



# YAMATO BONSAI KAI

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### Newsletter – March 2016



## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Tony Hayworth

### 2016 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

This year’s membership renewals are trending down at this time. We only have 32 renewed members, and 2 new members thus far. We will publish the 2016 Club Roster in the next newsletter. Only names and phone contact info. Here is an example:

2016 Roster - Yamato Bonsai Kai			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PHONE #	member since
Smith	Wilson	* opt out	1998
Yamamoto	Hideki	510-123-1234	1988
Hayworth	Tony	510-289-5731	1984

If you want to be excluded from the list, please let me know before April 1, 2016.

Don't forget to send in your membership dues for 2016 to the new Union City post office box or bring your check to the next club meeting. Please get this housekeeping detail out of the way as soon as you can.

### CLUB WORKSHOP

**Workshop** – on the evening of Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, several club members attended our first workshop of the year. It was a

good turnout with several participants bringing food and sodas to share. John Forsman made an awesome pasta salad and someone’s chicken salad sandwiches were also not bad. Several trees were repotted under the watchful eye of Michael Baker and Tony Hayworth. There were 12 persons partaking in the evening events. Here are some pictures:



Our next workshop will be:

- Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – from 5PM to 10PM

All workshops are held at the same place we hold our monthly club meetings. Cost for these workshops will be \$20. Proceeds will go to the general fund to help with the rising

costs of putting on the annual exhibition and storing its supplies and backdrops, etc.

The theme of the workshop will be focused on transplanting with some winter pruning. If you are done with transplanting and simply want to shape and wire, be my guest!!

Bring your materials for transplanting, a turntable, your tools, wire, etc., and items to clean up after yourself, etc.

## 2016 CLUB PROGRAMS

Mark your Calendars now – our 44<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Show will be held on the third weekend of October -15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Reminder** – All Club members are needed for support for coming Club functions throughout the year.

### *EJCC Annual Bazaar*

- Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM – 8 PM
- Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 11AM – 7 PM

### *EJCC Landscape Cleanup Days*

- Saturday May 21<sup>th</sup>, 8AM to Noon
- Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8AM to Noon

## AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING...

On Tuesday, **March 15th** there will be a special demo with Satsuki.

Upcoming meetings:

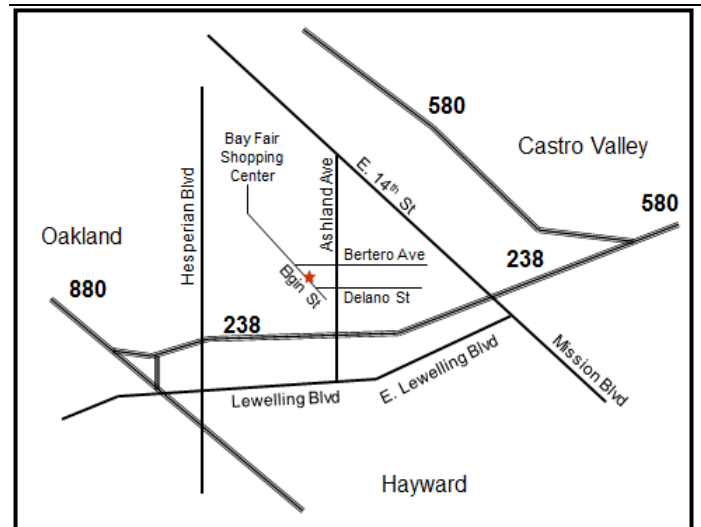
April 19th

May 17<sup>th</sup>

June 21<sup>st</sup>

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

## YAMATO BONSAI CLUB MEETING LOCATION



Yamato Bonsai Kai monthly meetings are held at the Eden Japanese Community Center, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, from 7:30PM.

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



## SENSEI UCHIDA'S NOTES

By Johnny Uchida

Hello club members. From now till mid-April, is the best time to repot most of your trees. Check them out and get them in a good bonsai soil. An early change of soil is better than waiting too late. You should observe your trees draining ability and take action before the tree suffers. Ask questions at the next meeting if you are not sure.

Bring your trees to each meeting. The more trees we have, the better the discussion and the better the learning.

See you at the meeting,  
Thank You,  
Johnny Uchida



## 2016 GSBF CONVENTION

The 2016 GSBF Convention called Bonsai Convergence: "Gather at the Rivers". will feature Ryan Neil and Bjorn Bjorholm on October 27-30 at the Double Tree by Hilton at 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA. Call 916-924-4900 and ask for the GSBF Group Code

## MEMBER CONTRIBUTION FORUM



**This month:** By Dennis Hacker

Bonsai Thoughts from your Editor:

Fertilizer: I think that this topic has as many ideas as there are bonsai enthusiasts. Truly, I don't think it matters whether you use a liquid or a powder, organic or inorganic fertilizer as long as you don't overdo it. If the label says to apply 1 tablespoon per gallon, that doesn't mean 5 tablespoons per gallon!!! Until you know how your trees handle that "Dr. Earth, or VF-11 or Osmocote or Miracle-grow", only use **HALF-STRENGTH**. There is no feeling like seeing your lovely tree be burnt up by over fertilizing. Just my thought.

Although I am not advocating it, I fertilize weekly during the season from April to October. I rotate through Dr. Earth and VF-11. So far, things have gone well. Good luck with your trees.

Have an idea or a plant tidbit to share, contact the editor at: [anmleyez@comcast.net](mailto:anmleyez@comcast.net).



## BONSAI BASIC

By Tony Hayworth

How are you coming along with your early repotting? The weather has been mild this year, I am almost done with all my repotting.

Finally, with all the recent rain this year has been a good year. I give only one caution, keep checking the weather and if we get a forecasted cold snap and you have just transplanted something, give it extra caution.

Any late season frost on newly transplanted trees is not good. A two or three day cold period and any repeated direct frost is almost certain doom. Keep your newly transplanted work under eaves or some other outdoor cover until the danger of extreme cold or frost is gone. We are lucky in the SF Bay Area because we don't really have much risk of frost here, but I must let you know of the risk.

At the same time, please remember the wind is the enemy any time you transplant. The wind can dry out a tree that does not have much root structure left. So make sure you water the foliage also for a good three weeks or so after transplanting along with watering the soil area. Key points are:

- Always error on the side of caution and protect your early transplant work from wind and the possibility of a direct overhead frost through the end of March.
- Make sure anything that you do in the way of transplanting gets some early sun each day and is not stuck away somewhere in full shade.

When you repot pay attention to the rules of each bonsai style, particularly where to position the trunk in the pot and where the finished apex ends up in your completed work. In my earlier days, I was concentrating so much on the roots and the soil conditions that I lost track of the rest of the balance of the piece. In many cases I ended up with the trunk of the tree right in the middle of the pot! This is NOT where the trunk should be positioned. (*Yes there are exceptions, but that is not the point*). Key points are:

- The tree's trunk should be placed either to the left or right of the center and slightly to the back of the pot. The apex or crown should lean slightly forward.
- Check that the tree is not planted too low in the pot or too high in the pot. These general rules are not for group plantings as you can imagine.

Note: I am also thinking of finished bonsai and not pre-bonsai or items in growing pot conditions. These instructions are for your show-ready bonsai. If you feel like planting your trees in oversized pots to encourage development, etc... go for it, I do a lot of this.

Over time you will pot and re-pot a tree several times. During each of these operations it is not like the initial transplanting of a nursery stock tree into a

first pre-bonsai state. Please know the difference. (*Ask me if this is not clear.*)

For fully mature pines for example, you need to show off the surface roots and slightly raise the placement of the roots in the pot each time. Seeing these surface roots as they connect to the trunk is very desirable and they should radiate from the trunk in all directions. You cannot wait until a finished bonsai state to work on this. You must start early, and at your initial transplanting from nursery stock to pre-bonsai, handle the placement of the available roots properly to achieve a great bonsai. Don't neglect this aspect; do some research into this topic. Remember: As early as you can, get the roots as flat as you can.

In bonsai you are working towards a great "tachiagare". **Tachiagare** is the area of the bonsai where the roots (nebari) attach themselves to the trunk and extending up to the first branch. This is tachiagare. What happens in this area, in the way of definition and development, is often the essence of the difference between a good tree and a great bonsai.

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## FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT

**Hello all Yamato members:**

For those of you that missed our last club meeting I want to remind you on two things that were discussed:

First: As most of you know Sensei had been showing trees at the San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival for many years-about 40! For the past 2 years I have taken over that project from him, at his request. We have been asked to assist in the Bonsai display again this year. The exhibit will be April 16<sup>th</sup>

and 17<sup>th</sup> of this year. There are 3 other clubs who will also exhibit. We have been asked to bring 10-14 trees depending on there size. If you would like to help us out with a show tree we would appreciate it.

We also need members to be at the show each day. No one is expected to be there all day, a few hours is all we need. There is a lot to do at the Festival: Food, Taiko Drummers, a parade, Japanese dance and many vendor exhibits. The bonsai exhibit is open 10-5 each day. Setup will be at 8am on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> if anyone can help. We need 4-6 people. It takes about 2 hours to setup. Tear down on Sunday takes about 45 minutes. Parking is available in the garage if you arrive early.

If you can help us with a tree and/or be at the show or just have a question, please call or email me. My email address and cell number is [mbutler639@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mbutler639@sbcglobal.net) and 510-917-3592.

Second: I have been asked to look into new shirts, hoodies, jackets and Hapi coats for Yamato Bonsai Kai. I would like have input from members. Dennis Hawkins is attempting to locate a supplier for our Hapi coats. In the past we have had baseball caps, jackets, aprons, sweatshirts, t-shirts and polo shirts. I will be obtaining costs for the above items by the March meeting. The cost of changing our club logo appears to be rather expensive so that will probably stay the same. We also need input on the color for the items we purchase.

We will have the new items available before our October show.

Let me know what you think.

Thank you,  
Mike Butler

## BONSAI TIP:

This month, you need to be prepared to transplant and to prepare for the new spring growth period. Between now and June is the most active period for transplanting. Have enough soil material handy so if you decide to transplant something that is not already on your list, you can react quickly.

If you want to prevent your flowering and fruiting bonsai from losing too much of its growing strength, then after about 80% of the buds have bloomed, you can remove all spent flowers and buds that have not bloomed. The energy will now be directed into supporting new growth. For the fruit trees, you can leave some of the blossoms on to form the fruit for decorative and viewing pleasure later. If new growth starts to get too long, be careful not to trim back too soon. Make sure the growth is firm and strong before you go cutting back or your pruning may cause the whole area to die back.

As trees wake up and start to grow you must have your fertilizer schedule understood, supplies on hand and ready to go. I know some of you have so many trees that it might take you a week to get them all fertilized! I trust you have the time?!

Remember... keep you eye on Bonsai.

See you at the next club meeting.

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Phone 510-289-5731 evenings

## 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.

The club would like a minimum of 3 volunteers each month to bring goodies and snacks of some kind. Thank you.

<b>January</b> • Mike Glenda • Donna Eoff • Diana Wong	<b>May</b> • Emiko Rosenberg • open • open	<b>September</b> • Karen Paulos • open • open
<b>February</b> • Carol Campbell • Gerry Bundy	<b>June</b> • open • open • open	<b>October</b> • Carol Campbell • open • open
<b>March</b> • Howard Correa • Brad Sheldon	<b>July</b> • open • open • open	<b>November</b> • Dennis Hacker • open • open
<b>April</b> • Gerry Bundy • Carol Campbell • open	<b>August</b> • open • open • open	<b>December</b> • Sandy Barron • open • open

## CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH:

A very **Happy Birthday** to:

March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maria Sargent
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	James Hall
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Eoff
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Walker
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Brad Sheldon

**Happy Anniversary this month to:**

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gerry & Paulette Bundy
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dennis & MaryEllen Hawkins

## 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**

The editor would like to thank the following for their input to this month's newsletter: Sensei Uchida, Tony Hayworth, Mike Butler and Mike Baker. If there is anything you would like to contribute or comment on regarding the newsletter, contact Dennis Hacker at: [anmleyez@comcast.net](mailto:anmleyez@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.*

## BOARD MEETINGS

The Club's Board meeting's are held via Skype. The next board meeting will April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.. If you have any business for the Board, please let a Board member know in advance.

## YAMATO BONSAI KAI – 2016 BOARD

<b>President</b>	<b>Tony Hayworth</b>	<b>510-289-5731</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Mike Butler</b>	<b>510-917-3592</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Dennis Hacker</b>	<b>510-685-7273</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Dave Barron</b>	<b>510-456-6799</b>
<b>Director 2015/16</b>	<b>Karen Paulos</b>	<b>510-410-5782</b>
<b>Director 2016/17</b>	<b>Casey Campbell</b>	<b>925-827-9681</b>
<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Jack Ellis</b>	<b>925-455-5429</b>

## ANNUAL COMMITTEES NOW FORMING

By Jack Ellis

The Yamato Bonsai Kai Annual Fall Show & Exhibition is planned for Saturday and Sunday October 15 and 16 2016. This event will be the 45<sup>th</sup> annual show event for the Yamato Bonsai Club.

Committees for show planning and the event weekend are now forming and the show Chairpersons are Mike Butler and Tony Hayworth.

Please think about how you would like help and assist this year and let Mike or Tony know.

Below is an outline of the various committees. This will give you an idea of what it takes to put on the show each year.

Committees
<p><b>Show Chairperson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall coordinator for the Fall Show.</li> <li>• Hall Arrangements</li> <li>• Transportation Management (storage &amp; tree pickup/return)</li> <li>• Setup and Take Down</li> </ul>

Committees
<p><b>Vendors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vendor Arrangement &amp; Relationships</li> <li>• Contact and secure Vendors wishing to participate.</li> <li>• Confirm Vendor counts and table counts &amp; length details; feed information to chairman, setup and room layout committee chairs.</li> <li>• Communicates details of Vendors at committee meetings and as necessary to show chairman.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Advertising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create an Advertisement Strategy and execute it.</li> <li>• Plan and financial commitment must be approved by the Show Chairman and the Board.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Front Desk</b></p> <p>Provides for “Front Door” logistics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• greeting, literature handouts</li> <li>• tickets – for demo tree; consolation prize</li> <li>• tickets – for “tin can” raffle</li> <li>• security</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hospitality</b></p> <p>Plan and run the Yamato kitchen and hospitably room.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• kitchen &amp; serving room</li> <li>• Signup sheet begin at the August meeting;</li> <li>• Sunday Plan – hospitality room is for club members and their invited guests. General public is not invited.</li> <li>• Communicate to members their role in providing “something” for Sunday and wherever they would like to contribute.</li> <li>• Cash donations are also accepted for those that have no time in this regard.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Yamato Plant Sales</b></p> <p>Setup and run the annual Yamato Plant Sales event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need a core team of helpers and a schedule for manning the tables each day.</li> <li>• Need at least three persons active in</li> </ul>

## Committees

this area at all times.

- Club members are invited to bring in trees and other bonsai related items for sale. Member/owner get 80 percent of the sale, the club general fund receives 20 percent.
- All trees must be tagged and a log provided before the trees can be accepted into the sales area.

## Demo

(Saturday & Sunday)

## “Tin Can” Raffle Prize Procurement & Execution

- pre-organize & solicit materials
- organize and or collect materials
- Plan detail about actual event (year over year)
- Provide status to Board about committee progress and or obstacles.
- Item set up & administration at Show

## Doctor Bonsai

- provide a general bonsai triage/help function as assistance to patrons who have purchased a tree from plant sales or have brought a tree from home.
- organize the format and support functions for this event at the annual exhibition
- makes schedule and gets volunteers
- provide status to Board about committee progress and or obstacles.

## Consolation Prize

- organize consolation prizes for give-away after demo each day)



## 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/> or go to the Kai's website: <http://www.yamatobonsai.org>

### January 1 – April 24, 2016 Oakland, California

#### California Suiseki Society and San Francisco Suiseki

**Kai:** are featured with the work of sculptor Jedediah Caesar at Unearthed: Found + Made, a new exhibition at the Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. The Suiseki, all found in California, share a process with Caesar who imitates geological processes in making his sculptures, sometimes encasing found objects from the urban environment in clear or colored resin. For further information go to <http://museumca.org/exhibit/unearthed-found-made>

### March 12 – 13, 2016, Oakland, California Bay Area

#### Bonsai Associates (BABA): 35th Annual Bonsai

**Exhibition** at the Lakeside Garden Center at Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are Saturday 5:00 – 9:00 PM with light dinner, and Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Demonstration by Mr. David De Groot, award winning bonsai artist and author, who has been involved in bonsai since 1972. Mr. De Groot served for 25 years as curator of the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection/Pacific Bonsai Museum in Federal Way, Washington. Demonstration starts at 6:30 PM, Saturday, followed by a raffle of the demonstration tree. Continuous plant sale including bonsai pots, tools, soil, wire, and more, both days. Admission is free. Public parking available. For more information, please contact Bob Gould at 925-935-1914.

### March 16 – 20, 2016, San Mateo, California

**Bonsai Society of San Francisco:** Annual Bonsai Exhibit at the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, San Mateo County Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Drive. Show hours are Wednesday – Saturday 10 AM – 7 PM and Sunday 10 AM – 6 PM. There will be trees for sale and demonstrations. For more information about the club, visit [www.bssf.org](http://www.bssf.org), and for the Flower and Garden Show, including ticket information, visit <http://sfgardenshow.com>.



**Apr. 2 – 3, 2016, Santa Cruz, California Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai: 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Show** at the Museum of Art & History, 705 Front Street, 10 AM – 5 PM both days with demonstrations at 2 PM. Saturday's demonstrator is Mike Pistello and Sunday's will be Katsumi Kinoshita. Raffle drawing for demonstration tree and trees especially prepared by club members are part of the raffle each day. Sales area will include quality vendor and member trees, pots, and other related bonsai items both days. Fresh items will be in the vendor area on Sunday. Admission price of \$5.00 to the Museum includes entry to bonsai show/demo and complementary coffee, tea and cookies. For more information contact Ed Lambing at [edinbonnydoon@comcast.net](mailto:edinbonnydoon@comcast.net).

**April 2 – 3, 2016, Sacramento, California Bonsai Sekiyu Kai:** Annual show will be held at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Hours are: Saturday 11 AM – 5 PM and Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM with demonstration at 1 PM both days by Yuzo Maruyama. Amenities include refreshments, light snacks, door prizes, raffles and a silent auction. Member and vendor sales of plants and bonsai-related items will also be available. For more information contact Bonsai Sekiyu Kai at [bonsaisekiyukai@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaisekiyukai@gmail.com)

**April 9 – 10, 2016, Sacramento, California American Bonsai Association, Sacramento:** 57th Annual Bonsai Show at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Show hours are Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM and Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM, with demonstration each day at 1:30 PM by American bonsai artist, Peter Tea. Beginner's workshop Sunday, 10 AM; daily raffle includes the demonstration tree; large vendor and member sales area. For more information, contact Renee Seely (916) 929-2106, [breadcrumb@comcast.net](mailto:breadcrumb@comcast.net) or visit our website <http://abasbonsai.org>.

**April 9 & 10, 2016, Phoenix, AZ The Phoenix Bonsai Society will be holding its 53rd Anniversary Bonsai Show** on April 9 & 10, 2016, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM both Saturday and Sunday. The event is free to the public. The show will be opened Saturday morning by a traditional Buddhist Blessing, opening the Valley Garden Center doors to over 50 examples of bonsai trees, as well as viewing stones known as Suiseki, and companion plants known as Kusamono. This year's show will also feature a Bonsai Pot Competition sponsored by the Phoenix Clay Society, a 40+ year old ceramics club based in Phoenix. Phoenix Bonsai Society (PBS, 1962) events, unless otherwise stated, are held at the Valley Garden Center,

1809 N. 15th Ave., one block north of West McDowell Rd. Visitors are always welcome at no charge or obligation. The Phoenix Bonsai Society is entering its 53rd year and is one of the oldest bonsai societies outside of Japan. For more information please visit our web site at [www.phoenixbonsai.com](http://www.phoenixbonsai.com) and on [Facebook](#).

**April 9 – 10, 2016, Chico, California Chico Bonsai Society: Annual Show** at 500 Vallombrosa Ave. Show hours are: 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 9 – 4 PM Sunday. For more information please visit <http://www.chicobonsaisociety.com> or contact Pat Gilmore: [gilappl@gmail.com](mailto:gilappl@gmail.com)

**April 23 – 24, 2016, San Diego, California San Diego Bonsai Club:** Spring Bonsai Exhibition at the Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM both days with demonstrations at 11 AM and 1 PM. Free admission. Bonsai pots and trees for sale, as well as other bonsai-related items. For more information visit [www.sandiegobonsai.com](http://www.sandiegobonsai.com) or contact Janice Hale.

**April 24, 2016, Watsonville, California Watsonville Bonsai Club: 43rd Annual Bonsai Exhibit** held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge St., Watsonville, California. Over 50 outstanding bonsai, large and small, young and old, will be on display from 10 AM – 4 PM, with a demonstration by award winning Bonsai Master Katsumi Kinoshita at 1:30 PM. A raffle of bonsai items, plants and the demo tree will follow. Tea & cookies will be served. Plenty of parking for vehicles of all sizes; even for group outings. A vendor will be available to sate your plant appetite for bonsai or otherwise. For more information contact Don White at (831) 724-9283 or [whiteslib@aol.com](mailto:whiteslib@aol.com)

**April 30 – May 1, 2016, Palo Alto, California Kusamura Bonsai Club:** 56th Annual Show, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road. Show hours are Saturday, Noon – 5 PM, and Sunday 11 AM – 5 PM with demonstrations at 1:30 PM each day. Free admission. Bonsai pots and trees for sale, as well as other bonsai-related items. For more information visit [www.kusamurabonsai.org](http://www.kusamurabonsai.org).

**May 7 & 8, 2016, Sacramento, California Sacramento Bonsai Club:** 70th Annual Bonsai & Suiseki Show at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Show hours are Noon – 5 PM on Saturday and 10 AM – 4 PM on Sunday with demonstration at 2 PM each day. Demonstration by the well-known bonsai artist Sam Adina, followed by the demo raffle and more prizes. Free Admission. For more information contact: Gary Judd (916) 622-8048.

### **May 21-22, 2016, Santa Barbara, California Bonsai**

**Club of Santa Barbara:** Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1212 Mission Canyon Road. Hours are Saturday 11 AM – 4 PM and Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM. Demonstrations at 1 PM both days. Plant sale by the Club. Native plants suitable for bonsai in the Botanic Garden's nursery. Books and other gifts in the Garden Shop. For more information, contact Tom Post (805) 964-2717, email [tompostart@yahoo.com](mailto:tompostart@yahoo.com) or visit [www.santabarbarbonsai.org](http://www.santabarbarbonsai.org).

### **May 21 – 22, 2016, Oakland, California**

**Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai (BASA):** 21st Annual Satsuki Azalea Bonsai Show at the Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 11 AM – 4 PM Sunday with demonstration by Bonsai Master Artist Johnny Uchilda Saturday between 1 and 3 PM. Demonstration tree will be raffled. Sales area with beginner material and imported plants from Japan. Benefit drawing. Free admission. Public parking available. For more information, contact George Haas at [gwhaas@comcast.net](mailto:gwhaas@comcast.net).

**May 28 – June 6, 2016, Japan** 45th Kanuma Satsuki Festival is being held at Kanuma City Kaboku Center, 2086-1 Moro, Kanuma, Tochigi, Japan. Show hours are 9 AM – 5 PM. Enjoy beautiful Satsuki Bonsai as well as other tree bonsais. New Satsuki varieties shown. Bonsai Pots available. Bonsai trimming demonstrations. Young Satsuki trees are also available. For more information visit: <http://kaboku.jimdo.com/> or e-mail: [t-sanjo@kaboku.or.jp](mailto:t-sanjo@kaboku.or.jp).

### **June 4 and 5, 2016, San Mateo, California Sei Boku**

**Bonsai Kai:** 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show at the San Mateo Garden Center. 605 Parkside Way (next to Beresford Park). Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM both days, with demonstration by Dennis Makishima from Noon – 3 PM on Saturday (tree will be raffled off at the conclusion of demo). Sunday Dennis will lead an open view workshop from Noon – 3 PM. Large club member plant sale, vendors, door prizes and our always popular raffles. Admission is free. Dr. Bonsai will be available to offer styling and care tips. For more information

contact Marsha Mekisich at [eclectic.gardener@yahoo.com](mailto:eclectic.gardener@yahoo.com).

### **August 6 – 7, 2016 San Francisco, CA**

San Francisco Suiseki Kai: 35th Annual Suiseki Exhibit at the Union Bank Community Room, Japan Center, 1675 Post Street. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 11 AM – 5 PM Sunday. Show coincides with the 43rd annual **Nihonmachi Street Fair**, so come early and enjoy your day in San Francisco's historic Japantown. Suiseki and stone sales. For more information about our club, contact [sfsuisekikai@gmail.com](mailto:sfsuisekikai@gmail.com) or visit <http://sfsuisekikai.wordpress.com>.

### **August 20 – 21, 2016 Santa Rosa, California**

**Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS):** 33rd Annual show at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue. Show hours are 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday with demonstration by Bonsai Master Artist Kathy Shaner from 1 to 3 PM both days. Demo trees will be raffled. See the largest bonsai exhibition. Large bonsai vendor and member sales. Exciting silent auctions or "buy it now". Free refreshments by the Bonsai café. Free admission and parking. For more information visit our website [www.rebsbonsai.org](http://www.rebsbonsai.org) or contact Bob Shimon at (707) 884-4126 or [shimon@mcn.org](mailto:shimon@mcn.org).

### **September 24 – 25, 2016, Penryn, California Sierra**

**Bonsai Club:** Annual Show at the Placer Buddhist Church, 3192 Boyington Road, in conjunction with the 52nd Annual Food Bazaar. Show hours are 11 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 11 AM – 4 PM Sunday. Bonsai demonstration will be held in the temple both days, along with other cultural events throughout the day. It is a yearly celebration for the whole family to enjoy. For more information, contact Lucy Sakaishi-Judd (916) 300-8103

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