



YAMATO BONSAI KAI

“FRIENDSHIP THROUGH BONSAI”

Since 1968

Newsletter – April 2012



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Tony Hayworth– President

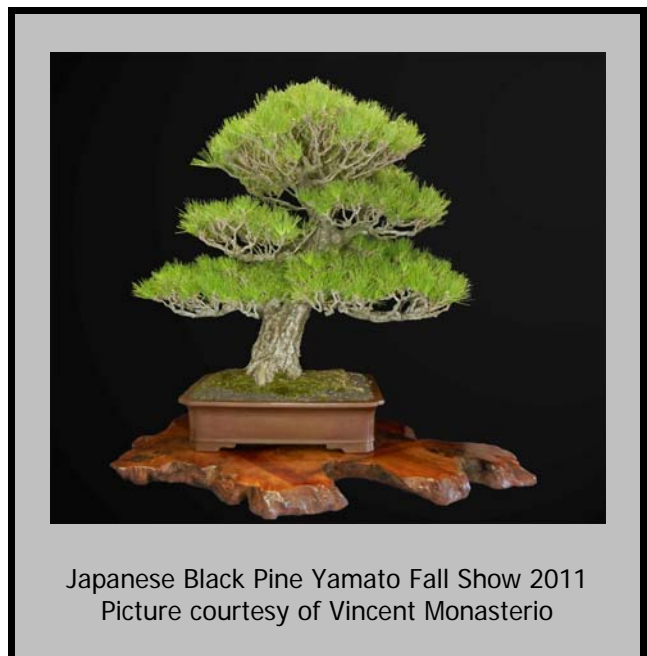
There are many bonsai events happening around this area. Why don't you check the GSBF website or later in this newsletter for a coming event and get out and see what is happening with bonsai in northern California. On a note closer to us, the Eden Japanese Community Center annual bazaar is coming soon. The event itself is June 9th, from 3 to 8pm and June 10th from 11 to 7pm. Yamato will need to support this event with volunteers each day. I need someone from our Club to step up and be our club representative and help organize our clubs participation in the event. Our role is to man the flower boot each day and help setup the booth the morning of the 9th. Who can raise their hand for me and take on the role of organizing our participation this year? Please contact me ASAP for further details if you can help.

On Saturday night March 24, we held our second Club workshop of the year. Participation at this event was outstanding. I had a great time helping you with your work and projects. Give me some feedback on what I can do to help make the next one even better!!

At our next club meeting, Tuesday April 17th, from 7:30 PM, we will hold a “Swap Meet” event. What is a Swap Meet? Bring your bonsai related items to swap, buy, sell or

trade with other club members. If you know friends or neighbors that have an interest in bonsai, tell them the address and bring them along. There will be no raffle this month in favor of the swap meet format and there will be no formal demo. Instead, we may select a lucky persons stock and do some work on it and or we will do lecture on material to make it more interesting or improved for “swapping”. For this event, we will setup tables for each person that brings things to swap/sell. Please attempts to label and mark you items accordingly. In that way, you can walk around during the event and not need to be present so much at your table. Anything bonsai related is welcome.

We are looking for able bodies to man committees and be sub-committee leads for our



Japanese Black Pine Yamato Fall Show 2011
Picture courtesy of Vincent Monasterio

annual fall show. Here is the list of assignments and everything is pretty much wide open.

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### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & CONTACTS

Please ask any committee leader what you can do to help. We need volunteers to get the job done.

| Committee                                                     | Leader              | Co-Leader |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| <b>Show Chairperson</b>                                       | Mike Butler         | Tony      |
| <b>Location Arrangements</b>                                  | Open                |           |
| <b>Vendors</b>                                                | Jack Ellis          |           |
| <b>Advertising</b>                                            | open                |           |
| <b>Tickets</b><br>(admission & consolation prizes)            | open                |           |
| <b>Hospitality</b><br>(kitchen & serving room)                | Sandy, Emiko, Diana |           |
| <b>Demo</b><br>(Saturday & Sunday)                            | Johnny, Mike, Tony  |           |
| <b>Setup and Take Down</b><br>(Saturday / Sunday)             | open                |           |
| <b>Yamato Plant Sales</b>                                     | Brian & Vince       |           |
| <b>Silent Auction</b>                                         | open                |           |
| <b>Transportation</b><br>(storage / Tree – pickup & return)   | Richard Paulos      |           |
| <b>Front Desk</b><br>(greeting; tickets; literature handouts) | Lucky               |           |
| <b>Room &amp; Table Layout</b>                                | Michael Baker       | Tony      |
| <b>Raffle Sales</b><br>(just before and during demo)          |                     |           |

| Committee                                                                  | Leader      | Co-Leader |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Security</b>                                                            | open        |           |
| <b>Construction</b>                                                        | Mike Butler |           |
| <b>Door Prize</b><br>(organize consolation prizes for after demo each day) | open        |           |

Contact Mike Butler or Tony Hayworth for any of the open committees or other assignments. We need volunteers to get the job done.

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About the Yamato Bonsai Club

The Yamato Bonsai Club has a long and distinguished history in the Bay Area. In 1968, the club was founded with six members including its first Sensei, Mr. Jimmy Inadomi from the Castro Valley area. Its second sensei was Mr. Juzaburo Furuzawa. Since 1976, the Yamato Bonsai Club has been under the guidance of Sensei John Uchida of Hayward.

Note: If you have moved or have update contact details, please notify Yamato Bonsai Kai, so that we may update our records. Thank you.

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### AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING...

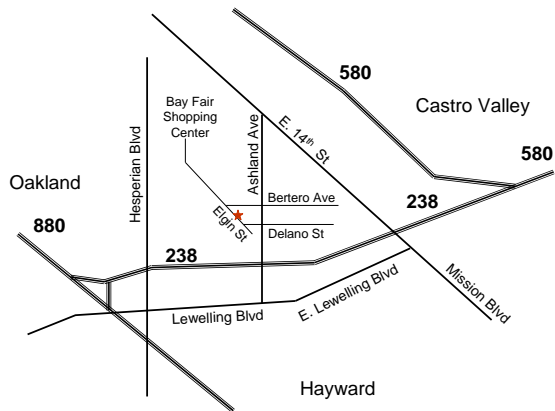
On Tuesday, April 17th, the club will be holding a swap meet. No demo and no raffle will be held, but please tell a friend!

Don't miss this club meeting event.

PLACE: [Eden Japanese Community Center, 710 Elgin Street, San Lorenzo, CA](#)

Note: Club Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

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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.



April is Sakura (Cherry Blossoms) courtesy of Tony Hayworth



SENSEI UCHIDA'S NOTES

By Johnny Uchida – Club Sensei

If anybody has fruit trees like crabapples, persimmons, or pretty much any fruit tree, now is the time for blooming or blossoming.

When trees blossom, if there is too much rain I take them inside a garage to get them out of the rain, (editor's note: a garage or covered spot that is not too warm or dry is better than bringing them inside the house). The next day, if the sun is shining take it out to let the "bees" pollinate it. Try that, that is my experience.

Too much rain makes the growth too strong. Especially for maples the growth is too leggy and you have to cut back more often. Also if it looks like the black pine candles are too long you may need to cut back sooner? But older black pines the growth is slower so maybe you won't need to. At this month's meeting I would like to talk about how much to take off of soil and roots. If you have any questions about your black pines bring it in to the meeting and we can help. I will see you at the meeting.

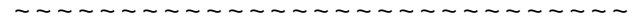
2011 YAMATO FALL SHOW PICTURES

Photos by Vincent Monasterio

I got these pictures a while back from Vincent (except the one below which is mine) and just now was able to put them together for publication-better late than never! - Noah







BONSAI BASIC

By Tony Hayworth

You can still safely transplant, with proper after care, many tree types this month: Apple, Azalea, Birch, Boxwood, Juniper, Camellia, Cedar, Citrus, Elm, Fir, 5-Needle Pine, Ginko, Hornbeam; Black Pine, Hinoki, Shimpaku, other Pines. I would try to get everything done by the 2nd or 3rd week of the month. The month of May will be right around the corner and you need to get a good 3 to 5 weeks of new root

growth before it gets too warm.

Everyone should be considering a fertilizer plan for the year. Keep it simple if you are new and not sure. I suggest a multi-purpose plant food (I use Miracle Gro – through a hose-end sprayer) Miracle Gro has two types. I buy them both and then alternate them every other month. One is general purpose and the other is more for acid loving plants of which I am over 80 percent of my trees.

Another great way to fertilize is with fish emulsion. In the old days I used it religiously. All the cats in the neighborhood love me. It is a lot of work if you have a lot of conifers like I do, but the effort is well worth it. Please read all instructions and know that Fish emulsion is NOT for the foliage of the tree. Get a large enough tray or container that will hold your bonsai pot and fill it with water and proper amount of fish emulsion. Then carefully place you bonsai in the container allowing the water to rise just over the edge of the pot. The bonsai will take on as much as it need in 15 minutes of soaking.

Here is another tip related to soil and transplanting. In all my mixtures in recent years, I include a small amount of bone meal and blood meal.

Blood meal is an excellent organic source of nitrogen. It promotes the above ground development of rich green leaf color. Bone meal is a source of nitrogen along with phosphorus and calcium...which are three critical elements for plant growth. Phosphorus is very important for the development of root growth. Calcium is an important component in the strength of plant cells. Bone meal also reduces the acidic levels in soils... so not too much.

Now is the time to select a tree to two (or three) as the trees you want to prepare and make ready for the Fall show. If you do not start now, you may lose your focus and it will be October and you will not be ready. Make sure your selections have a specific and recognizable bonsai style. If you cannot name the style precisely... then what is that telling you? Work on trimming and shaping plans to make sure the tree peaks for the Show. Bring in your trees for assessment

and advice from Sensei. In that way, you can work on the advice given and be successful for the Fall Show.



GSBF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Some nearby scheduled events are:

April 14-15, 2012

Sacramento, California

American Bonsai Association, Sacramento: 53rd Annual Spring Show at

the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Ave, Sacramento, CA. Show hours are Saturday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. A Demonstration each day at 1:30 PM by John Thompson followed by a raffle of bonsai (includes the demonstration tree) and bonsai related material. There is a large vendor area with club member trees, pots, etc. For information contact Greg McDonald at Gregandleeanne@comcast.net, by phone at 530-642-2521, or visit our website at <http://abasbonsai.org/>.

April 21-22, 2012

Palo Alto, CA

Kusamura Bonsai Club: 52nd Annual Show at the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road. Admission is free. Show hours are Saturday: 12 Noon - 5PM, and Sunday: 11AM - 5PM. There will be demonstrations, raffles, and club member tree sales both days. Guest demonstrator to Tim Kong. For more information, contact Rita Curbow at 408-732-4957 or kusamura@gsbf-bonsai.org.

April 21 - 22, 2012

San Jose, California

San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club: 42nd Anniversary Exhibition at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 N. 5th Street, San

Jose. Hours are Saturday, Noon 5 PM, and Sunday 11 AM – 4 PM. Demonstrations featuring Harry Hirao, "Mr. California Juniper" will be held at 1 PM on both days. At the conclusion of each demonstration the tree will be raffled off. Plants and bonsai materials will be available for sale. Free admission. For more information, contact Ken Azuma, 408-730-4506 or kennethazuma@sbcglobal.net.

May 5 & 6, 2012

Sacramento, California

66th Annual Sacramento Bonsai Club

Show: Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd., May 5 (12-5pm) & 6 (10-4pm).

Demonstrations both days, 2 pm, by Boon Manatikivipart, followed by benefit drawings. Free admission, plant and tree sales.



YAMATO CLASSIFIEDS

Pre-Bonsai and Bonsai - For Sale – I have many bonsai and pre-bonsai material for sale... including some large landscape sized bonsai styled trees. 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 or bon-saicho@comcast.net.

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**THIS MONTH ...**

A very Happy Birthday to:

- 1st – Dave Barron
- 17th – Lyle Crater

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