



YAMATO BONSAI KAI

“FRIENDSHIP THROUGH BONSAI”

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Newsletter - November 2014



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Tony Hayworth (bonsaicho@comcast.net)

Hello Yamato Bonsai Club Members.

Check it out: <http://www.gsbfbonsai.org/2014/10/30/yamato-bonsai-kai-43rd-annual-bonsai-exhibition/>

At the above link, there is a very nice recap of our show on the GSBF website. A big thank you to George Haas, from GSBF, for the fine write up, pictures and support of our show.

Congratulations to all member participants who pitched in and helped make the Fall Show and Exhibition a big success last month.

Show & Tell – Every meeting is a Show and Tell opportunity. You are encouraged to bring a tree to ask questions about it or to tell us the story about your tree. The goal is to enhance the tree and your knowledge to support it.

General Business

Board Elections are coming. If you are interested in being part of the Board, please contact any Board Member for further information.

Schedule Changes

EJCC Cleanup – end of year cleanup of the landscape at the Eden Japanese Community Center will be held on Saturday December 6th 2014. Start time is 08:00AM. (see page # for additional details)

Holiday Party – the annual Holiday Party will now be held on Saturday January 10th 2015. Location and other logistics have also changed. (see page # for details)

Details on both of these changes later in the newsletter.

AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING...

On Tuesday, **November 18th** ...

- 1) **Instruction Night** – General and seasonal Bonsai topics and presentation.
- 2) **Show & Tell** – you are encouraged to bring a tree to ask questions about or to tell us your story with your tree.
- 3) **Raffle** at end of meeting; bring donations if you have something to share.

Additionally...

- 4) Annual Elections begin.

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



SENSEI UCHIDA'S NOTES

By Johnny Uchida

Dear Member – How are you?

We had a fine show this year. There were a lot of compliments from our visitors and some of my long time acquaintances in Bonsai. I want to thank all the members for their hard work in preparing trees this year and for the support of the Board, who plan the show. Every little bit you can help the Board or volunteer for a task on a committee helps tremendously to make things a success.

We continue to have nice weather for bonsai trees. I hope soon we will get some rain. It will help our trees very much as well as the drought situation with our overall water supply.

I will see you at the next meeting

Thank You



BONSAI BASIC

By Tony Hayworth (bonsaicho@comcast.net)

Hello Club Members.

Let's talk about Fall care. Here are some general ideas.

Wire – take a good look at all your trees for any wire that is tight or has begun to dig in. Remove it now. Why now? Because in the Spring, as the tree begins to grow, it will dig in and cut quickly. Besides you'll have other task to do then and don't want to be unwiring or cutting off wire as new growth begins.

Water – your trees don't need water every day. But you need to check every day and water those that need it. As winter comes, your trees slow down and do not consume

Sun and Light – as fall is upon us and winter just around the corner, your bonsai still need the sun and light. There are discussion of just how much deciduous trees need after they drop all their leaves, but here in northern CA, we don't have much to worry in this regard. Conifers do need light and sunshine year round.

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

Moss – 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.

November is a great time of the year to do maintenance on your black pine bonsai.

Attend to yellowing and brown leafs on your two needle conifers. It is normal for Pines to lose prior year's needles at this time. You should only be worried if this year's shoots and tips are brown and losing color at this time. Seek immediate professional attention if this is the case.

What to prune in the Fall? Well, I call it "overgrowth" – anything that spoils the shape and would leave your branches with long internodes. Let me give you some highlights to ponder and perhaps get started if you can.

In the Fall, you are trying to achieve two things: 1) trim lengthy shoots, and 2) Pluck excessive needles.

1. You need to adjust any shoots back to a minimum length...that you either missed earlier in the cycle, or you purposely left longer, or it just grew out too

much from the June trimming (you did trim in June, correct?). Cut the shoot back to the last 3 to 5 needle pairs from the interior. This will force buds back from these needles in the Spring... or may even force back budding on the branch from dormant buds.

2. Pluck or remove needle pairs that are in abundance and are not necessary in your design. Your approach here is to leave somewhere in the neighborhood of 3 to 5 needle pairs on the shoot. If your shoot is short enough, pull the needles from the interior side. If the shoot is too long, the operation should be to cutback to this 3 to 5 needle position.

Pruning of the shoots is critical in the fall. It sets up next year's buds and is a key shaping stage in the overall tree design. Old needles must be attended to and removed. Also any needles that would tend to spoil the future design. I am talking about needles that are on top of a branch or on the bottom. Needles on the lateral or sides of the branch are desirable. Selectively remove the rest keeping the design intact (this means it is okay to leave some if they are not in the way).

Do not cut off all of your growth from the exterior part of a branch. If you cut back to only bare wood on a branch, from the trunk to the branch tip, it will not live... or is already dead. If you are attending to the trees needs throughout the entire cycle, you should not need to prune back past last year's needles. While this is risky, it is a must for overgrown trees to get buds from a third year needle. Ask me if you have questions.

Be careful with how you handle the needles that remain on the branches. If you twist or bend-back or wrongly disturb the needle where it meets the branch, it could die back and be lost. Learn how to handle the needle plucking operation on a pine tree. This is important anytime you are wiring on a pine too.

See you at the next Club meeting.

Remember... keep your eye on Bonsai.

Ask me if you have questions.

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Bonsai Events – looking for something bonsai related to do? There are plenty of things happening in and around this area. Check out the GSBF Calendar of events later in this newsletter or online at: <http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/events/>

CLEANUP OF THE EJCC CENTER

Saturday 6 December, is our end-of-year cleanup day for the Eden Japanese Community Center. We give this service in exchange for using the community center for our monthly club meeting. I am requesting a large turnout to support the club and so we can speed through the cleanup. The more hands involved, the sooner we will complete the task.

We will start at 8:00AM and with a great turnout, we should be out of there by 11. If only a partial turnout, it could be much longer. Please show your Yamato spirit and come lend a hand, even if it's a small contribution – everything helps.

Signup at the November 18th meeting, or contact me by email at bonsaicho@comcast.net (or phone 510-289-5731) no later than **noon Friday 5 December** and let me know your attendance status.

What to Bring

We need a few power tools to cut back and trim the Ivy. A heavy duty gas trimmer (if you have one) works well. I have one and am looking for another just in case. (Please bring proper safety equipment for your face and eyes)

Also, if anyone has hedge trimmer (the long teeth type), a couple of these would be helpful also.

If you can bring any of the above items, please let me know.

Other essentials are:

- Hand pruners;
- Loppers / by-pass trimmer
- Gloves; Hat; sunscreen
- Push brooms; dustpan
- Rakes
- Pole trimmer
- 8 or 10 foot folding ladder

Bring your work gloves, clippers and your favorite yard tools... and a good disposition!!

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.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Over the years various input has made its way to the Board about the logistics, food choices and costs of the Holiday party. As such, we will try something different this year.

The party is now scheduled on Saturday January 10th.

Location will be the Eden Japanese Community Center.

Karen Paulos has volunteered at chairperson.

There will be a signup list, by food category, so please consult with Karen if you can't make the November or December monthly meeting but would like to come to the 10 January event.

- 5) Theme will be Pot Luck.
- 6) Social hour will begin at 6:00 PM.
- 7) Dinner service will begin at 7:00 PM.
- 8) Yamato will provide soft drinks and coffee/tea.
- 9) Attendees wishing to bring adult beverages are welcome to do so at a responsible level.

Gift Exchange – we will still hold the optional small gift exchange. If you wish to participate, simply bring a wrapped give of nominal value for inclusion. Numbers will be drawn to determine give selection order.

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– **2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS** –

Activities remaining this year

Month	Date – Event Name
NOV	18 th – Club Meeting @ 7:30 PM - 2015 Board Nominations
DEC	6 th – EJCC landscape Cleanup 08:00 AM 16 th – Club Meeting @ 7:30 PM - 2015 Election voting /results

YAMATO BONSAI KAI – 2014 BOARD

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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/>

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.

January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony • Linda • Karth 	May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan M. • Denise • Steve 	September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike/Glenda • Jim Shurr • Emiko
February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol • Gerry • Karth 	June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karth • Brian • Howard 	October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack • Emiko • Gaye Quijano
March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad • Al S. • Mike/Glenda 	July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda • Donna • Vern 	November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Hacker • Barbara W • open
April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol • Diana • Howard 	August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucky • Carol • A. Hightower 	December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy B • open • open

YAMATO CLASSIFIEDS

Notice: if you want to advertise something in this space, please contact the Newsletter Committee or Board Member.

Trees for Sale – I have many stock material, pre-bonsai and bonsai for sale. Please contact me early for best selection!!

Tony Hayworth

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Japan Trip February 2015 – by popular request, I have decided to lead a small group of bonsai enthusiasts to Japan, for 2015 Kokufu-ten, and for general site seeing. Kokufu-ten (*the all Japan great bonsai show*) happens in early February, so I need to remind those interested, its real WINTER over there! ☺

So if your idea of fun in February, is to spend a few days looking at and admiring the very best bonsai from all over Japan (and sometimes trees from invited foreign guests), sightseeing at temples, shrines, bonsai museums and eating good food like locals (I avoid the tourist traps), ride a bullet train and romp around a crowded town of 25 million people, then let me know.

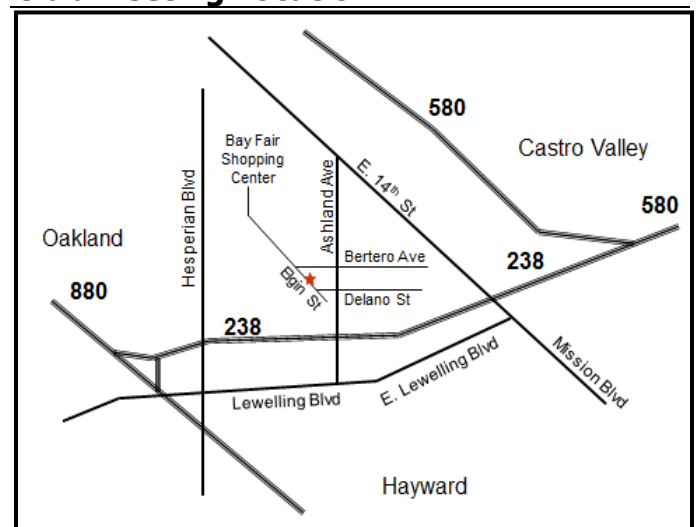
There is a lot of walking; I don't tolerate complainers. Accommodations are small; English is a foreign language; Japan is not cheap however, I know my way around and can get us a great experience at a fair price.

If interested, please contact me by email to get in the queue.

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Club Meeting Location



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

Location Address: 710 Elgin Street San Lorenzo. CA.

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