



# YAMATO BONSAI KAI

## “FRIENDSHIP THROUGH BONSAI”

Since 1968

### Newsletter - November 2013



## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Tony Hayworth

Hello Yamato Bonsai Club Members.

Another annual show is finished and in the books. I want to thank all the members that came out and helped with the setup and to those that gave generously of their time during the event (and in the days and weeks ahead of the event). It's not simple luck that makes the show happen. Congratulations to all !!!

The Board will meet in the coming weeks and get started on the 2014 show. If you have any input, please provide it to me.

A financial report will be given at the next club meeting.

**Please Note** – the holiday party is now scheduled for **Saturday 14 December from 06:30 PM**. I will be looking for head-count and commitment at the next meeting and to complete by 1 December. Thanks!

### AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING...

On Tuesday, **November 19<sup>th</sup>** is

#### Instruction Night

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.

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

### Input for 2014

I want to again 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.

### Mark Your Calendars

#### EJCC Garden Clean Up Day

**Saturday, November 23, 2013**

**08:00 AM – Noon**

This Saturday we need your help with general landscape cleanup at the Eden Japanese Community Center where we hold our monthly meeting. We recognize that everyone might not be able to pitch in and do this type of work. That is okay, don't worry. Please come and give moral support or help with coffee and or simply hand out trash bags or whatever your capability will allow. We would never put anyone at risk during the cleanup.

We should be winding up by noon if we have a good turnout. Bring your hand held yard pruners and loppers if you have them. Rakes and brooms too. An additional gas string trimmer to help control the ivy and a gas leaf blower are being sought. Please contact Tony Hayworth if you can provide.

We will go over these details at the November club meeting.

#### Holiday Party

**Saturday, December 14, 2013**

**From 06:30 PM – 09:30 PM**

**Restaurant: Genghix**

**20855 Redwood Rd. Castro Valley, Ca**

By popular demand the annual Holiday Party will again be held in Castro Valley at Genghix restaurant. It is a popular Asian Fusion theme. Our reservation is from 6:30 to 9:30PM. Buffett starts around 7'ish.

The event will be a buffet style. I will be asking the board to sponsor the wine like we have done in the past. Target cost is approx \$35. I will not know the final price until we get a near head count.

The cutoff for the head-count will be on December 1st, 6PM. I would like to get a pulse at the November club meeting. Please commit to me before then, by call or email, or in person by this time.

Come out and have a good time.



## SENSEI UCHIDA'S NOTES

By Johnny Uchida

Dear Members,

How are you doing? This year's show is very successful, everybody pitched in working so hard and nicely done. I think one of the nicest shows ever. I just want to say thank you very much to all.

Only thing I'm a little concerned about at this year's show, I want there to be more members to display their trees. Looks like every year the same people display. I want there to be more people display.

So next year, more people bring their best bonsai for the show. That means select your tree NOW. One or two, start working on them. I'm sure you'll bring to the show. I think you should do. That way more exciting to work on that tree. That way more 'FUN' to work for the bonsai.

I see you at the meeting.

*Johnny Uchida*



Incoming trees



"Be happy in your work" - Colonel Saito, cir. 1957



## FALL SHOW - PICTURE REVIEW

By Tony Hayworth

I thought a pictorial review would be better than a lot of words. I think it's time for a new camera though! LOL



Let's get this show on the road!



Two workers and one clown!



Hey Mr. CalTrans, where is your orange vest?



Someone is going to need some ben-gay!



Let the games begin!!



Sensei and Howard getting it done



2014 Tokonoma - by Sensei Uchda



I told you, Plant Sales does not open till noon!



Can you move it two centimeters to the left?



Man, there's got to be more chips in this bag!

Show Trees

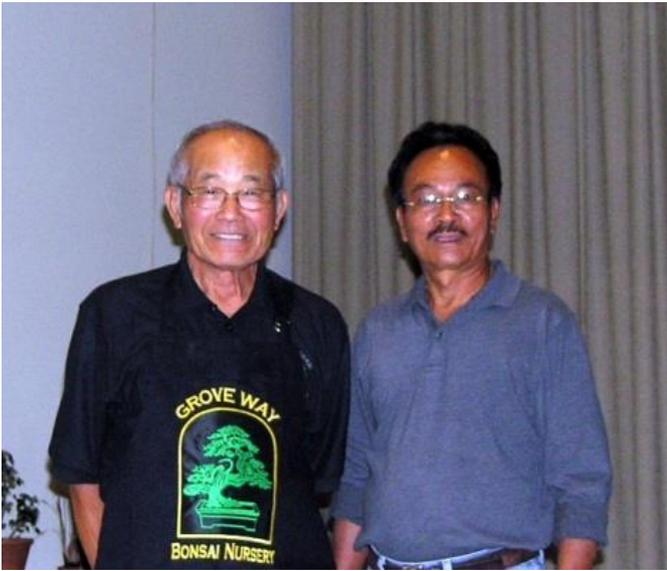


2014 "Toko" - (slang for Tokonoma Display)





**Demonstration - Saturday**



**Johnny Uchida with Special Guest David Nguy**



**Final Touches**



**Before**



**A new masterpiece created**



**What shall we gonna do?**



**Happy Saturday Winners!!**

**Demonstration - Sunday**



**Before**



**Before**



**After**



**After**



**Sunday Winner Mr. Ru Wing Chen**



Remember... keep your eye on Bonsai.

## BONSAI BASIC

By Tony Hayworth

During November our trees here in Northern California begin the transition to dormancy. I use “transition” lightly as it does not get real cold here in our SF Bay Area. The general rule at this time of the year is to guard against conditions that could prompt a second growth. It does not happen often where we get really warm days at this time of the year.

Trees require less water now. There is need to check your trees daily or every other day and the goal is to not let your trees dry out. This applies to the entire winter or dormancy period.

It’s time to clean up. Remove dead leaves and needles on your trees and in and around your pots and shelves.

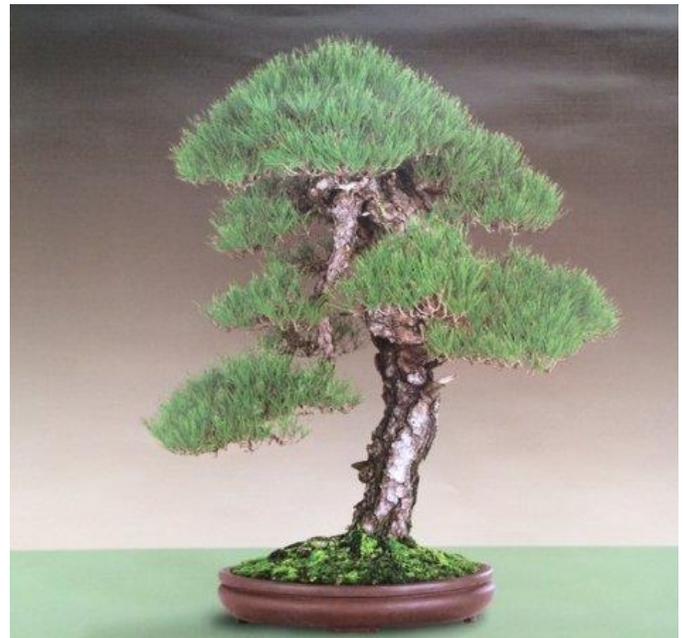
For pines, during the next six weeks or so, clean up and remove all needles that have tip burn, and the ugly and extra-long second year needles. It is time to execute your fall cleanup of old and yellow needles and to balance the strength of any remaining needles per branch.

Never drastically trim a pine that is in weak or poor condition.

You need to understand where your tree is in the branch *Ramification Cycle* to understand how much and where to prune your two-needle pines. If you have weak zones on your trees (usually the bottom 1/3), you need to leave more needles (and some of the older needles) to balance its strength and to gain strength. In the stronger or upper region of the tree, you can remove more needles. This balances the strength for next year’s growth.

One of the hardest lessons on Pines is the Fall bud removal. It’s sometimes hard to write so ask questions or let’s have a workshop!! I will bring examples to this month’s meeting.

Ultimately, you want to leave buds on the side shoots that elongated on the branch from your late May candle cutting. Remove any bottom or on top buds/candles/shoots. The best configuration is a pair of good strength shoots on each side of a branch. This is how you achieve a pad of foliage over subsequent years (3 to 5 years).



Ask me if you have questions - Tony

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## BOARD MEETING

**Saturday, 16 November 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 16 November 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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| <b>January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richard Paulos</li> <li>Mike Butler</li> <li>open</li> </ul>            | <b>May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brian Conway</li> <li>Howard Correa</li> <li>Al Shurtleff</li> </ul>    | <b>September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karen Paulos</li> <li>Mike Butler</li> <li>open</li> </ul> |
| <b>February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dennis Hacker</li> <li>Raleigh Wills</li> <li>Tony Hayworth</li> </ul> | <b>June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emiko Rosenberg</li> <li>Casey Campbell</li> <li>open</li> </ul>       | <b>October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike Baker</li> <li>Jack Ellis</li> <li>open</li> </ul>      |
| <b>March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brad Sheldon</li> <li>Dawn Mezo</li> <li>open</li> </ul>                  | <b>July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emiko Rosenberg</li> <li>Dennis Hawkins</li> <li>open</li> </ul>       | <b>November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike Baker</li> <li>open</li> <li>open</li> </ul>           |
| <b>April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diana Wong</li> <li>Tony Hayworth</li> <li>Maria Sargent</li> </ul>       | <b>August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lucky Crist</li> <li>Carol Campbell</li> <li>Al Hightower</li> </ul> | <b>December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandy Barron</li> <li>open</li> <li>open</li> </ul>         |

## CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH ...

A very "Happy Birthday" to:

- 14<sup>th</sup> – Dennis Hacker
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Noah Hanna
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Sandy Barron

**Happy Anniversary** and many more years to come:

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Emiko & Steve Rosenberg
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Dagmar & Lu Bedard
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Glenda & Michael Butler

## CONTACT US

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

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

If there is anything you would like to contribute or comment on regarding the newsletter, contact Tony Hayworth, at [bonsaicho@comcast.net](mailto: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.*

## YAMATO BONSAI KAI – 2013 BOARD

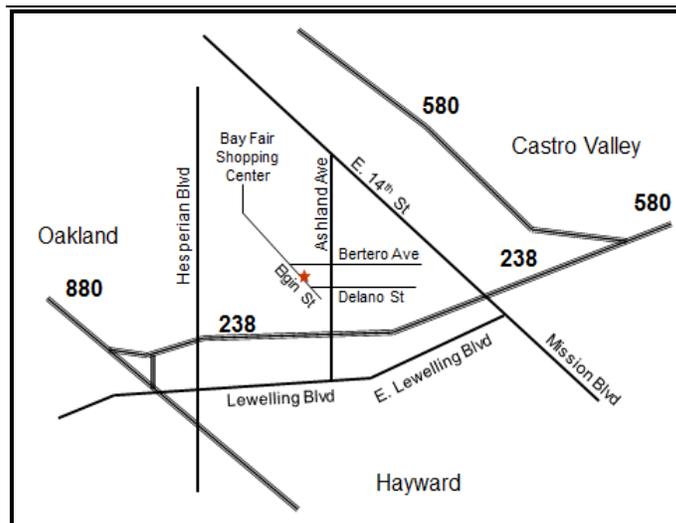
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# YAMATO BONSAI KAI

## – 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS –

The remaining activities planned for this year:

| Month      | Date – Event Name  |
|------------|--|
| <b>DEC</b> | <p>14<sup>th</sup> – <b>Holiday Party</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 06:30 PM</li> <li>• Place: Genghix in Castro Valley</li> </ul> <p>17<sup>th</sup> – <b>Club Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General discussion; Year in Review</li> </ul> <p>Winter silhouette – bring your deciduous trees for a winter time look at its structure, etc.<br/>Raffle at end of meeting; bring donations if you like.</p> |



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

**Location Address:** 710 Elgin Street San Lorenzo. CA.



## 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/>

## \*\*WANTED\*\*

We are looking for contributors to the Newsletter.

If you would like to say something or contribute with pictures and captions (etc.), please contact Tony Hayworth.

All contributions are due in writing (electronic transmission) by the first work day of the month.

## Club Meeting Location

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