



YAMATO BONSAI KAI

“FRIENDSHIP THROUGH BONSAI”

Since 1968

Newsletter - November 2010



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Tony Hayworth— President

Congratulation to everyone for an excellent show and exhibition. We seem to get better and better each year. I want to thank Sensei Uchida for finding the outstanding material that was offered this year for the demonstrations. This is a key highlight and hallmark of our annual shows. Mike Butler did a fantastic job as show chairman; I hope we can bribe him again for the next one. The displays were great, the hospitality room very yummy; from the front door and throughout the hall, it was a great team effort and a very successful show. Thank you!

Call for Events and Ideas

If you have any needs, wishes and ideas for next year, please pass them to me or to a board member. We are working on a calendar of events for both the club meeting and things to do outside of the scheduled club meetings.

Upcoming Events:

Holiday Party – Genghix 20855 Redwood Rd. Castro Valley, Ca

The annual Holiday Party will be held on Saturday December 4th in Castro Valley at a place called “Genghix”. It is a popular Asian Fusion theme. Our reservation is from 6:30 to 9:30PM. The event will be a buffet (Asian mix – Japanese/Chinese) and I will be asking the board to sponsor the wine like we have done in the past. Target cost is approx \$30 to \$35. I will not know the final price until we get a near head count. The cutoff for the head-count will be on November 16th at our monthly meeting. Please commit to me before then, by call or email, or in person by the end of the meeting. Come out and have a good time!

2011 Elections

As mentioned at the October club meeting, Jack Ellis is performing the role of Elections coordinator for our 2011 board positions. See Jack if you are interested in helping with or running for a board position. Now is the time to make a difference.

Board Meeting

On Saturday 13 November from 09:00 to 11AM, there will be aboard meeting held at Grove Way Nursery. Come out and support the board with your needs and ideas.

EJCC Garden Clean Up Event

20 November 8AM - 1PM

Our first community center clean up event will be held on Saturday, 20 November 2010. We need your help in doing a landscape cleanup of our new monthly meeting location. I recognize that everyone might not be able to pitch in and do this type of work. That is okay so do not worry. You can come and give moral support or help with coffee and simply hand out trash bags or what ever your capability will allow. We would never put anyone as risk during the cleanup. If 20 November is by some chance raining, then we will



(photo courtesy of Vincent Monasterio)
Chinese Juniper—Yamato Bonsai Kai Exhibition 2010

use 21 November as a backup day. Start time is 08:00 AM and we should be winding up by 12:30 or 1PM if we have a good turn out. Bring your hand held yard pruners, and loppers if you have them. Rakes and brooms too. We will go over these details at the November club meeting.

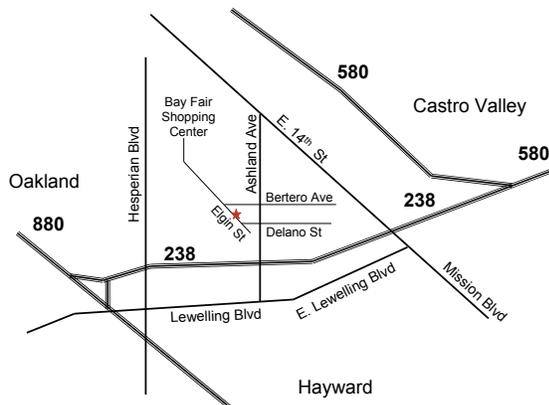
AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING...

On Tuesday, **November 16th**, Sensei Uchida will discuss working on collected trees. Don't miss this club meeting event.

Note: New Location and time

PLACE: Eden Japanese Community Center,
710 Elgin Street, San Lorenzo, CA

Note: Club Meetings start at 7:30 PM.



Meeting Location Reminder

Our monthly club meetings are now held at the Eden Japanese Community Center. The location address is 710 Elgin Street San Lorenzo.

CLUB DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE—2010

December 21 – Pruning and shaping deciduous trees



SENSEI UCHIDA'S NOTES

By Johnny Uchida – Club Sensei

The hot summer is gone; now in the fall is the perfect weather for making bonsai. It is especially good to work on collected trees: shimpaku or oak. On junipers it is a good time to make jin and shari.

This year's show had very nice trees on display. I think members know how to take only good trees to the show. So in another 11 months it will be time for a show again. I want you to select one or 2 trees to show for 2011. Black pine or shimpaku juniper, anything you like. You study hard for 11 month, and I think you will have very nice bonsai to take to the show. Let's get started now; even shohin or kifu bonsai or standard size are good.

This month there is lots of work to do, especially black pine. You need to clean up, and cut off the strong growing branches. Wiring different techniques various size branches require different wire gauges. Also I would like to talk about soil preparation. Soil material has to be very dry, wet material is "no good". I will see you at the meeting.

GSBF CONVENTION 2010

By Tony Hayworth

The Golden State Bonsai Federation held its annual convention here in Northern California this year. I took time off of work and attend as many events as I could. It was a rich experience for me and I hope I can share the learning back into our club.

The event reminded me of something special and that is our club motto: Friendship through Bonsai. I was greeted warmly by so many bonsai participants; made new friends as well as renewing association with long time acquaintances. I am refreshed for the experience.



Headliner Ryan Neil. Demo Tree is Western Juniper



Tony with Harry Hirao



Ryan Neil in Sunday Morning "bring your own tree" styling workshop



Harry with our own Drew Gable in a California Juniper workshop



Harry taking care of Drew with some wiring



Sam Adina on a CA juniper with wiring

Bonsai Basic

By Noah Hanna

It took a while, but it's starting to feel like winter is on its way. As your trees go dormant, make sure you reduce or eliminate your fertilizing. When trees are dormant they require less water and they are not able to utilize nitrogen in the soil as quickly from fertilizer.

As the weather changes, you may want to "run for cover" (as Michael Baker puts it). What I mean is that any tropical trees or stressed trees you may want to shelter them out of the cold winds and cover them when frost threatens. If you have any trees that are

sensitive to overwatering or not draining well you may want to put them under an overhang to make sure they can dry out during wet spells. If a tree remains constantly wet and the roots can not dry out the danger of root rot exists so keep this in mind. As a reminder, a light rain or morning dew is not enough to deeply saturate the soil so you should always check the moisture with a finger or chopstick.

When I am deciding whether or not it is time to start making changes to my setup based on weather, I like to look at a long-term forecast on The Weather Channel web site(<http://www.weather.com>). You can get a 10 day forecast that includes conditions, and also see average highs and lows for your area throughout the year.

Feel free to do light pruning and wire, particularly any deciduous trees once they lose their leaves. A word of warning though: I was inspecting one of my Japanese hornbeam forest plantings and beneath the few remaining leaves I can see the buds have swollen. No doubt this is due to the confusing weather we have been having. In this state you must be very careful when wiring to avoid damaging or knocking off these buds.

Repotting should be avoided unless you are doing extremely hardy trees like Chinese Junipers (Shimpaku, San Jose, etc), and you are sure you can provide sufficient protection from frost. Ask an experienced member if you're not sure.

Now is a good time to clean any deadwood, clean stains off pots, and perform other maintenance tasks. If you don't mind the cold, now is a good time to head to your back yard or garage and sift out soil components for the next potting season. Before you know it repotting season will be upon us again and you don't want to be unprepared.



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.gsbfbonsai.org).

Some nearby scheduled events are:

**November 12-13
Ross, California**

Marin Bonsai Club Fall show at the Marin Art and Garden Center, Livermore Room, 50 Sir Frances Drake Blvd. Hours are Friday, 5:30PM-10PM. and events include a dinner at \$5 per person; demonstration by Peter Tea, a silent auction and raffle. Saturday hours are 10AM-4PM and include ongoing demonstrations and raffles throughout the day, tree sales and vendors. For dinner reservations or more information, call Jeanette Arnold, 415-883-2651.

**January 15-16
Pleasanton, California**

Bay Island Bonsai: Annual Bonsai Exhibit. Hall of Commerce, Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue. Admission \$ 5.00. Free Parking. Same great auction on Saturday, with preview at Noon and auction at 1 PM. NEW: Numerous bonsai education programs all day on Sunday. Guided tours of the exhibit on both Saturday and Sunday. Benefit Drawing (need not be present to win). The largest number of vendors ever. Hours: 10AM-4PM, both Saturday and Sunday. For more information: (510) 919-5042 or www.bayislandbonsai.com



YAMATO CLASSIFIEDS

Notice: *if you want to advertise something in this space, please compose your text and contact the Newsletter Editor.*

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: 510-289-5731 or bonsaicho@comcast.net

Journey to Japan – Spring 2011 – I am organizing a guided trip to Japan in the Spring of 2011. The target

time is to coincide with the Sakura (flowering cherry) that bloom in late March to early April (tentatively 30 March departure). The itinerary would be cultural touring with a lot of gardens, bonsai nurseries and historical sites. The ideal group will be small, perhaps 8 to 10 persons so that individual attention can be accommodated. There will be pre-trip social planning sessions to collect participants input and to set expectations on travel, customs, etc., and to help you prepare for a successful trip. I will do all the worry – you will relax and enjoy your trip.

If you are interested, please contact me for further detail and at least to get on the “short list”. No final commitment is necessary until the December time frame.

Tony Hayworth.
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THIS MONTH ...

A very Happy Birthday to:

November

- 14 – Dennis Hacker
- 15 - Les Ferren
- 23 – Noah Hanna
- 26 – Sandy Barron

Happy Anniversary and many more

- 6 – Emiko & Steve Rosenberg
- 21 – Lu & Dagmar Bedard
- 27 – Michael & Glenda Butler

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