



YAMATO BONSAI KAI

“FRIENDSHIP THROUGH BONSAI”

Since 1968

Newsletter – July 2012



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Tony Hayworth– President

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

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### AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING...

On Tuesday, July 17th, Mike, Sensei and Tony will cover shimpaku junipers and also choosing the right dai (stand) for your display.

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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SENSEI UCHIDA'S NOTES

By Johnny Uchida – Club Sensei

How are you doing this hot summer season? Every day is a different temperature, so maybe you need to water differently. That is why bonsai watering is very “interesting” to learn how to water properly. You could make anything grow.

So for the next three months, your watering is very important. See what you can do with your bonsai, and we will see the results at the show-do your best. Especially if you have fruit or berry trees, you will need to pay very good attention. Evergreen trees for the next 2 months, give little fertilizing for your pines and evergreens, but no more fertilizing for the maple. Maybe for the other deciduous trees a little bit of fertilizing is OK.

Show preparations-we must decide which trees come to the show. You need to have a dai (stand) for them and figure out which size of dai is right for your tree. If you need help, bring your tree to the club meeting or to the nursery and we will discuss it.

Next meeting I will bring some dais and show you which one to use for your trees. This is a very important topic. I will see you at the meeting.

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## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & CONTACTS

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

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

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## BONSAI BASIC

By Noah Hanna

The bay area weather has been characteristically erratic lately, switching between hot and cold and everything in between. All the more reason to keep a close eye on your trees.

If you are minding your trees properly, your black pines and junipers will be just fine in full summer sun on a hot day. If you have a few trees that are looking stressed or maybe they are in shallow pots, etc you might think about moving it to partial shade during the hottest days. Opinions are divided about whether or not to keep applying fertilizer in late summer hot weather, with some saying that the trees “shut down” in the heat. If you are in doubt talk with an experienced member (or read this month’s Sensei’s Corner, I don’t know about you but I don’t bet against Sensei!). Keep in mind that some slow-release fertilizer like Osmocote actually releases fertilizer more quickly when the weather is hot, so don’t overdo it.

This is also prime time for summer vacations, when you go away make sure to find someone reliable to take care of your trees who will stop at least once a day and water. Just one hot day without the proper care can wreak havoc on your collection, trust me.

Watering can be confusing for non-bonsai types, if you find a willing "babysitter", show them how to water until the water drains freely from the drain holes. If you are away for a few days and you can talk them into it you can just tell them to water every day

(or more if it's really hot). Even if the weather is cool if you have free draining soil mix it shouldn't hurt to be overly generous with the watering for a few days.



## 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:

### July 11, 2012

#### Oakland, California

East Bay Bonsai Society: Annual Auction of Bonsai and related materials. Preview at 7:00 PM and auction at 7:30 PM. Nonmembers may participate in auctioning of their trees or materials. Auction items limited to 12 items per member. Only check or cash accepted. For information, contact John Nackley at (510) 693-2420 or [jnackley@eastbaybonsai.org](mailto:jnackley@eastbaybonsai.org). For more information and directions see website: [www.eastbaybonsai.org](http://www.eastbaybonsai.org)

### August 4 - 5, 2012

#### San Francisco, CA

San Francisco Suiseki Kai: 31st annual exhibit at the Japan Center, 10 AM - 4 PM both days. Location: Union Bank Hospitality Room, Japan Center, 1675 Post Street.



## 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](mailto:bon-saicho@comcast.net).

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## THIS MONTH ...

A very Happy Birthday to:

2nd – Robert Fujimoto

10th – Jenny Hacker

28th – Sam Adina

Happy anniversary to:

1st – Mike and Vicci Baker

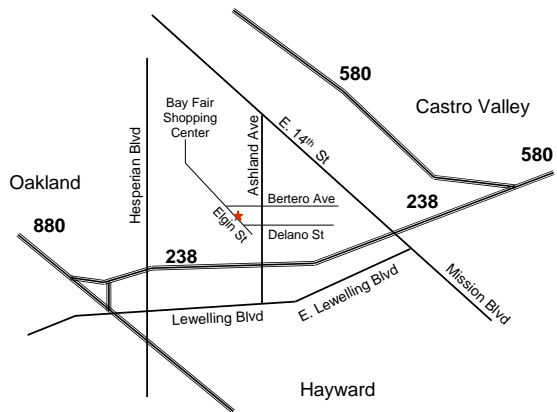
17th – Jack & Gayle Ellis

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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.



### 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.



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