



# YAMATO BONSAI KAI

“FRIENDSHIP THROUGH BONSAI”

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Newsletter – February 2016



## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By **Tony Hayworth**

As we start the year, I want all members to share the spirit of the Yamato Bonsai Kai and that the history of the Yamato club is “Friendship Through Bonsai”. Please do not get ‘hung up’ on styling competitions and other verbal distractions that sometimes bounce around in the bonsai community. Let's not go there. Instead let us each participate in bonsai for fun and for personal reward that each of you set for yourself. Don't let others set your level of happiness and reward with your bonsai hobby. Let us make 2016 and beyond fun and informative (to your own selected degree and needs) and be active in our club meetings and events. The Board is counting on your participation and support. Ideas and comments always welcome. We want to see you on Tuesday night February 16th... at the next meeting.

The 2016 signup sheet for meeting refreshments is now wide open. Please grab an open slot!

### Annual Membership Drive

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

On Saturday Evening February 20th, we will hold the first of two Club workshops scheduled for this year. The workshop will be held at the Eden Japanese Community Center where we hold our monthly meetings. The start time is from 05:00 PM. The theme of the workshop will be focused on transplanting with some winter pruning. Bring your materials for transplanting, a turntable, your tools, wire, etc., and items to clean up after yourself, etc. A fee of 20 dollars will be charged each person. A signup sheet will be at the next meeting. Contact me if you can't make it to the February club meeting but want to come to the Saturday workshop. Bring those trees that you need help with transplanting.

### 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>.

### Workshops Dates for 2016

- Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – from 5PM to 10PM
- 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 show and storing its supplies and backdrops, etc.

**2016 Membership Drive**

The 2016 membership drive continues. Our goal is to get all membership renewals completed by the end of March, at the latest. In this way, we can complete rosters, insurance forms, update distribution lists and complete the necessary Club housekeeping on this item.

Yamato membership annual dues are \$45 per household. On the back of this newsletter is a form to collect any changes to your details for the roster, if you have any. Please complete and return the form if mailing your annual dues. If you joined Yamato at or after the October 2015 show, your membership is good for all of 2016. After reviewing the form, if you have questions, just let any board member know your needs.

See you at the next meeting.

**AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING...**  
 On Tuesday, **February 19th** is Rock Planting (*Ishitsuki*).  
 Upcoming meetings:  
 March 15th  
 April 19th  
 May 17th

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

**Roster**

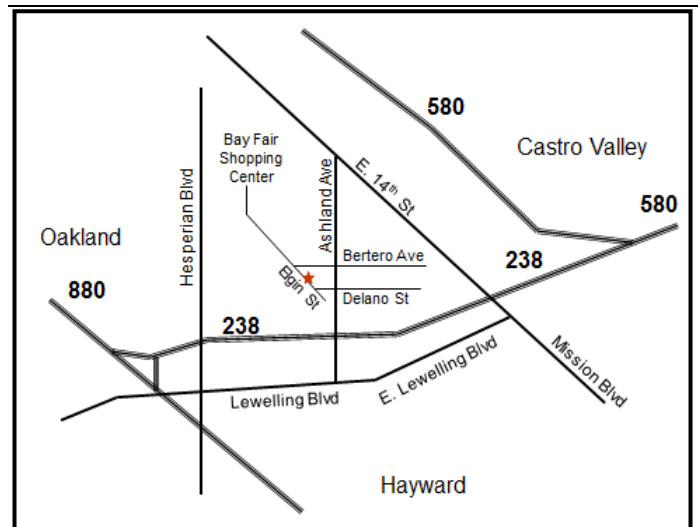
Club bi-laws call for a roster to be published to the membership each year.

For privacy, no addresses will be shared, only name and phone number. Many club members have asked for this in the past, therefore we plan to fulfill this requirement this this year. If you do NOT want your phone number to be included, please notify me by email by 28 March to “opt out”. The following is the planned format:

**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

**YAMATO 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

Dear Members –  
How are you doing? In California there is almost always rain every day or so somewhere in the state. In the Bay Area we haven't had rain for over 3 weeks. The weathermen say we will have an additional 10-14 days of no rain. Because it's not raining, you now need to water—but carefully so that you don't have too much water for your trees. Evergreens or deciduous trees need different amounts of watering. Evergreens need less water and deciduous trees need a little more. Watering for bonsais at this time of year is very important. You have to know how much water your trees need. As deciduous trees leaf out, they will need more water.

In February, I will do a rock planting. March, May and September will be special demonstrations as usual.

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



### NEW GUY STUFF:

By Dennis Hacker

Bonsai Thoughts from your Editor:

Did you know that Fukien Tea Trees (*Ehretia buxifolia* or *Carmona microphylla*) love being moist. My tree, which is an indoor bonsai, is thriving now that I learned to water when the soil surface dries out. They will do well as long as the roots don't dry out.

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



## BONSAI BASICS

By Tony Hayworth

Bonsai Basic

It's time to get in gear for transplanting. The weather has been good for the past couple of weeks therefore its time to get started. It's a good time to complete a change of soil on your California juniper, Shimpaku, elm, plum, apple, quince, Trident Maple, and maple. You can do pine also toward the end of the month and of course all thru March.

Prepare with proper soil mixtures, good drainage is important. Your soil mixtures should be dry and dust free. This month you should finish all your winter pruning and your trees that are fruit-bearing as needed. Why not start some cuttings during this time? From now until May is a good time to do cuttings and other propagations. It is getting late to do pine grafting, but that depends on your skill and luck to some degree.

When you have a tree and you put wire on it and place it in a bonsai pot, do you have a bonsai? My answer is "yes and no". Pre-bonsai is the term we give material that is young and untrained. To be considered a true bonsai, the tree must have one of many specific shapes and be cared for in a distinct style. This can only be achieved through continuous care, pruning and shaping. Only then can a simple tree move from pre-bonsai to bonsai status. Every bonsai tree that you work on should fit or conform to a specific style to be a bonsai. It is okay if you do not get there each time you work on your tree, but you should know these styles and shapes and strive towards classifying your trees into one of these.

### **Decide the Style**

As you are selecting the tree you are most probably deciding the future style at the same time. It is natural to think during the selection of a tree that it would work with one or more styles. That is okay. Often in the operation of making a bonsai you will start off in one direction only to uncover the handsomeness of going in a different direction. Perhaps you had a Chokkan style in mind and during the operation of assembling the bonsai you discover some characteristics that make you decide a Shakan style or Fukinagashi style is

preferred. It is okay... go for it. Try to visualize the finished style before you begin. You may even want to study the tree after you acquire it, slowly taking off branches over the course of several weeks or even months and years. This is of course your choice. It is important to look at as many pictures of mature bonsai as you can. You must develop your eye for the proper shape of a bonsai to achieve your desired style results. You can do it.

### **BONSAI STYLES**

There are 5 typical (and classical) shapes for individual tree formations in bonsai. They are:

#### ***Chokkan*** - Formal Upright:



The chokkan bonsai has a strong single, upright trunk that tapers toward the top. Branches are symmetrically balanced, uniform and well-spaced.

#### ***Moyogi*** - Curved Informal Upright:



Moyogi bonsai have a single trunk like the



chokkan, but the trunk is curved. The trunk generally tapers toward the top like the formal upright.

**Shakan** - Slanting:



A single trunk upright, but cultivated with the trunk growing at an angle other than 90 degrees to the ground. Branches are again balanced and well-spaced. Somewhat like a windswept style except Shakan has branches growing in all directions.

**Kengai** - Cascade (or hanging style):



The trunk and branches hang down over the edge of the pot. Often has one branch as a crown place over the pot. If the main branch hangs drastically downward it is sometimes referred to as **Dai-Kengai** (or extreme cascade). Cascades are usually planted in deep pots to give balance to its form.

**Han-Kengai** - Semi-Cascade:



Like the Kengai, the main branch cascades over the side of the pot, but moves outward and horizontally like a branch hanging over a cliff.

Trees with several trunks, and those known as group plantings, are as follows:

**Sokan** - Twin Trunk:



This style has two trunks growing out of one root. One trunk is always thicker than the other.

**Sankan** - Triple Trunk:



This style has three trunks growing out of one root. The trunks are all of different thickness.

***Kabudachi*** – Clump:



Style of bonsai where several trunks (more than three) grow out from one root source.

***Netsuranari*** - Raft Style from Root, or Sinuous Style:



Sinuuous bonsai have multiple trees growing from a single sinuous root lying horizontally on the ground. 5-needle pines are commonly used for this style.

***Ikada*** - Raft Style:



Similar in effect to netsuranari, but typically with one straight horizontal root joining the trees. Burying a larger tree horizontally and then training each branch as a separate tree usually accomplish this.

Styles that are produced by either single trees or in groups of trees (or trunks) are:

***Fukinagashi*** – Windswept:



Similar to the slanting style, but all of the branches are swept in one direction as though it were growing in a place with a strong constant prevailing wind.

***Hokidachi*** – Broom:



On an upright trunk the branches are fan-shaped upward and outward.

***Bunjingi*** – Literati:



Upright or informally upright trunk, bare of

branches, except at the top. Characterized by a simple elegance.

**Neagari** - Exposed Root Style:



Roots growing up out of the ground, suspending the trunk in the air characterize this rare style of bonsai.

**Yose-ue** - Group Planting:



A group planting of distinct, separate trees, representing a grove, or forest.

**Ishitsuki** - Rock-Grown, or clinging to a rock style:

There are two basic types of rock grown bonsai:



1) rock growing ON, where the roots are grasping the rock and growing around the rock down into the soil where the rock is protruding, or



2) rock growing IN, where the roots are growing into soil that is attached to the rock by means of a slight hollow or some sort of depression or pocket in the rock.

Now save these pages and you have a complete list of all the bonsai styles that I know of. Do you know any additional styles? If so, let me know.

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**Bonsai Tip:**

As winter turns into spring in the beautiful Bay Area, remember to keep your bonsai work and display area clean from any winter debris. Do not let old and dead yard leaf and other such material collect on and under your bonsai. These conditions promote pests and other undesirable conditions. To get a good start on the coming month's work, why don't you take a few moments to inspect you tools

and give them a good cleaning? Don't forget to keep them sharp and lightly oil the joints afterwards. Disinfect the blades with rubbing alcohol while you are at it. Richard and Howard... I said "*rubbing alcohol*"!!!

One more thing – Moss! Here is my view of moss. Moss is pretty, but only the right kind of moss. Moss has a limited role in the beauty of a mature bonsai as it sits on the bench in the back yard. Do not let it take over the bonsai. If during the winter your bonsai have developed a thick carpet of moss, do not let it remain as we move into spring. **Get over it and get it off!** Using your fingers or the end of a chop-stick, simply peel it off. Careful here...the motion of the peel should be with the grain of the roots, and that should be from the base of the trunk moving outward in all directions. Do not clean in a direction that scars or damages the roots. If moss is actually climbing up the trunk, I use an old tooth brush to gently remove it. Removing thick moss actually promotes the thinner and more acceptable types of moss for a bonsai. Trust me, after the first rain of the late spring, your moss will be back, thinner, and better than ever. Remember...keep your eye on your Bonsai!

Ask me if you have questions –

Tony

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| Email <a href="mailto:bonsaicho@comcast.net">bonsaicho@comcast.net</a><br>Phone 510-289-5731 <i>evenings</i> |
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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 update you on 2 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, and 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 for Yamato Bonsai Kai. I would like have input from members. Dennis Hawkins is attempting to locating 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 next meeting. We have talked about changing the logo in the past. I will be looking into the cost of that as well. We also need input on the color for the item



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

Let me know what you think.

Thank you,  
Mike Butler

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## BONSAI BUSINESS

aka tree time by Mike Baker

Hello to all!! Spring has sprung!!..... No, wait....it's still winter...or is it...let me check the calendar.

Yes!.... It is indeed still winter but the weather been beautiful! Mild temperatures, plenty of sun and for the most part dry.

**Caution.... Did you hear: DRY?** It's that sneaky kind of weather that can get you in trouble with "water or not water" days.

The decision is actually easy....WATER OF COURSE! Your bonsai are preparing for spring and will really appreciate the love. As long as your growing medium is flowing correctly....WATER AWAY!!!

That leads me to the next area of focus.... IT'S TRANSPLANT TIME!!

Johnny told me way back that Valentine's Day is the beginning of transplant season. So here we are! As is always the case there are a few things to keep in mind.

First prioritize.... Look at your collection and focus your transplant energy on the trees that have been in their current habit the longest. Younger specimens will need a change sooner than established trees but don't neglect the elders. They are building a root mass just as steadily as the puppies although maybe not with the same velocity. This is where knowing your collection is critical. Watch for signs of anemia, sloughing, or late blooming. They are all indicators of need to transplant.

Next, know your limitations. Don't try to force your trees down into a pot that is too small.... Typically you are planting trees that are in development and will not thrive as you want in an undersized container. Unless you are working with an established specimen, give your tree a "growing pot" or a pot that will allow them to get and/or be healthy. Keeping the profile of the pot appropriate to the style of the tree is important and certainly needs to be part of your consideration. You just don't want to go too small. It will work against you.

If you are transplanting an established bonsai specimen the rules are a lot different and I would recommend getting some plant specific advice if you're not sure what to do. That's why we have club meetings.... If you need help, we're here for you!!

Finally, timing is EVERYTHING!! This goes back to prioritizing because you need to make sure the trees that are starting to push leaf buds get done right away! Your deciduous trees may already be busting out with the mild weather. GET THEM DONE SOON! Nubile leaves don't like being transplanted before they are "set".... They will wilt and sometimes die off. If it's a choice between your leaves and your needles, transplant the leaves!! Junipers are your friends here.... they will wait patiently for their turn.

Like I said earlier **Yamato Bonsai Kai** is all about being a support system for you.... We all love to give advice.... Some good and some even better.... Ask around and form your answer.

Enjoy spring....pray for rain!! Remember ... it's all about the trees!!.....

## BOARD MEETING

The Club's Board meeting will be held via Skype. The next board meeting will March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.. If you have any business for the Board, please let a Board member know in advance.

## ABOUT THE YAMATO BONSAI KAI

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.

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|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>January</b><br>• open<br>• open<br>• open  | <b>May</b><br>• open<br>• open<br>• open    | <b>September</b><br>• open<br>• open<br>• open         |
| <b>February</b><br>• open<br>• open<br>• open | <b>June</b><br>• open<br>• open<br>• open   | <b>October</b><br>• open<br>• open<br>• open           |
| <b>March</b><br>• open<br>• open<br>• open    | <b>July</b><br>• open<br>• open<br>• open   | <b>November</b><br>• Dennis Hacker<br>• open<br>• open |
| <b>April</b><br>• open<br>• open<br>• open    | <b>August</b><br>• open<br>• open<br>• open | <b>December</b><br>• open<br>• open<br>• open          |

## CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH ...

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

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Tony Hayworth     | February 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Vicent Monasterio | February 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Bob Winkler       | February 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Gayle Ellis       | February 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Dan Woodward      | February 20 <sup>th</sup> |

**Happy Anniversary to:**

There were no anniversaries on record for this month.

## 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**

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

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.*

## YAMATO BONSAI KAI – 2016 BOARD

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
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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/> 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>

**February 5 – 7, 2016 Santa Nella, California California Shohin Seminar @ Hotel Mission de Oro** Feb 5: Registration 10 AM – 5 PM

with demonstrations from Noon – 6 PM, Exhibit and Vendor areas set-up 11 AM – 5 PM; everyone is invited to share their treasured Shohin Bonsai in the Exhibit. Feb 6: Exhibit opens for Registration, Viewing, Vendor Sales, Workshops, Raffle & Benefit Drawing 8 AM – 5 PM. Feb 7: Exhibit Open 9 AM – Noon with demonstrations, and business meeting. Registration Forms available on the website. Attendees who only want access to vendor and exhibit may purchase a day pass. For more information see our website: <http://www.calshohin.org/>, email: [calshohin@yahoo.com](mailto:calshohin@yahoo.com), or phone: Randi Keppeler (650) 598-0127.

**February 27 – 28, 2016, San Marino, California Bonsai-A-Thon XX** at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road; annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at The Huntington. Admission to the event is free with Bonsai-A-Thon “early bird” registration between 8 AM – 9 AM. Event hours are 8 AM – 4:30 PM both days. Pancake breakfast, a tour hosted by Jim Folsom (Director of the Garden), demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle and auction. Sunday only: a behind the scenes tour of The Huntington Bonsai Nursery with Ted Matson. For more information, contact Bill Wawrychuk at (818)790-9415 or [b\\_wawrychuk@yahoo.com](mailto:b_wawrychuk@yahoo.com).

**February 27 – 28, 2016, Oakland, California GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt:** The annual Mammoth Fund Raiser will be held at 666 Bellevue Ave. (Garden Center Building). Saturday: Auction preview at noon with Auction starting at 1 PM. Sunday: Vendor Sales start at 9 AM, Plant Sales start at 10 AM, and Demonstrations at 1 PM. The Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt will celebrate the many bonsai clubs who have created and support the Garden by inviting Bonsai Clubs from all over Northern California to showcase their best bonsai display and promote their club activities. Attendees will be eligible to vote for their favorite display. Bonsai Garden will be open 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and Noon to 4 PM on Sunday. For more information or to sell trees, email [bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com](mailto:bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com) and visit [www.gsbf-lakemerritt.org](http://www.gsbf-lakemerritt.org).

**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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