



YUKIYAMA BONSAI KAI

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Calendar of Events

- Jan 9th, 10 am, Winter Projects; Wiring, Pulling, Cutting, **Garden Shop Nursery, 3836 Mayberry Dr. Reno, 825-3527.**
- **January is time to pay annual dues**
- Feb 13th-Mums as Bonsai
- Mar 6th-Maple Root Over Rock

A Great New Location For YBK!!

Hey, Hey, HEY! January 9th kicks off our first meeting of Twenty-Ten, and we are meeting at a new location...**Garden Shop Nursery**. The address and phone are in the left panel. We will meet in the building in the back of the nursery near the soils and fertilizers. It's going to be great meeting in a place with plants and trees all around us.

Our meeting topic will be the chores and projects best suited to winter months; Pines – pulling needles, wiring and major cutting with only light wiring on our junipers.

In the past year, I have seen something happening at YBK, that is beyond fantastic. Our more knowledgeable members are sitting one-on-one beside us newer members and coaching us with our trees. I for one, appreciate the time and effort being taken by all, to share what we know and remain open to what we can learn.

January's meeting is just the place where experience can lead the rest. I hope to see all of you there, having a good time.

GSBF Convention XXXII First Hand Report

Carolyn Carrica was fortunate enough to attend the 2009 Golden State Bonsai Federation's Thirty-Second Convention, and I was fortunate enough to have her submit an article on what she saw. Following is her report, Thank You Carolyn!



Very few of you know me; I'm a new member of your club. This is my report on the Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention XXXII held from November 5 - 8, 2009 in Riverside, CA. Our theme this year was 'A Southwest Bonsai Journey'. The seminars and excursions held both Bonsai and Suiseki programs. There were only 3 benefit drawings this year. They were held after dinner on Friday, Saturday and the Brunch on Sunday. I won a pair of handmade tampers one for Shohin and the other for the larger sizes of Bonsai. They are made of brass and have tropical hardwood handles and are really beautiful. Thursday night we had a BBQ style dinner and a roving cowboy minstrel singing the old western favorites. My table had members from the Sacramento Bonsai Club, Mary Sakaishi and one of her daughters, Dolores Rauh president of the American Bonsai Club in Sacramento and her husband Kurt and Lonnie McCormick who, although I did not know it then, was to be elected as the new at-large member whose district includes our club and his guest Lonnie. Lonnie Mc told me he would be visiting us this year sometime. This was the only theme dinner and after visiting the vending area I decided that my day which was to start at 7am was long enough. (Continued Page 2)

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Great News!! Kirk Demarest who visited our meeting last April, was elected to the Board of Trustees for District A, at the GSBF Convention in November. Kirk hails from Paradise, CA. We look forward to seeing him at some of our future meetings. Congratulations Kirk!

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Friday morning I had a seminar that started at 8am with Larry Ragle on stones. We spent the morning going over slides that gave examples of what to look for and the type of stones that are more appealing to Japanese style and tastes, as well as the dos and don'ts. In the afternoon we learned how to display and change the look of the display. When do you use daiza and when to use suiban. I had a great time and have finally started to grasp what one is looking for when hunting through the rocks for stones. After the seminar we went into the Exhibit and examined the Suiseki in the Exhibit, we only had a short period of time as there was a Critique scheduled in about 10 minutes, but I went back later and looked for a longer period of time. They had some great stones. Cocktails at 6:30 and Dinner at 7:30 by that time I was starved but the food was good. After dinner we had an auction and benefit drawings and I got back to my room at 11:30pm. With dinner not served until 7:30pm and then business, auction and drawing we were late to bed every night. It was only hard for me on Saturday morning as the stone collecting trip left the hotel at 6am. I had a great time and found a couple of nice stones.

We were lucky to be the site of the Joshua Roth New Talent Competition, the American Bonsai Society and Joshua Roth sponsored the competition. There were participants from across the US; each had 8 hours to style the material for a panel of judges. We had a chance to vote on a people's choice in the contest. At dinner Saturday night they gave out the award. Joe Tea won place first with a Juniper styled as a Monterey Juniper it was lovely and I voted it my people's choice winner. It was a great contest and everyone enjoyed watching. The second place winner was from Northern California and she won the people's choice. The participants had the choice of auctioning off their finished trees or keeping them.

In the benefit drawing were trees and books from the estate of Betty Pitts, who passed away at the beginning of this year. There were also a large group of trees from the garden of Elbe Connors who moved from the Santa Clara area in Northern California to the Palm Springs area in Southern California where the climate is too hot for the species donated. The rest were from vendors, nurseries, clubs and individuals all donated to fund the GSBF. After the Sunday brunch we all started to drift back to the hotel or to our cars to start the journey home. Everyone except the people who were going on the 2 tours of the private collections of Lindsay Shiba and Tak

Shimazu, they were heading for the vans to start the excursion.

I always feel a letdown because some of these people I will not see for another year and of course some of the older ones I may not see again. But I always look forward to next year. We'll be in Santa Clara, CA in October.

Carolyn Carrica



In Attendance:

- Pat Flynn
- Anne Kelty
- Marja Grant
- Carolyn Carrica
- Marion Sciborski
- John Sciborski
- Millie Goodman
- Cathy Cantrell
- Wendy Urruty
- Gail Rucker]
- Michelle Sharkey
- Elaine Ryan
- Rick Bunch
- Yuri Tateishi

Once more, I had a report filed, when I could not be there. It sounds like I missed a fun time. Thank you, Yuri for putting this together and Welcome Rick.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

We sure missed your presence at the luncheon. I think everyone had a great time. We were seated at two separate tables. I enjoyed my Kung Pau Chicken. The service was pretty good. They were attentive and kept checking on us. But we gat a chuckle when our waitress said she'd "TRY to find some soy sauce". I commented that I might have some in my glove compartment. Jane, the owner, checked in on us periodically to see that everything was okay. We had fun selecting our raffle gift as our numbers were being called out by Pat. It was great to have Rick Bunch join us, too. He just joined our club, that day. Recently, he moved back to Reno after living on the Big Island for over 20 years.



I gave Anne Kelty a little bag of healthy chocolates a prize for being the first to RSVP.

Yuri Tateishi





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What's Happening Nearby

Jan 16-17, 2010 Bay Area Bonsai, Pleasanton, CA:

Annual Exhibit, Hall of Commerce, Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. 10am-4pm both days. Great auction on Saturday at 1pm. Guided tours, member sales and vendors.

Feb 5-7 Biennial Shohin Seminar, Santa Nella, CA:

Hotel de Oro Conf. Center, 13070 Santa Nella Blvd. Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 8am-5:30pm, Sun 8:30am-11:30am. Large number of shohin bonsai on exhibit. Critiques by Kathy Shaner & Ted Matson. 24 workshops on Sat. and demos all three days. Calshohin.webs.com for details.

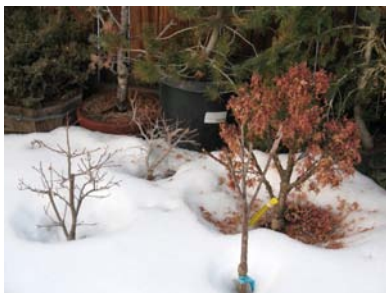
Feb 27-28 GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt, Oakland, CA: 19th Annual Mammoth Fundraiser

at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. Saturday Auction 1pm-4pm with preview at noon. Sunday Fundraiser and Bazaar 9am-4pm. Demo a 1:30 by Kathy Shaner. Silent auction, vendors benefit drawings, raffles and a large consignment sale of bonsai and related items. General info: www.bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com

RAMBLINGS FROM A BONSAI FIELD

Winter brings the cold and a new year. The new year brings change and new ideas. This year I resolve to visit some of the What's Happening events that are listed in these newsletters. I also resolve to get off my bottom and head to Oakland to see the bonsai at the Garden at Lake Merritt. Perhaps each of you have resolved to expand your bonsai experiences also. Let's hope we're all successful.

For now its still winter. I haven't seen snow and cold last so long in Reno, before this year. I expect that the pines and junipers are benefiting from the snow packed



around them, slowly melting, supplying some winter water. Late last fall, I took some of my trees out of their pots and planted them into the ground. Hopefully, this "field" growing will fatten the trunks and give me better possibilities to work with in a few years.

I hope you haven't forgotten to keep your trees watered, moist but not saturated. Heavy freezing and thawing will damage the roots. Roots will behave the same way as frozen water pipes. Keep an eye out for emerging

pests, as the weather warms. Insects just love the newly sprouting buds and have no problem wintering over in the soil and leaf debris. Its not time to fertilize for a couple of months, but amending your soils is okay. January and February are good months to apply iron and sulphur to combat alkaline soil (the entire state of Nevada). Acidic is the opposite of alkaline and just about every tree I have ever met likes acidic soil, except for sagebrush and cacti. Acidic soil is especially good for blooms and flowering.

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