YAMATO BONSAI KAI

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Newsletter - September 2013

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Tony Hayworth

Hello Yamato Bonsai Club Members.

September (and October) is my favorite time of the year here in Northern California and the Bay Area. As I write the newsletter our weather has been great which allows me to work on my trees in the backyard, and much longer into the evenings, after a long day at the office. Finding time to work on trees has been a big challenge again this year for me. But, I'm sure you'll agree there is always tomorrow or next week!

ANNUAL SHOW – Our Annual Show is upon us. Please review the "Yamato Fall Show" section later in this newsletter for the latest details. It is right around the corner. We need volunteers to get the job done. The show is a success if everyone participates and contributes! Thanks for your support.

RAFFLE & CONSOLATION PRIZES – If you would like to donate any nice items to help the Club raise funds, this is an excellent time to do so. See committee chairperson Jack Ellis or co-chair Karen Paulos if you would like to donate this year.

CLUB BADGE – During our next meeting will be the last chance to order a Club Badge before our Show. If you like to order a badge, see Sandy Barron for details.

INPUT FOR 2014 – I want to ask each member to provide me or any Board member with input for planning our Club in 2014 and the future. Please do this by email or in written form so that the entire board can discuss and utilize your input.

GSBF CONVENTION – is in southern CA this year. Please consider it as is an excellent educational opportunity and is fun too!! See details later in this NL.

See you at the next meeting.

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Yamato Bonsai Kai

42nd Annual

Bonsai Exhibition & Demonstration

Saturday, October 19, 2013 Noon to 7:00PM

Sunday, October 20, 2013 10:00AM to 5:00PM

Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church
32975 Alvarado-Niles Road
Union City, CA

Demonstrations beginning each day at 2 PM

Show Setup is on Saturday Oct 19th from 06:30AM.
All Show Trees need to be at the Hall no later than 10AM for exhibition setup consideration.

COMING CLUB EVENTS THIS YEAR

Always popular is our annual winter/holiday Dinner Party! This event will be in early December – details to follow.

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AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING…

On Tuesday, **September 17th** is

"Special Demo" by Uchida sensei

Johnny will do a quick cleanup demo on a fine quality tree and turn it over to the club raffle at the end of the meeting.

Additionally, it's "Show Time" preparation lecture. Dai selection; setup and other preparation details will be shared.

Bring your tress that you have been preparing for final review by Sensei.

Pre-show preview – let's see what you are working on

Note: All Club Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

SENSEI UCHIDA'S NOTES

By Johnny Uchida

Dear Members, how are you.

Only a month and a half left until our Show. Sometimes last minute work on Show trees is good, but we always miss something. So take more time starting this month. I want you to do select work in the 'Bonsai'. If you need help call me or bring it into nursery. We can make that bonsai beautiful.

This weather I think is very good, but the middle of the day are plenty 'HOT'. Your watering must be very careful otherwise deciduous and evergreens won't look so good.

So you better be working on trees you want to display.

This September meeting is very important meeting ever. Everybody should bring trees. I know it is not easy when you get 'old' like me. But try to bring OK!

Thank You

YAMATO FALL SHOW – UPDATE

By Tony Hayworth

By Mike Butler

There is roughly one month till the show. You need to have selected your tree(s) for the show and have it reviewed by Sensei before the Saturday setup event. You can do this by visiting the nursery or bringing it to the September Club meeting. If you have any other or special circumstances, see Mike or Tony for guidance.

See the attached list of committee leaders and find an area that interests you and contact that chairperson and volunteer to assist them. Please do so early for their planning purposes.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & CONTACTS

Committee	Leader / Co-Leader
Show Chairperson • Overall coordinator for the Fall Show. • Hall Arrangements • Transportation Management (storage & tree pickup/return)	Mike Butler / Tony Hayworth
Vendors • Vendor Arrangement & Relationships	Jack Ellis
Advertising	Tony Hayworth
Show, Room, Table Design & Layout • Produce the room setup and layout plan for this year's show.	Michael Baker
Front Desk • greeting, literature handouts • tickets – demo tree; consolation • tickets – "tin can" raffle • security	Lucky Crist ***Front door and tickets have changed for 2013.*
Hospitality • kitchen & serving room	Sandy Barron & Diana Wong, Emiko Rosenberg, Linda Crist
Setup and Take Down • Show Tokonoma, Backdrops, & Table setup • Vendor area setup	Mike Butler / Gerry Bundy
Yamato Plant Sales	Raleigh Wills
Demo (Saturday & Sunday)	Johnny Uchida
"Tin Can" Raffle Procurement & Execution (pre-organize & solicit materials) (item set up & administration)	Jack Ellis / Karen Paulos
Workshop (Sunday 8 - 11AM; $25.00)	Mike Butler
Consolation Prize (organize consolation prizes for give-a-way after demo each day)	Brad Sheldon / Jack Ellis

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

EVENT CHANGES FOR 2013

This year we have a few changes with our annual show.

1. No admission fee or cover charge at the door.
2. Grand Prize raffle tickets will not be pre-printed. Will use "*roll tickets*" sold at the door (and sold before & during the demo events). Also, need not be present to win **IF** name and phone number are clearly visible on back of ticket.
3. Will open at noon on Saturday. This target time is a one-hour improvement over last year and a two-hour improvement over 2011.
4. Will not have evening demo on Saturday.
5. Saturday afternoon demon will include special guest David Nguy.
6. Will have new backdrops acquired from Diablo Bonsai.
7. Will have Sunday morning workshop, 9 to noon. Bring your own tree. Fee is $25.
8. No silent auction. Will use a "raffle bucket" ticket drawing approach instead. No distinction on the tickets. Customers will purchase tickets and either put them in the raffle buckets or into the big hopper for the demo prizes.
9. Will limit the "Consolidation Prize" give-a-way's to a manageable number of items (tbd) that MUST be of good quality.

KEY DATE & OTHER REMINDERS

Setup – Setup for the show starts on Saturday 20 October at 06:30 AM. We would like to ask for a nice turnout for the setup event. We will get going in earnest by **07:00 AM** for sure, so let's strive to be there and in place and going strong by this time. It you can't make the early start, please arrive it as your time permits.

We must get the tables set up to the layout specification with backdrops in place and the tables dressed and topped by 9:45AM.

Tree Setup & Placement – we will start this action around 9:30 to 10AM. All trees need be at the Hall by 10AM at the latest (*unless prior arrangement have been made with Tony Hayworth, Mike Butler or Sensei Uchida).*

***Hospitality** (Kitchen & Serving Room)* – Please prepare and bring a donation dish, for Sunday. A variety of food is needed. See Sandy or Diana if you are not sure what to bring and they can fill you in on need areas or ideas. Financial donations are acceptable if your time constraints don't allow you to prepare something each day.

Front Desk – Lucky Crist will run this area. PLEASE see Lucky and volunteer some of your time each day to help run the front entry tables.

We need a minimum of 2 persons available at all times to provide support and logistics for the front door, including: Monitor front door entry; give greetings and directions; encourage ticket sales; performs ticket sales; provides literature as necessary on Club and School activities; be security conscious.

On Saturday, general admission will not begin until 12 Noon (or until Show chairman says so).

Yamato Plant Sales – This year Raleigh Wills will run the plant sales area with plenty of mentoring from Dennis Hawkins. Brian Conway and Vince Monasterio will be co-chairs.
We need a core team of helpers and a schedule for manning the tables each day. Need at least three persons

This year we are requesting control for the arrival of items for Yamato Plant Sales. Do not bring in items before all the tables are setup. Items for Plant Sales are to remain outside until after 09:00AM.

Raffle – If you would like to donate any nice items to help the club raise funds, this is an excellent time to do so. See committee chairperson Jack Ellis or co-chair Karen Paulos if you would like to donate this year.

CHECK LIST… THINGS TO DO!

- ☐ Volunteer for a committee
- ☐ Signup for a food dish – for Sunday Lunch!!
- ☐ Review your tree with Sensei – sometime before show
- ☐ Prepare/clean your pots and redo your top-soil
- ☐ Have a dai (a stand) for each tree you bring
- ☐ Saturday Setup – Come as early as you can – pitch in
- ☐ All trees to Setup Event by 10 AM on Saturday
- ☐ Prepare and bring a food dish for Sunday by 11AM (*or make cash contribution to Hospitality Chairperson beforehand*)
- ☐ Attend each day (as much as you can) and wear your Yamato colors (hapi coat, prior event shirts, Pins, etc)
- ☐ Bring your camera / have fun
- ☐ Sunday breakdown – begins AFTER 5:00PM. Be prepared to pick up your trees and other belongings.
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Timelines and Milestones

The following is a draft of the timeline and milestones each day of the Fall Show. It is presented here for you to get a feel for the flow of the show and to help you decide where you can be available to help.

Some items may change and we get closer to show time and further details are determined.

Saturday 19 October

When	What
06:30	Truck Arrives; Begin Unload of Trunk • Trees – taken to stage side of gym and out of the way of table & backdrop setup • Kitchen carts – take to kitchen doorway • New backdrops – take as directed by leader • Tokonoma cart – take to back center of gym • Other carts – take and place as directed.
07:00	Begin Setup (in earnest)
	• Tokonoma setup team
	• Show Tables per layout drawing
	• Vendor Tables (no skirting of vendor tables; white plastic topping okay)
	• Yamato Plant Sales Tables (no skirting of these tables; white plastic topping okay)
	• Backdrop teams (note: since this is a new task it may take some additional time and coordination)
	• Table skirting teams
	• Tabletop dressing teams
09:30 ~	Initial "focal point tree" determination and placement can begin (*if we are not behind on tables*)
09:45 ~ 10:00	All show trees need to be present. • Any tree not onsite by this time may not get placed.
09:59	Checkpoint – all tables, backdrops, table skirts and table top dressings must be in place.
10:00 ~ 11:30	Begin Tree Placement (in earnest)
11:00	Tree name tag setup • Using the box of blue tree name tags, begin identification and selection of tree name tags.
11:30	Final tree placement and refinement
11:45	Setup Complete
11:45	Final check of the "*front door procedures*" / Are we ready to Open? **Front Desk** • greeting, literature handouts; • collect statistics; e.g. how did you hear about us?
	• ticket procedure – demo tree; raffle • security
12:00 ~ 19:00	Event Opens to the Public
	• Okay to begin Yamato Plant sales • Remember to play music in the background – (tony)
12: 00 ~ 13:00	Lunch window • Club members, Vendors and special invited guests only (not an open event)
14:00 ~ 15:30	**Demonstration** – Johnny Uchida and David Nguy
15:30 ~ 16:00	Demo Tree Grand Prize Drawing (+ awarding of consolation prizes)
16:00 ~ 16:30	Close of Raffle / raffle tickets drawn and winning number announced
17:00 ~ 18:30	Dinner and Social time
19:00	Saturday Event comes to a close
	(lock door – go home – rest)

Sunday 20 October

When	What
08:30	Sunday morning opening crew arrives
08:45	Checkpoint
09:00 ~ 12:00	**Workshop** • Need a minimum of 8 persons pre-signed up to conduct this event. • During the Saturday Plant sales, we will push and cross sell this event to persons purchasing new material that could benefit from a workshop.
10:00 ~ 17:00	**Event Opens** to the Public
12: 00 ~ 13:15	**Lunch** Window • Club members, Vendors and special invited guests only (not an open to public event) • All club members bring a food dish. Sign-up sheet at/from August Club meeting.
14:00 ~ 15:30	**Demonstration** – Johnny Uchida, Michael Baker, Tony Hayworth
15:30 ~ 16:00	Demo Tree Grand Prize Drawing (+ awarding of consolation prizes)
16:00	Close of Raffle / raffle tickets drawn and winning

When	What
~ 16:30	number announced
16:50 ~ 17:00	Yamato Group Picture
17:00	Sunday Event comes to a close (prepare for cleanup) • Breakdown starts AFTER 5:00pm. No early breakdowns. • Breakdown moves fast. Member need to be present to remove tree's and dai. Members need to support the overall cleanup and breakdown and get materials stored and back on the truck. • Make sure your dai's are marked underneath with your name.
17:00 ~ 19:00	cleanup

BONSAI BASIC

By Tony Hayworth

Getting Ready for the Fall Show – Let's all be ready with a tree this year. Beginners also, we want everyone to participate. There are a few things you need to do to put a tree into the show so let's concentrate on the following four areas as we prepare for the event: **proper shape; a clean pot; nice topsoil or dressing; a display dai (or stand)**

- **Shape** – keep working on the fine detail that makes your bonsai stand out. Concentrate between now and the show and take care of all the details of shaping to show off the best attributes of your selected tree. Make sure it is clean, has clean lines, no dead leafs; and my favorite "NO ant's!
- **Pot Care** – take care of cleaning up your pot now. Most of us do not do any cleanup throughout the year and depending upon where you live you most likely have some kind of water deposit build up or water scale on the outside of the pot. It is a show display requirement to have a cleaned up pot. How do you do this? Hot soapy water will cut most of the hard water scale on the outside of the pot. Use a soft scrubbing device if you must. Avoid getting the soap on the roots. After the pot is completely clean (don't forget the bottom too!) you will need to apply special oil to the finish. Please do not use baby oil, or petroleum-based oils … or god forbid something like Armor-All. There are a lot of sensitive feelings and issues on this subject and there are those who have vested a lot of money and time into the care of their pots… so don't think that they want Crisco rubbed on them. I use almond oil. Walnut oil is good too. It is light and has a woody smell if any and I know it does not smell like fried chicken. (Sorry for the lecture).
- **Top Dressing** – take a look at the top soil display. Is it washed out? Full of weeds? Let's take care of it. If you have access to good moss and know how to piece it together and properly put it in place, then do so. Make it look natural and as if it has been in place for a while. If not, dress the top with a thin layer of a small product like sifted lava rock or even the very fine mix of Akadama and lava (red or black). The key is natural looking and clean. You don't want folks to walk by and say, "nice topsoil". Both Sensei Uchida and I are not fond of a complete covering of moss on the top of the bonsai, especially if it looks like a patch work quilt.
- **Bonsai Stands** – this is a tough subject via a newsletter. We discuss this at a club meeting or if you are not sure, check with Sensei or a senior club member. All bonsai in the show will need an appropriate bonsai stand (or in Japanese, a "dai").

Remember… keep your eye on Bonsai.

Ask me if you have questions - Tony

Email bonsaicho@comcast.net
Phone 510-289-5731 *evenings*

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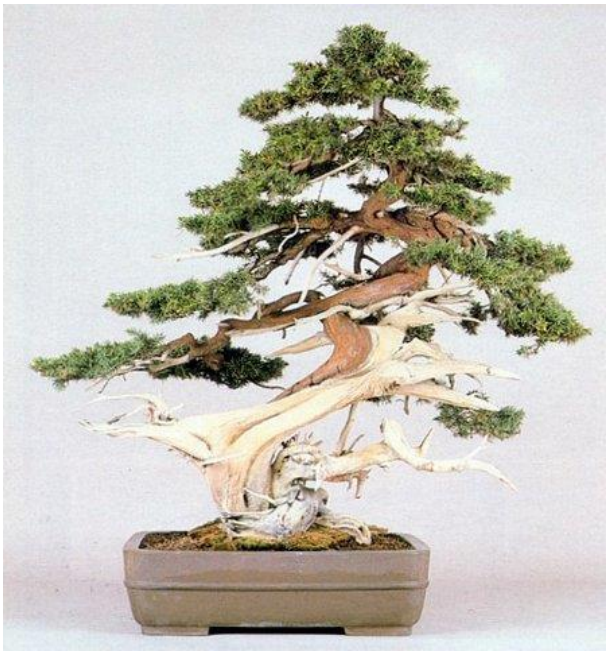
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Board Meeting

Saturday, 14 Sept 2013 @ 09:00AM
At Tony's House in Union City

Attention Board Members & Interested Club Members –
We will have the next meeting of the 2013 Board on Saturday morning 14 September at 09:00 AM, at Tony's house in Union City.

Send your agenda items beforehand please.

Members – if you are interested in attending, please contact Tony for direction details.

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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.

The Yamato Bonsai Club meets each month at the Eden Japanese Community Center, in San Lorenzo, on the third Tuesday at 07:30 PM.

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Refreshments

The club will have coffee at each meeting. We ask for member volunteers to supply the treats. Below is the list for this year with open positions. Please contact Sandy Barron or Tony Hayworth to add your name to the list. A minimum 3 volunteers each month to bring goodies and snacks of some kind is requested. Thank you.

January • Richard Paulos • Mike Butler • open	**May** • Brian Conway • Howard Correa • Al Shurtleff	**September** • Karen Paulos • Mike Butler • open
February • Dennis Hacker • Raleigh Wills • Tony Hayworth	**June** • Emiko Rosenberg • Casey Campbell • open	**October** • Mike Baker • Jack Ellis • open
March • Brad Sheldon • Dawn Mezo • open	**July** • Emiko Rosenberg • Dennis Hawkins • open	**November** • Mike Baker • open • open
April • Diana Wong • Tony Hayworth • Maria Sargent	**August** • Lucky Crist • Carol Campbell • Al Hightower	**December** • Sandy Barron • open • open

Celebrations This Month …

A very "**Happy Birthday**" to:

17th – Karen Paulos
27th – Michael Butler
27th – Ralph Gauna

Happy Anniversary and many more years to come:

13th – Allen & Marlene Hightower

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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 Tony Hayworth, at bonsaicho@comcast.net

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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Yamato Bonsai Kai – 2013 Board

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Director	2013/14	**Lucky Crist**	**510-276 4043**
Advisor		**Jack Ellis**	**925-455-5429**

YAMATO BONSAI KAI

– 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS –

The remaining activities planned for this year:

Month	Date – Event Name
OCT	15th – **Club Meeting** @ 07:30PM • Pre Show Briefing Final review of Show details and everyone responsibility in support of the Show. No raffle 19th – 20th **43rd Annual Bonsai Show & Exhibition**
NOV	16th – **Board Meeting** @ 09:00AM 19th – **Club Meeting** @ 07:30PM • Instruction Night • Annual Elections Topic for this month's meeting is "winterizing". Bring your trees and seasonal questions about winter and the coming dormant season. Also, a recap of the Annual Show. Annual Board elections will be held. Raffle at end of meeting; bring donations if you like. 23rd – **EJCC Landscape Cleanup** • (8AM – Noon)
DEC	7th – **Holiday Party** • 06:30 PM • (place TBD) 17th – **Club Meeting** • General discussion; Year in Review Winter silhouette – bring your deciduous trees for a winter time look at its structure, etc. Raffle at end of meeting; bring donations if you like.

GSBF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For a complete list, please refer to the Golden State Bonsai Federation **Calendar of Events** at:
http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/events/

2013 GSBF CONVENTION

Don't forget the GSBF 2013 Convention this year in Burbank, California. Please think seriously about attending this event as there is always so much going on and oh so very much to learn. See you there.

OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 3, 2013
BURBANK, CALIFORNIA

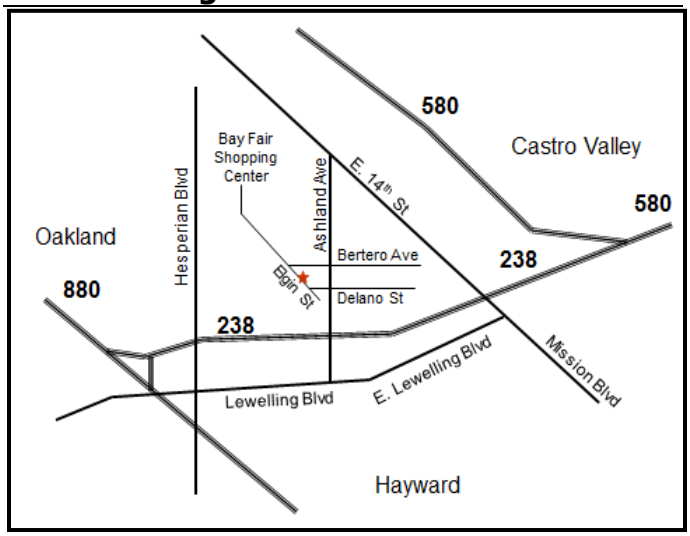
Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) Convention XXXVI: "Bonsai Artist Studio: Outside the Box"

Marriott Hotel Los Angeles Burbank Airport.

Headliners: David DeGroot, Suthin Sukosolvisit and Peter Warren.

Visit www.gsbfconvention.org for all the details and for on-line registration.

Club Meeting Location



Yamato Bonsai Kai monthly meetings are held at the Eden Japanese Community Center.

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