



YAMATO BONSAI KAI

“FRIENDSHIP THROUGH BONSAI”

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Lu Bedard – President

Hi to all. Well the Holidays are upon us. In this busy time of year, I wish you all the joy of the season and every happiness for the upcoming New Year.

2009 was a pretty good year for Yamato. Sensei and his assistants gave us excellent, timely information, tips, and demonstrations at our monthly meetings. We organized field trips and several workshops held throughout the year.

We changed the venue for our annual show with great success. We are currently in negotiations for 2010 and hope to have the details available soon. The date is confirmed for the third weekend in October but we may need to change the setup times.

At the December meeting we will have elections for officers and board members of the club. This is a chance to make your voice heard and vote for next year's Board.

Coming up in January mark your calendars for a field trip to Deer Meadow Bonsai. January 24th is the date

– it is a Sunday so Sensei can be there also.

See you at the meeting and Happy Holidays to you and your family.

YAMATO BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Upcoming board meetings for 2010:

- January 23
- April 17
- July 17
- September 18
- November 13

AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING...

On Tuesday, **December 15th**, Sensei Uchida will work on repotting flowering trees, pruning and shaping deciduous trees. Don't miss this club meeting event.

PLACE: Castro Valley Women's Club,
18330 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, CA



Yamato Bonsai Kai Group Picture—Fall 2009

CLUB DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE

2010 schedule to be announced...



SENSEI UCHIDA'S NOTES

By Johnny Uchida – Club Sensei

How are you? This time of year there are lots of things to do. We have to pay the property tax, Christmas is coming, with the cold and rainy season you are worried about the roofing. Then you have shopping to do, so many things to do before New Years.

Good thing there is not much to do for bonsai... or maybe there is? Watering has to be continuous, not too dry and not too wet. Sometimes on very cold mornings trees the soil is frozen from watering the day before. Don't worry about that because under the ice the soil is warmer than on top. The roots are protected, so let the ice get melted by the sun.

But you know on very cold nights something like plastic or cloth cover can help protect the trees. If you get a lot of frost in the morning on the foliage wash it off before the sun comes up to stop the sun from burning the frost-covered foliage. For bonsai maybe there is not too much to do in winter time but be careful. I will see you at the meeting.

THIS JUST IN



Image from BonsaiFocus.com

There are some familiar faces in the latest issue of Bonsai Focus. An article by Yamato Bonsai Kai member Mike Pistello was published alongside pictures of Sensei Uchida's Sierra Juniper. This is the tree that was featured in the tokonoma at 2008's fall show which was styled by Mike prior to showing. The article is published in the current issue, (which is actually issue #124, not #101 like the image above shows), and also features a picture of Mike and Sensei at Grove Way Bonsai Nursery.

Copies of this issue of Bonsai Focus are currently available at Grove Way Bonsai Nursery.



Image courtesy of Mike Pistello

Holiday Party Pictures

By Noah Hanna







Bonsai Basic

By Noah Hanna

December's care tips will be pretty much the same as last month. You will still need to continuously check on your trees to make sure they are not drying out during dry spells (and periods of light showers), and on the other hand, when it rains for long periods of time make sure you are taking necessary steps to protect against root rot. For more information see November's Bonsai Basic.

Where I live in Oakland we have had some really windy days recently, this can be a problem because it can dry out your soil surprisingly quickly and also damage the tree by knocking it over or knocking something else onto it so be careful. I don't get much frost where I am but I have moved my citrus trees under cover in the patio out of the cold wind just in case.

If you get a break in the holiday activities, now is a good time to think about picking out pots for spring repotting as well as mixing soil, sharpening tools, and other maintenance tasks.



GSBF Calendar of Events

(For a more complete list, please refer to Golden State's calendar of events or visit the web site at www.gsbf-bonsai.org).

Some nearby scheduled events are:

January 16-17

Pleasanton, California

Bay Island Bonsai: Annual Bonsai Exhibit. New location, bigger facility. Hall of Commerce, Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, 94566. Admission \$ 5.00. Free Parking. Same great auction on Saturday, with preview at noon and auction at 1 PM. Guided tours of the exhibit both Saturday and Sunday. Bonsai sale and vendors both days. Hours: 10AM - 4PM Saturday and Sunday. For more information: (510) 865-1008 or

www.bayislandbonsai.com

February 27-28, 2010

Oakland, California

GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: Mammoth Fundraiser, 2010 at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Saturday (Feb 27): Auction of fabulous bonsai 1PM-4PM with preview at 12 Noon. Sunday (Feb 28): Mammoth Fundraiser and Bazaar, 9AM-4PM. Demonstration at 1:30PM by Collection Curator, Kathy Shaner. Silent auction, vendors, benefit drawings, raffles and a large consignment sale of bonsai and bonsai related items. For general information: <http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/lake-merritt/> or Linda Soliven, 925-776-2342.

YAMATO CLASSIFIEDS

Pre-Bonsai and Bonsai - For Sale

Tony Hayworth has many bonsai and pre-bonsai material for sale including some large landscape sized bonsai styled trees. These would make great focal points for any landscape or yard re-do projects that you may be planning. I am overstocked and want to move this material to a good home. Is that you?

I have a few pots for cheap also.

Contact Tony Hayworth early for best selection.

Phone: 510-471-9238 (home) 510-289-5731 (mobile) or bonsaicho@sbcglobal.net.



THIS MONTH ...

A very Happy Birthday to:

December

2 – Jeanne Fujimoto

17– Dennis Hawkins

Happy Anniversary and many more years to come:

28 – Dennis & Jenny Hacker

YAMATO BONSAI KAI – 2009 BOARD

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If there is anything you would like to contribute or comment on regarding the newsletter, contact the editor, Noah Hanna, at noah@invalidargument.com

If you have moved, or changed your email address, please notify Yamato Bonsai Kai, so that we may update our contact and mailing list information. Thank you.