



Calendar of Events

- **Apr 4th-Tree Wiring Workshop**

Northeast Community

Center, 1301 Valley Rd., Reno.
From 10 am to Noon

- May 2nd- TBD
- Jun 13-14th YBK Show Moana Nursery
- July Picnic
- August-No meeting
- Possible meeting subjects; Collecting trip, guest speaker, ideas? Ideas? Ideas? We are always open to suggestions.

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Styling by Wiring For April Meeting

A well wired tree is a well styled tree. For this Saturday's meeting we will have a wiring workshop. For the new members, this is a great technique to learn and for the others, it's a great time to share your technique with the rest, and work on major wiring of a tree. Since the Garden Shop is in the process of moving locations, Pat will have various sizes of wire available to purchase. Learn how to select the correct size and length of wire for your task, how to wire two branches at once and the correct direction to apply wire to branches. It has been encouraging to see increasing numbers and trees in attendance at the Saturday meetings (14 last month). Hopefully, as many will attend this coming Saturday.



Bo Bradley's tree with wired branches

JACL Holds Scholarship Teriyaki Dinner

Scholarship Benefit Teriyaki Dinner

Presented by the
Japanese-American Citizen's League
Reno Chapter
Sheldon Ihara
747-3886

Location:
Senior Citizen's Center
9th & Sutro St—Reno

Funds raised support our scholarship and cultural education programs.



Adult...\$10.00
Children...\$5.00
"To Go" Orders Available

Raffle Tickets: "\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00"



Teriyaki Beef
Teriyaki Chicken
Sushi
Entertainment
Cultural Displays
Raffle Prizes



The Japanese American Citizens League is holding their annual Scholarship Teriyaki Dinner, on Sunday April 5th from Noon until 3 pm, in the Senior Center at 9th and Sutro in Reno. They will offer a delicious meal at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. There also will be a raffle, bake sale and sushi sale. Pat Flynn will be coordinating a bonsai display and other free entertainment will include Taiko drumming and hula. Pat would be interested to know if anyone would like to assist in manning the display.

The JACL has been in existence since 1929, and serves the community, family and friends in civil and humanitarian issues.

In Attendance:**Member/ Tree****Pat Flynn****Yuri Tateishi***Junipers***Wendy Urruty***Quince, Elm, Fir***J.D. Stoddard***Juniper, nana***Marion Sciborski***Quince, Karokia***John Sciborski***Cotoneaster***John North***Kingsville Box,**Dwarf Mugo Pine***Michelle Sharkey***White Birch***Richard Aguilar***Junipers***Bo Bradley***Pine***Oksun Horan***Ginko***Marja Grant***Shimpaku Juniper***Jared Laufou***Tiger Bark Ficus***Mike Draeger***Dwarf Cherry***MEETING MINUTES**

March 7, 2009

Meeting called to order, Secretary's February Minutes read and accepted.

- ◆ Pat Flynn spoke about his visit to Japan and shared pictures of his travels.
- ◆ Meeting Topic: Transplanting Trees Everyone in attendance jumped right in and began re-potting their trees. There was soil to purchase and those with experience shared knowledge with others.



June Date For Bonsai Show Changes

The YukiYama Bonsai Kai annual bonsai show was originally planned for this coming June 6th and 7th. However, the date is now changed to the 13th and 14th of June. Moana Nursery is also set to go on this revised date. June 14th is Father's Day, in the past, this has brought out a few more families to our shows. Deep down inside, don't all Dads really like to prune the heck out of plants? We like to begin setup on Friday evening and finish Saturday morning. The show runs from 10-5 Saturday and 10-3 Sunday. There will be a demonstration both days at 1pm and a raffle of the demo tree follows.

By now, I am sure each of you has decided which of your bonsai you would like to display at the show. The Moana space will allow for display of 20-24 trees. At our May meeting, we will discuss some of the techniques for having our trees and pots "show ready" and talk about who can assist in manning the show. Please save the dates.



What's Happening Nearby

April 4 -5, Sacramento, Bonsai Sekiyu Kai: 32nd Annual Bonsai Show at the Sac. Betsuin Buddhist Church 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sat 12-5 and Sun 10-3:30. Demos both days at 2pm by Bonsai master John Uchida. Refreshments, door prizes, raffles, plants & bonsai tool sales.

April 26, Napa Valley Bonsai Show and Sale: 31st Annual Bonsai Show at the Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St. from 11 am – 5 pm. Admission is free. Demo by Jim Gremel. Trees, Tools, Books for sale, Silent Auction and Raffle.

May 2-3 Redding, Redding Bonsai Club Spring show at the Wyntour Garden, 8025 Airport Rd. Sat 10-4:30 and Sun 11-4. Demonstrations both days, benefit drawings, free admission

May 2-3 Sacramento, Sacramento Bonsai Club: 63rd Annual bonsai & suiseki show at the Sac. Buddhist Church 2401 Riverside Blvd. Sat. noon-5, Sun 10am-4pm. Demo by Boone Manakitivipart at 2 pm both days, raffle to follow. Free Admission. Plants & bonsai related items for sale.

YOU MUST SEE BONSAIRENO.ORG!

J.D. Stoddard has updated the YBK website, and it looks fantastic! There are several slideshow presentations and an expanded Galley area. Speaking of which, J.D. is interested in having more member trees displayed in the gallery. If you have pictures you would like to submit, email them to jdstod@msn.com. Be sure to identify your tree and an approximate age is usually the second question viewers ask.

CLASSIFIEDS Do you have too much bonsai stuff that you no longer use and it takes up space? Perhaps there are bonsai pots that are too small and you know you'll never use them again. Contact me at bonsaikai@sbcglobal.net and I'll include it in the next edition of the monthly newsletter. Free stuff is nice, but it's okay to sell also.



Now on the web @

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To Promote Enjoyment and Appreciation of
Bonsai

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Current Annual Dues \$15 Individual , \$20 Family

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NOTES ON MONTHLY CARE | APRIL , Taken from Bonsai Techniques I, by John Yoshio Naka, Copyright 1973-2004 by Bonsai Institute of California.

In general, the rules for bonsai care in April are the same as for March. The only difference being that the growth cycle is, of course, more advanced.

- Location:** Nearly all healthy bonsai will have growth by now and should be kept in a sunny and airy place. Be sure to rotate plants often, changing their positions so that each side will receive an equal amount of sun. If this is not done, one side or the other will become stunted or weak, while the other side will over develop.
- Watering:** Same as March, but be careful of days when an extremely hot sun, accompanied by a warm drying wind may require more than the usual amount of watering. Do not depend on light showers. Pine trees that do not need any more growing should be kept dry even until the new candles wilt down. This method will also keep pine needles short and strong.
- Trimming & Watering:** The long sprouts thrown out by young deciduous trees should be nipped back from time to time this month, leaving two or three buds. On the older deciduous trees they should be left on until they harden and cease to grow. The longer they are left on, the more strength they can impart to the tree as a whole. It is best not to remove them until the following dormant season. The new candles on older pines should be pinched back during April, but leave the candles on young pines and vigorous older pines for another month. As growth is rapid during April, it is a period when a tree's healing process is most efficient. It is therefore a good month in which to kill and strip the bark from any heavy branch to make a JIN.
- Grafting:** April is the best month to graft persimmon and any other late spring sprouting deciduous trees.
- Transplanting:** Same rules as March. When transplanting a pine, save a small amount of soil which has some white fungus. Mix it with the new soil mixture and place it in the bottom of the pot. Pine and this fungus have a joint living relationship.
- Fertilizing:** April is the first month to begin fertilizing. Do not fertilize fruits or berry bonsai with strong nitrogen content fertilizer such as blood-meal. Instead apply bone-meal which will help keep fruits and berries from falling off. Super phosphate is excellent for this too.
- Spraying:** When new sprouts appear, watch for aphids and cut-worms. Do not use a strong solution to spray or it may damage more than the insects.
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