

## Pruning Secrets of a Professional Arborist

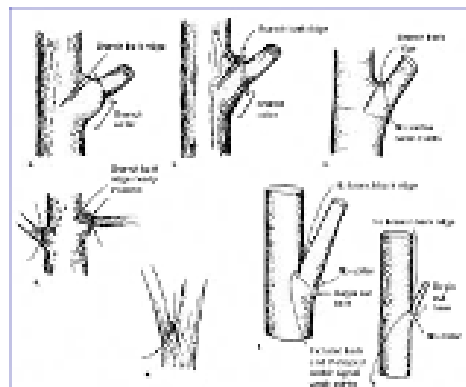
*A workshop in the basic principles and practice of pruning trees and shrubs.  
Sponsored by Dokmai Garden*



### Pruning with nature as a science and an art

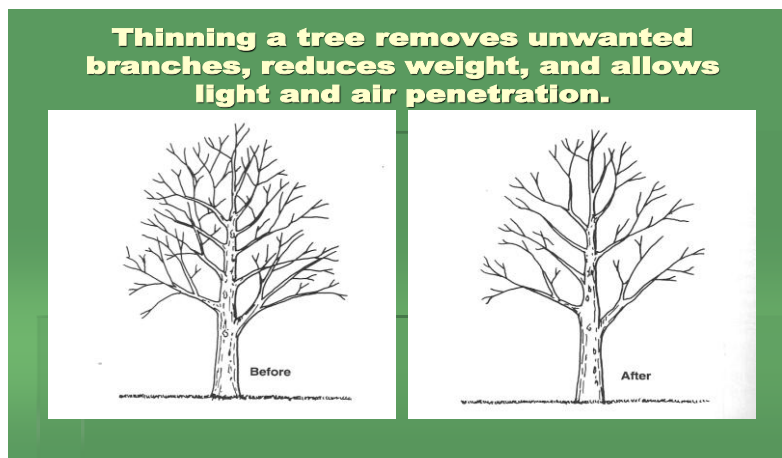
“The proper pruning of trees and shrubs requires an understanding of **basic plant science** related to anatomy of woody plants, cuts and closure of wounds, and the physiological processes related to the removal of foliage, stems and roots. It also requires an **engineering sense** of structural integrity and weight distribution; and an **artistic sense** of balance, proportion and beauty.

The best results of pruning, the most structurally stable and most beautiful trees, are the ones that are pruned to maintain and enhance the natural structure, form and beauty of that species and of that individual tree.” Don Cox



## Course content

- ▣ Why prune trees?
- ▣ Natural structure and form
- ▣ Pruning with nature – art & science
- ▣ Tree biology and pruning
- ▣ Growth responses to pruning
- ▣ Proper pruning cuts
- ▣ Assessment of the tree for pruning needs
- ▣ Proceeding with pruning operations – thinning, shaping, stylized pruning, special needs
- ▣ Tools
- ▣ Safety



## Pruning workshop schedule.

**Sunday, 19 July 2009 English language session.**

**Sunday 26 July 2009 English and Thai - translated session.** (Allow a little more time for morning classroom session for translation.)

Morning classroom session:

09:00 registration, coffee & tea

09:30 classroom presentation starts

10:30 break for 10 to 15 minutes

11: 45 lunch

Afternoon outdoor session – Optional

13:00 (1pm) Small tree and shrub demonstration pruning

13:30 Supervised instructional pruning practice session

15:00 (3pm) completion of program.

**Class fee is 100 baht, paid to Dokmai Garden.**

Food, coffee, tea and other drinks will be provided at Dokmai Garden café for additional cost.

**Registration is limited to 20 persons; please respond as soon as you are sure that you would like to attend.**

Bring your own hand pruners, loppers and pruning saw if you own them already. Hedge pruning shears will not be used. If you don't own your own, we will try to have some to share.



**Instructor:**



**Don Cox** Certified Arborist International Society of Arboriculture

*Don is a consulting arborist, plant health care and tree care specialist with over 40 years of experience and education in tree and landscape maintenance.*

*Son of a horticulturist-landscape architect, Don grew up around plant nurseries, parks, arboretums, landscaping and tree work. He's been a nurseryman, licensed landscape contractor, tree worker & foreman, tree service owner, tropical reforestation worker, orchard manager, consulting arborist, estimator and trainer. He's lived and worked in Arizona, California, Hawaii, India and Thailand.*

## **Sponsor and Host:**

Dokmai Garden is designed as a western style botanical garden, with a collection of over 750 tropical plants, 500 of which are presented with scientific names and interesting facts on aluminium signs. The garden is owned by the Seehamongkol family, and designed in collaboration with plant physiologist and amateur gardener Eric Danell from Sweden. The garden provides free internet for lunch guests, WC, shower, air-conditioned house and a bar with foods and drinks. Since this is a private home, we are often present, so if you wish an evening event simply phone ahead!

[www.dokmaigarden.co.th](http://www.dokmaigarden.co.th)

Location and driving directions are on the website.

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