruner@earthlink.net](mailto:petethepruner@earthlink.net)

website: <http://home.earthlink.net/petethepruner/>

Aesthetic pruning of ornamental trees and shrubs. Specializing in Japanese maples, black pines and wisteria; Japanese garden pruning; container trees and bonsai. Pruning consultations, instruction and lectures/demonstrations. Certified arborist: ISA #6700A. Tree appraisals and consultations; hazard assessments.

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

### **COHEN, JOCELYN (415) 285 2342**

[jocelyn@jocelync.com](mailto:jocelyn@jocelync.com);

dba: Poetree Landscapes and Arboriculture

website: <http://poetree-care.blogspot.com>

Certified Arborist #WE7063A . Fine pruning of trees and shrubs including focal point, crown restoration and bringing out the essence of the plant. Landscape design for garden and sidewalk pocket parks. Preservation reports, tree assessment and consulting. Available for pruning workshops and presentations.

Work area: Bay Area, including San Francisco, East Bay and Peninsula.

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

### **COUNTS, CURTIS (805) 434-1763** (OFFICE AND FAX NUMBER ARE THE SAME)

[curtiscounts@gmail.com](mailto:curtiscounts@gmail.com)

cell: (805) 610-8044

Pruning specimen evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs, Japanese maples, pines and conifers.

Work area: San Luis Obispo County, Monterey County, and Santa Barbara County.

### **Da SILVA, STEVE (559)834-5464**

[treekutter@hotmail.com](mailto:treekutter@hotmail.com)

Japanese garden pruning. Bonsai care and classes. Pruning workshops and classes.

Lectures on pines, deciduous trees and Japanese maples.

Work area: California, especially the Central Valley.

### **FUJII, WALTER (650) 573-8733** (office) fax: (650) 345-7890 dba: Natural Designs

Also staff arborist at Ralph Osterling Consultants, Inc. ASCA registered consulting Arborist #402. ISA certified arborist #WE2257A. WC/ISA certified tree worker #623. High definition tree pruning. Will work with aesthetic pruners to accent focal point trees. Consulting arborist for tree diagnosis, appraisal and management. Presentations or opportunities outside of California are welcomed.

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

Work area: Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Counties.

**[www.aestheticpruning.org](http://www.aestheticpruning.org)**

## DIRECTORY OF PROFESSIONAL AESTHETIC PRUNERS 2014

### **HARVEY, KERRY (727) 710-0845**

[kerry@kerryharvey.com](mailto:kerry@kerryharvey.com)

Originally from Australia, trained and mentored in the Bay Area by Master Pruner Dennis Makishima. Passionate about enhancing specimen trees and shrubs for aesthetically pleasing results. Kerry especially loves to do reconstructive work both on trees/shrubs, and entire gardens that are not shining at their full potential. Currently based in St Petersburg, Florida and pursuing a Bachelors in Fine Arts. Certificate in Horticulture- Merritt College. FNGLA: FCHP - Florida Certified Horticulture Professional. Worked as Curator/ Principal Gardener & Aesthetic Pruner at the Harland Hand Gardens in El Cerrito, Berkeley, and San Francisco. Intern at the Japanese Tea Garden - Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Co-taught basic pruning techniques at Lotusland Santa Barbara CA.

Work area: Florida - Tampa/St Pete area and greater Sarasota area.

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

### **HULS, LARY (510) 393 9581**

[lhulsdesigns02@gmail.com](mailto:lhulsdesigns02@gmail.com)

**website:** [www.lhulsdesigns.com](http://www.lhulsdesigns.com)

Landscape design, construction and maintenance. Specializing in traditional stonework (patio, walkways, walls) and custom outdoor woodwork (gates, arbors, fences) as well as water-wise irrigation, lighting and aesthetic pruning. Instructor: *Using Stone in the Garden at Merritt*; Assistant instructor in pruning at Merritt; Bronze medal, San Francisco Flower and Garden show, 2005. CA Lic.# 912740. Quality Water-efficient Landscaper: EPA. Bay Friendly Qualified Designer.

Work area: San Leandro and/or greater East Bay.

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

### **INGRAM, CHRISTOPHER (415) 786-5725**

**dba: Mr. Prune Tree Service**

[misterprune@gmail.com](mailto:misterprune@gmail.com)

Aesthetic and functional pruning of ornamental, exotic, fruit and native trees and shrubs to fifteen feet. Japanese Maples and Black Pines. Specializing in rehabilitation of damaged/neglected trees. Tree health consultation. Planting, early training and pruning instruction/consultation. Orchard background. Experienced Public Speaker for presentations in Tree biology, Arboriculture, Aesthetic pruning principles and practices and related topics at garden clubs, nurseries, schools, expos, etc. Aesthetic Pruning instructor at Merritt College in Oakland, Ca., ISA Certified Arborist #WE7743A, APA Spanish fluent. Work area: wide range, including San Francisco, Marin, Peninsula, East Bay, as well as Mendocino County (Booneville), Butte County (Chico/Oroville areas), Southern Oregon (Rogue Valley). Open to national and international opportunities.

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

[www.aestheticpruning.org](http://www.aestheticpruning.org)

## DIRECTORY OF PROFESSIONAL AESTHETIC PRUNERS 2014

### **JONES, LINDSEY (510)590-8721**

[linzonia@yahoo.com](mailto:linzonia@yahoo.com)

website: [www.pruningbylindsey.com](http://www.pruningbylindsey.com)

Gardening coach, aesthetic pruning of ornamental and fruit trees, shrubs and container plants. I select my cuts carefully to keep trees and shrubs beautiful, healthy, and appropriately sized to your garden. Fourteen years horticultural experience.

Work Area: Greater Bay Area.

### **KANEMASU, RUSSELL (916) 541-3222**

[jkanemasu@aol.com](mailto:jkanemasu@aol.com)

Japanese aesthetic pruning of small trees, plants and shrubs. Bonsai style pruning, specializing in Japanese black pine, maples and Japanese gardens. Experienced in bonsai. Work area: Sacramento, Central Valley, Bay Area, California. Will travel anywhere.

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

### **LEVIN, ALLISON (510) 292-9484**

[gonative@sonic.net](mailto:gonative@sonic.net)

**(415) 332-1428**

Whole garden settings and focal point trees. California native shrubs/trees for every garden style; "wild" aesthetics; Japanese garden sensibilities. Pines, maples, magnolias, coffeeberry.

Work area: Marin County, San Francisco, and the East Bay

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

### **MILLER, JERRY - Accent Pruning (510) 547-8894**

[roseave@pacbell.net](mailto:roseave@pacbell.net)

Serving the mature landscapes of Piedmont, Oakland and Berkeley, we'll bring out the best in your garden. Using the art and science of aesthetic pruning, we'll recover the essence of your ornamental trees and shrubs, enhance the beauty of your plants, and maintain the scale of your environment. References.

### **MIYAHARA, FRED (619) 286-8602**

[trisham@cox.net](mailto:trisham@cox.net)

Fax: (619) 286-8919

Bonsai pruning, wiring and design. Specialty: GRAFTING – 15 years grafting (Kishu Shimpaku to San Jose junipers or Prostrata junipers; also Cork bark pine, Mikawa, Bansho & Kotobuki black pines onto Japanese black pine stock. (Willing to travel throughout country to do demos or workshops.) Aesthetic pruning landscape Japanese black pines (in San Diego area).

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

[www.aestheticpruning.org](http://www.aestheticpruning.org)

## **DIRECTORY OF PROFESSIONAL AESTHETIC PRUNERS 2014**

### **PHILLIPS, DAVID (415) 665-2155**

Aesthetic pruning of ornamental trees and shrubs. Specializing in Japanese maples, pines and conifers. . Working in the field over twenty years.

Work area: San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo counties and willing to travel.

### **THOMPSON, BRUCE (510) 428-4964**

[brucethompson13@gmail.com](mailto:brucethompson13@gmail.com)

Combining art and science in the care of your small trees. I work with trees to develop and enhance their natural beauty in a way that compliments your entire garden. I also prune fruit trees for production and ease of harvest. Specialties include: Japanese maples, pines, camellias, focal point and specimen pruning, proper staking and training of young trees.

Hands on pruning instructor and active member of the Merritt College Pruning Club.

Work area: Bay Area, especially the East Bay.

**Certified Aesthetic Pruner**

### **UMEHARA, SACHIKO & MIKE (707) 528-2917**

**dba: Momiji Nursery**

[www.momijinursery.com](http://www.momijinursery.com)

Our ONLY focus is Japanese maples, our lifetime labor of love. We seed, grow, propagate and prune. One, two, five, seven, fifteen, twenty & twenty four inch boxes. Come see us at 2765 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95407.

### **WIEGAND, ANANDA (510) 452-2599**

[ananda.wiegand@gmail.com](mailto:ananda.wiegand@gmail.com)

Combining an academic background in Conservation Biology, Permaculture Design, and Aesthetic Pruning with over fifteen years of gardening and landscaping experience. Ananda reveals and compliments the natural forms of your garden specimens, while balancing the practical with the artistic. She cares for the health of your fruit, ornamental, and native trees, shrubs and vines.

Work Area: Primarily East Bay but willing to travel.

### **WIST, DAHLIA ELIZABETH (408) 623-0272**

[dahlia@dahliaarborea.com](mailto:dahlia@dahliaarborea.com)

[www.dahliaarborea.com](http://www.dahliaarborea.com)

Aesthetic pruning of trees and shrubs twelve feet or less. Available to teach pruning classes and coach home owners. Aesthetic Pruning Award recipient. Certified Arborist #WE8655A.

Work Area: San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Open to travel.

**[www.aestheticpruning.org](http://www.aestheticpruning.org)**

# DIRECTORY OF PROFESSIONAL AESTHETIC PRUNERS 2014

## *What is Merritt College Pruning Club?*

MCPC is an organization of dedicated pruners who enjoy participating in service projects for non-profit organizations, where we share and exchange knowledge. The club welcomes new members, both students and non-students of any skill level.

**For more information: [www.aestheticpruning.org](http://www.aestheticpruning.org)**

Volunteer Venues past and present include the following:

- Berkeley Buddhist Temple
- Berkeley Rose Garden
- Chaparral House, Berkeley
- Dunsmuir House, Oakland
- El Cerrito City Hall
- El Cerrito Library
- Fresno City College
- Golden State Bonsai Federation Collection North, Oakland
- Green Gulch Monastery, Marin County
- Hakone Garden, Saratoga
- Heather Farms, Walnut Creek
- Ichinose Garden, Hillsborough
- Knowland Park Zoo, Oakland
- Lakeside Park Japanese Garden, Oakland
- Living Library, San Miguel Child Development Center, San Francisco
- Marin Art and Garden Center
- Merritt College Horticulture Department Gardens
- Oakland Park Day School, Oakland
- Richmond Arts Center
- Rockridge Library, Oakland
- San Francisco Flower and Garden Show
- San Francisco Japanese Tea Garden
- University of California Berkeley Botanic Garden
- Shinzen Japanese Garden, Fresno
- Shinzen Japanese Garden, Fremont

These are just a few of our volunteer efforts.



**[www.aestheticpruning.org](http://www.aestheticpruning.org)**