



YUKIYAMA BONSAI KAI

NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of Events

- Jan 10th/Styling & Wiring Pines
- Feb 7th—TBD
- Mar 7th—TBD
- Apr 4th—TBD
- May 2nd— TBD
- Jun 6&7th/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 Pines at 1st Meeting In 2009

For our meeting this Saturday, the topic and demo will be Styling and Wiring Pines. Now is also a good time to perform any major pruning on pines and continue to pull needles, as discussed at the Nov. meeting. This is not a good time to style or wire deciduous trees, as their branches tend to be brittle and the wire most likely will bite into the branches when spring swelling occurs.

The calendar of events, at left, outlines the upcoming meeting dates. Also this Saturday, we will probably outline some of the future topics for these meetings. Your input is welcomed and appreciated. January is also the time when this year's membership dues are collected. Annual dues are \$15 for a single membership and \$20 for families. You can pay Anne at this Saturday's meeting or



mail your check to:

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Looking forward to seeing you and your pines, this Saturday.

Bi-Annual Election of Officers & Board of Directors

The existing slate of officers and board members is being put forth, to the membership, to remain in their elected positions for the coming two year period. These positions are: President-Pat Flynn, Vice-President-John Sciborski, Secretary-Mike Draeger, Treasurer-Anne Kelty and Board Members at large-Marian Sciborski, John North, Yuri Tatahisi, and Linda Lovie.

If members would like to accept this slate, email or mail your affirmation to the club. The club will also consider additional nominations if members so desire, at this Saturday's meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2008

In Attendance:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Tree</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Tree</u>	<u>Member</u>
Pat Flynn	J. Black Pine	Oksun Horan	Juniper (2)	
John Sciborski	Pine	Elaine Ryan		Anne Kelty
Marian Sciborski	Pine	Gail Rucker		Mike Draeger

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- ◆ Meeting called to order, Treasurer's Report and Secretary's Minutes read and accepted.
 - ◆ Discussion of December luncheon location
 - ◆ Regarding elections for the new year, the current slate of officers and board members will be proposed for re-election.
 - ◆ Pat Flynn gave a report on the GSBF Convention held in Modesto, Oct. 29th to Nov. 2nd. Next year's meeting is planned for Riverside.
 - ◆ YBK Bonsai show set for June 6-7 at Moana Nursery.
 - ◆ Meeting topic: Winter Preparation of Pines & Junipers Consider thinning out foliage that will most likely die back during the next growing season. Removing these weak areas leaves energy where it is needed and better used by the tree. On pines, pull second year needles to open up the inside of the tree and force back budding. Attempt to balance the tree's strength by heavy removal in strong growth areas and lighter removal in weak areas. By using a tweezers to perform this removal the user is made to look closely at the tree. This kind of examination might reveal "needle cast" a fungus that is best managed by removing the infected needles, completely.





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Now on the web @

www.bonsaireno.org

Joanie Berkwitz, in her Bonsai Bytes portion of the Jan/Feb 2009 edition of GSBF Golden Statements has directed readers to internet websites featuring bonsai. These sites are: <http://artofbonsai.org> and <http://walter-pall.de>

Take a few minutes while web-surfing and visit to see some fascinating photos.

YBK Website Is Active

www.bonsaireno.org Have you had a chance to visit the new website? It seems to be changing quite frequently.

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

The cold weather season will require just as much care as the growing season. A bonsai is not only a special plant, it is more like a pet, and a little time each day should be spent on its care. This is also a good time to study the structural lines and forms on any deciduous tree in nature.

Watering: January, because of its cold weather and rainy days, the bonsai will not need to be watered daily, but make it a point to check every day....In the cold climate area the bonsai will, of course, have been put away for the winter.

Fertilizing: No fertilizing this month. This is a good month to apply any material that will help soften hard soil and neutralize any alkaline soil.

Spraying: Deciduous trees should be sprayed with lime-sulfur dormant spray.

Shaping: This is the best time to reshape any deciduous tree because it is bare. Do not do too drastic shaping because the branches may be too brittle. Check all plants to see that the wires are not too tight..

Transplanting: No transplanting or soil changing should be done this month unless bare-root stock is available for starting.

Winter months are a good time to check and replenish your supplies and prepare your potting soils. When spring arrives and it's time to re-pot, you'll be glad you did.