



YUKIYAMA BONSAI KAI

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Calendar of Events

- April 3rd—Re-Potting, Garden Shop Nursery, 3836 Mayberry Dr. Reno, 825-3527 10am
- May 1st—Pinch Pots By Carolyn Carrica?
- Jun 12-13 YBK Bonsai Show
- Jul - Summer Outing
- Aug - No Meeting (too hot)

April Means Springtime Chores

As your bonsai collection grows in quantity and quality, the coming of spring means time for work. Besides an initial fertilizer feeding, the real task is to repot deciduous trees before the buds break. Timing re-potting at this point means the roots are at their most viable after the winter rest. Roots are fully prepared to raise nutrients to the buds and force the leaves into the light. For this reason re-potting now has less of a stunning effect on the tree as a whole and the possibility of leaf loss is at a minimum. Once the buds have broke and the leaves are forming, it is too late for re-potting as now the leaves need the roots performing at full capacity and the tree cannot afford to be stressed.

Our meeting this Saturday will involve and offer the time, supplies and tools one needs to get those trees re-potted. I know for myself there is never enough spring available to get my trees potted before the heat arrives or the leaves are out. While re-potting is not the most glamorous part of the bonsai hobby, it is one of the few times we get to observe and work on the root structure of our trees.

Additionally, those of us who are now raising bonsai mums, we will want to bring them, this Saturday, for the next step in our development process.

I hope to see you all there

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After our February meeting, I discovered I have an extra pair of concave cutters in with my tools. I believe they might belong to John S. I apologize for the oversight and will bring them back to our next meeting.





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What's Happening Nearby

Apr 3-4 Bonsai Sekiyu Kai, Sacramento, CA: 33rd Annual Show at Sacramento Betsuin Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd., Sat Noon-5pm, Sun 10am-3:30pm. Demos both days 2pm by John Ucida. Door prizes, raffles and sale of plants and bonsai tools.

Apr 24-25 Chico Bonsai Society Annual Spring Show, Chico, CA: Chico CARD Center, 545 Vallombrosa Ave., Sat 11am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm Exhibits, plant and tool sales with Demo Sun noon by Roberta Walters. Raffle Sun @4pm

May 1-2 Sacramento Bonsai Club, Sacramento, CA: 63rd Annual Bonsai and Suiseki Show, Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Sat. Noon-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. Demos by Boon Manakitivipart 2pm both days. Raffles, Plants & Bonsai items for sale. Admission is Free.

In Attendance:

Pat Flynn/*Winter Hazel*

Yuri Tateishi

Bo Bradley

Carolyn Carrica

Elaine Ryne/
Euruyops

Gail Rucker/
Azalea, Maples

Jim Day

Mike Draeger/
Wysteria

Anne Kelty,

Marja Grant,

Rick Bunch/
Juniper, Blk Pine

Bill Dolak/*Juniper*

Stephanie Bell

2009 Air-Layer a Success / Bonsai Mums in March

The March meeting had several moving parts to it. First, Pat spoke about possibly getting Ryan Neal (apprentice to Masahiko Kimura) to come to Reno, in May. Second, we observed the results of the Feb. 2009 maple air-layering. When the tree was removed from its pot, there were ample new roots in the layered area. Next, meeting attendees selected 4" Chrysanthemum starts to bonsai. Each plant was repotted, with the lowest bud in mind as the future structure. The plants will be



pruned, fertilized and attended to over the next several months and should be brought to each future meeting to monitor development. To finish up members worked on re-potting their various trees, as early Spring is one of the optimum times for this task. Of course Pat had a plentiful supply of his homemade bonsai soil available.

