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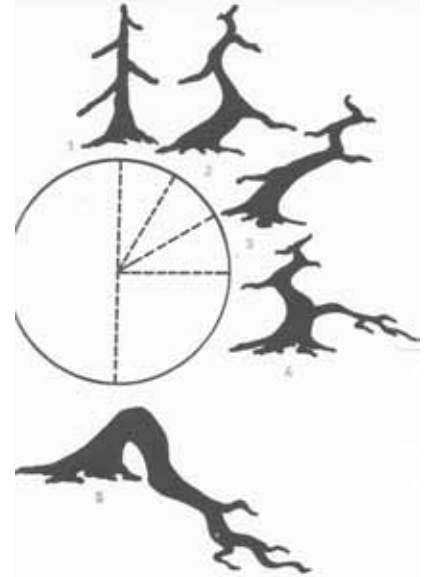
January 1, 2011

Calendar of Events

- Jan 8th Noon to 2pm, Bonsai Basics, Garden Shop Nursery, 3636 Mayberry Dr. Reno, 825-3527
- Feb 5th Noon to 2pm, Tropical Bonsai
- Mar 5th Noon to 2pm, Spring Preparations and Repotting Workshop
- Apr 2nd Noon to 2pm, Propagation Workshop
- May 7th Noon to 2pm, Water & Irrigating Systems
- Jun Date TBD Annual Bonsai Show
- Jul Picnic

2011's First Meeting is Back to the Basics

This coming Saturday (Jan 8th) will be YBK's first meeting of the new year. And to start off, our first meeting will consider the basics and essentials of bonsai. For many of us, this will be a revisit of the topic, however, it should allow us to re-focus and lay groundwork for future styling sessions throughout the year. Besides discussing styles, and techniques, we will take a step-by-step approach to evaluating a tree for styling as a bonsai. Please note YBK has new Saturday meeting times, which is 12 noon until 2pm. Also, our January meeting is the time that annual membership is due, \$15 individual and \$20 family. I hope to see all of you on Saturday!



What's In Store For the Coming Year?

Welcome to our current edition of the YBK Newsletter! If you are receiving this either via email or by snail mail, it's because you have become a member, signed our 'Interested' lists, emailed our web site or somehow conveyed to this organization that you think bonsai is interesting to you. With that all being said, I would like to take this half page of print space to give you some idea of what we are planning in the next few months. As the newly elected president, I have the challenge of filling my predecessor's awfully big shoes, but I believe I have awfully big feet. With the input and support from you the members, fellow officers and the YBK Board of Directors, I feel there are fun times ahead.

January is 'Bonsai 101', the basics, yet important all the same. This is where the Art of Bonsai rises. This is not a class but is a discussion/workshop, with ideas flowing.

February, when we are all in the doldrums from the throes of winter, is when tropical bonsai is the topic. Imagine a warm sunny beach climate when we come together to share our trees that know no winter. Much more than just ficus.

March will find us repotting the trees that need it, just before the spring warmth sends the energy up from the roots into the newly forming buds.

I must stop here, as you can see on the calendar, at left, that we have more topics planned beyond March, and this is only the start! We have workshops in store, guest speakers and field trips. We want you to find out all you can about bonsai trees, tools, feeding, watering and pottery. And we want you to find all this out by doing it yourself in a 'hands-on' approach. Join us and see what you think.

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What's Happening Nearby

Jan 15-16, Bay Island Bonsai, Annual Bonsai Exhibit, Pleasanton, CA: Hall of Commerce, Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. 10am-4pm. Admission \$5, Auction, education programs, vendors, drawings.

Feb 26-27, GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt, Mammoth Fundraiser 2011, Oakland, CA: 666 Bellevue Ave. Sat. Auction 1-4pm. Sun. Bazaar, Demos 1:30 pm, raffles.

In Attendance:

Mike Draeger/*Juniper*
Anne Kelty/*Cascade Juniper*
Wendy Urruty
Bill Dolak/*Mum*
Stephanie Bell/*Mum*
Mark Hammon
Fred Thompson/*Cookies & Red Cedar*
Mildred Goodman
Cathy Cantrell
Marian Sciborski/*9 Bark*
John Sciborski/*J. Maple*
Oksun Horan/*Rhoedendron*
Rick Bunch/*Juniper & Maple*
Carrie Robertson/*Cotoneaster*
Daisy Myer

November Meeting and December Luncheon

November Meeting: Nov 6th Meet called to order, Treasurer's & Secretary's reports presented. Officer nominees introduced and elections held. 2011-12 Officers and Board members are: Mike Draeger – Pres., John Sciborski – V.Pres., Anne Kelty – Treas., Wendy Urruty – Sec. Members of the Board – John & Ann North, Marian Sciborski, Oksun Horan, Pat Flynn. Discussion and Q&A held as to future meeting topics/activities. Demo of separating the live vein from the shari on a literati style juniper, repositioning the foliage lower on the trunk. Thanks to Rick Bunch for providing a trunk splitter.



December Luncheon: Dec 4th Nine YBK members came together at the Dynasty China Bistro to share a meal, good conversation and holiday wishes. A gift exchange followed the lunch and board members present continued with a 2011 planning meeting.

