



YAMATO BONSAI KAI

“FRIENDSHIP THROUGH BONSAI”

Since 1968

Newsletter – January 2012



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Tony Hayworth– President

Editor's note: no notes from the board this month

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.

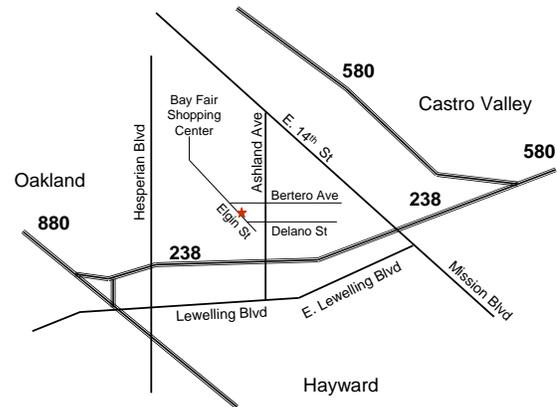
Annual Membership Drive

Don't forget to send in your membership dues for 2012 to the Union City post office box or bring your check to the next club meeting.

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.



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.



SENSEI UCHIDA'S NOTES

By Johnny Uchida – Club Sensei

I'm sure everybody had a nice holiday season. I wish every one of you a very nice

AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING...

On Tuesday, January 17th, Sensei Uchida will discuss repotting of deciduous trees.

New Year. I'm sure everybody started repotting deciduous trees here and there. This weather is beautiful and nice but not nice for the bonsai, because all deciduous trees are very confused right now. We need rain and the tender shoots that come up can be damaged when it gets very cold weather.

This is not good for the bonsai but this kind weather give water approx. every 3 days then this is very important for the dormant spray almost every tree need to be sprayed, you can use lime sulphur.

After repotting deciduous trees you could also start evergreen trees too. This January meeting I'm going to do grafting of flowering trees. When you make soil make sure all soil materials are very nice and dry. I will bring some deciduous trees to show you repotting. I will see you at the meeting.

NEWBY NEWS

By Dennis Hacker

It has been some time since I've put something in the newsletter. I believe that was because nothing bad had been happening to my trees. Well, that has changed. My Princess Persimmon, *Diospyros rhombifolia*, has a disease known as 'slow maple death'!

It's real name is *Verticillium*. It is slowly killing my tree. I have noticed three signs that all of you should be on the watch for: First, a black band starts moving up the trunk from the root crown. Second, the small branches begin to turn a black color. Third, leaves come in nice and green and then begin to turn black at the very tips. It takes time but the leaves don't turn completely black but they do drop early. There is no reported treatment for this condition. I am currently trying Physan-20® about which I

have written in previous Newby News articles. I don't know if it will help or not, but it won't worsen the condition. Of that I'm sure. This has happened to two previous Persimmons that I had. Both of which died a slow death. There are many trees which can get this condition.

For more information on this condition you can view an article from the University of Minnesota website: *Verticillium Wilt of Trees and Shrubs* by Cynthia L. Ash - www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/DG1164.html.



Symptoms of Verticillium Wilt (V. albo-atrum) on the crown of an infected tree
source: USDA Forest Service Archive

More information on *Verticillium* courtesy of Wikipedia:

- *Verticillium Wilt* is a wilt disease of over 300 species of eudicot plants caused by one of two species of *Verticillium* fungus, *V. dahliae* and *V. albo-atrum*.
- *Verticillium* spp. attack a very large host range including more than 200 species of vegetables, fruit trees, flowers, field crops, and shade or forest trees.
- The symptoms are similar to most wilts with a few specifics to *Verticillium*. Wilt

itself is the most common symptom, with wilting of the stem and leaves occurring due to the blockage of the xylem vascular tissues and therefore reduced water and nutrient flow.

- In small plants and seedlings, Verticillium can quickly kill the plant while in larger, more developed plants the severity can vary. Some times only one side of the plant will appear infected because once in the vascular tissues, the disease migrates mostly upward and not as much radially in the stem.
- Other symptoms include stunting, chlorosis or yellowing of the leaves, necrosis or tissue death, and defoliation. Internal vascular tissue discoloration might be visible when the stem is cut
- In Verticillium, the symptoms and effects will often only be on the lower or outer parts of plants or will be localized to only a few branches of a tree. In older plants, the infection can cause death, but often, especially with trees, the plant will be able to recover, or at least continue living with the infection. The severity of the infection plays a large role in how severe the symptoms are and how quickly they develop

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## **BONSAI BASIC**

Here are some January tips from past newsletters and discussions, most courtesy of Tony Hayworth:

- Make sure your trees are not getting over watered. If there has been rain, check that it is getting into the pot and down into root system. Sometimes a dense canopy can fend off light rain from getting down into the roots.

- If your soil is porous you have less to worry about. But still, do not over water during the dead of winter. Do not just automatically water everything everyday. Check your trees and see if they are still wet from the previous watering or rain. If they are, give them a break.
- A rule of watering is water heavily when you water... but wait to water again only after the soil is dry (not complete dried out!). Avoid root rot is my message for a healthier tree.
- If frost is a concern in your area, do not water late in the day as the water may freeze and expand, cracking bonsai pots. For citrus and other trees that can be damaged by frost, cover the trees or move them to an area sheltered from frost and winds.
- On the other hand, if you do find frost on the soil and your tree is hardy like a black pine, don't be concerned and don't try to melt the frost.
- If you have any instructions that talk about fertilizing this month, please re-think this. I cannot think of anything or any reason to fertilize during late December or early January. As your tree wakes up in February, then you can fertilize.
- Transplanting: Transplanting is out this month is my rule. I know others that do it, but its tricky and risky.
- Get your soil mixtures all prepared for the coming months. Preparing this now will save you time in late February and through the rest of the transplanting season. This is when you will be working like a gopher using up all the soil mixtures you have prepared!

- Check wire each week this month and next. If it looks tight at all, or has been on for 6 – 9 months or more, it should come off now. As the swell and growth of spring comes on, it will surely dig in to the bark as the tree comes out of its hibernation. You can always reapply wire later if the shape does not hold after you remove it.
- If you are putting on new wire this month or next, then please do not put it on tightly. Make it have control and purpose, but there is no need to crank it on the limb or branch
- Pests: Your deciduous trees should be attended to with a dormant disease control product with lime-sulfur in it (for trees that buds have not begun to break).
- It is a good time to treat deadwood areas with the lime-sulfur too. Make sure you do it in the morning and the sun is out for the rest of the day. Key is to get it dry as fast as possible after it is applied. Check all other types of trees for mold and pests.
- If you have any heavy or thick moss about your trees, now is a good time to strip off some of it. Thick moss climbing up the trunk of a tree is not good for it.
- It is a great time to clean up your pots. Don't wait until show time, as many trees may never get to a show. Learn to take care of your pots as they are an investment too.
- The shaping of deciduous trees should take place this month. This is critical as they are dormant and bare and you can see what you are doing. These instructions are for normal shaping. Any drastic shaping should come later in the growing cycle.

- Keep your display and growing areas free of debris and dead or fallen leaves. A clean area is healthier and does not tend to breed pests.



## 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](http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org)).

Some nearby scheduled events are:

### **January 14-15 Oakland, California**

Bay Island Bonsai: Annual Bonsai Exhibit at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Hours are 10AM-4PM, both days. On Saturday at 1PM there will be an auction, with a preview at 12Noon. Guided tours of the exhibit both days. Benefit Drawing (need not be present to win). Vendors; club member and educational bonsai material will be for sale. Free entry to the exhibit. Donations accepted. For more information call 510-919-5042 or visit [www.bayislandbonsai.com](http://www.bayislandbonsai.com)

### **January 28-29 Oakland, California**

Bay Area Bonsai Associates: 31st Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Lakeside Park (Lake Merritt) Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are Saturday, 5-9PM and a demonstration by Ryan Neil starts at 6:30PM, followed by a raffle of the demonstration tree. Sunday hours are 10AM-4PM. A plant sale (including bonsai related items such as pots, tools, soils, wires, books, etc.) will be continuous both days. Admission is free. For more information contact John Roehl at [bigbluemoon@comcast.net](mailto:bigbluemoon@comcast.net) or 707-827-3206.

February 4-6

Santa Nella, California  
California Shohin Seminar 2012 at the Hotel de Oro. Registration forms and information will be available starting October 30, 2011. Visit the website at [www.calshohin.org](http://www.calshohin.org) or email [calshohin@yahoo.com](mailto:calshohin@yahoo.com).

**February 25-26  
Oakland, California**

GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: Mammoth Fundraiser, 2012 at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. On Saturday an auction of fabulous bonsai will be from 1-4PM, with preview at 12Noon. Sunday hours are from 9AM-4PM and will feature demonstrations by Collection Curator, Kathy Shaner and Team, many vendors, a large consignment sale of bonsai and bonsai related items and several raffle drawings throughout the day. For general information email [www.bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com](mailto:www.bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com), visit [www.gsbfbonsai.org/lake-merritt/NewHome.htm](http://www.gsbfbonsai.org/lake-merritt/NewHome.htm) or phone Randi Keppeler 650-598-0127.

**Mar. 31 - Apr. 1  
Sacramento, California**

Bonsai Sekiyu Kai of Sacramento: 35th Annual Bonsai Show at the Sacramento Betsuin Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Hours are: Saturday, 12-Noon - 5:00 PM, and Sunday, 10AM - 3:45PM. Demonstrations at 2PM, both days, by Bonsai Master Johnnie Uchida. Amenities include refreshments, light snacks, door prizes, raffles and a Silent Auction. Plant and bonsai tool sales also will be available. For more information contact Dareld Binns, [dwbphoto9op@yahoo.com](mailto:dwbphoto9op@yahoo.com)



## YAMATO CLASSIFIEDS

### Bonsai Group Planting For Sale

I have a nice 7 tree Japanese Hornbeam group planting in a cream colored glazed pot for sale at Grove Way Nursery. I need to get it to a good home ASAP. I just brought the price down from \$250 to \$150, I told Sensei that I will let this go

for \$100 if it goes to a Yamato member. Email me if you are interested in pictures– Noah ([noah@invalidargument.com](mailto:noah@invalidargument.com))

**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 or [bon-saicho@comcast.net](mailto:bon-saicho@comcast.net)

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THIS MONTH ...

A very Happy Birthday to:

14th – Al Shurtleff
21st – Rick Paulos
28th – Linda Crist
29th – Winnie DeDora

Happy Anniversary to
26th – Lucky and Linda Crist

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--- MEMBERSHIP REQUEST FORM ---

Instructions

Enter appropriate information in the provided form. Return this request form in person to the next club meeting or return by mail to:

YAMATO BONSAI KAI
P. O. Box 770
Union City, CA 94587-0770

To continue your membership and to receive the newsletter uninterrupted, please respond with your membership request form by 28 February.

Request Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> New
Membership Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Family
First Name(s):		
Last Name:		
* Address:		
* Phone:		
* Email Contact:		
** Birthday mm/dd:		
** Anniversary mm/dd:	(enter spouse name if single membership)	

Make checks payable to "Yamato Bonsai Kai".

Notes

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**** = Birthday & Anniversary** = Optional.
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CONTACT US

If you need to mail anything to the club in general, please send to:

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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 [no-ah@invalidargument.com](mailto: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.

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