



YUKIYAMA BONSAI KAI

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Calendar of Events

- **Jun 13-14th**
YBK Bonsai Show
Moana Lane Nursery
- July Picnic
- August-No meeting

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June Is All About The Show

If you haven't already marked your calendars for the weekend of June 13th and 14th, then now is the time to do so. YukiYama Bonsai Kai will be showing our trees at Moana Lane Nursery that Saturday and Sunday. The exhibit hours will be Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 10 am to 3 pm. Setup for the show will begin late Friday afternoon. Demonstrations of bonsai styling and care will be a 1 pm both days with the demo tree being raffled off.

Last year's show was quite a lot of fun and it generated a lot of interest, bringing several new enthusiastic members into our organization. This year's show will be just as much fun and all of us need to do our part to make it another success.

First is the trees. We will have space for twenty or more trees. Please consider displaying a tree of yours. Do not be shy. It is important that guests see the whole range of our member's examples from beginners to advanced. In this way, visitors will be inclined to pursue their bonsai interest and not feel excluded because of lack of experience. Please contact me at bonsaikai@sbcglobal.net, to let us know what plants you are bringing, (how many, what variety, approx. age). Or you can call me at 775-333-2862 with the info or questions.

Next we will need man and woman power to setup, staff and teardown the display. Friday afternoon after 3 pm, we will begin setting up the tables, tokonoma and displays. You can bring your trees by Friday afternoon, so the show will be complete and ready to go Saturday morning. Members are needed to staff the show as visitors occasionally have questions about the trees or our organization. And then on Sunday at 3 pm trees can be picked up and help is needed to tear down the event. Again if you wish to commit to a specific time you can help email or call me.

I cannot encourage you enough to participate and make this show the best!



In Attendance:

Member/ Tree

Pat Flynn

*Black Pine, Juniper,
Accent Plants*

Anne Kelty

Jim Day

Gail Rucker

Juniper

Marion Sciborski

Seiji Elm, Willow

John Sciborski

J. Maple (2), Hosta

Yuri Tateishi

Juniper, Mugo Pine

Allen Blume

Oksun Horan

Juniper

Mike Draeger

*Larch (2), Lilac*MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2009

Meeting called to order, Treasurer's and Secretary's reports read and accepted.

- ◆ Pat has found a source for the tea bags to use in fertilizing our trees. They can be purchased at Ota's in Sacramento.
- ◆ Garden Shop is beginning to open at their new location on Mayberry Drive.
- ◆ John Sciborski is working on getting aprons made with the YBK logo on them.
- ◆ YBK Bonsai Show is June 13th and 14th at the Moana Lane Nursery. No monthly meeting will be held in June, as preparation for the show is enough. Pat handed out a very thorough booklet on Bonsai Display, as a way to get ourselves and our trees ready for the show.
- ◆ Discussion regarding tokonoma display followed with John S. and Pat demonstrating how to display the elements in a balanced manner. Generally, the elements consist of a tree, accent plant and scroll. Each element needs to convey the same theme, thought or season.



What's Happening Nearby

May 30-31 Sacramento, American Bonsai Assoc.: 50th Anniversary Show, Sale and Celebration, 10am-4:30pm at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Hands-on workshops for all levels, large member and vendor sales area; raffles & door prizes. Demos at 1:30 daily.

June 13-14 Reno YukiYama Bonsai Kai: Annual bonsai show will be held at Moana Lane Nursery, corner of Lakeside Dr. and Moana Lane. Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 10am-3pm with demonstrations at 1pm both days. Demonstration trees will be raffled. Admission is free.

October 24-25 Sacramento Capitol City Bonsai Assoc.: 10th Anniversary Show to support the GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt and the Sacramento bonsai clubs. Location is the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. in McKinley Park. Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. Demonstration both days at 1pm with special bonsai raffle drawings to follow. Vendor and club member sales areas.

Nov 5-8 Riverside Golden State Bonsai Federation: *Convention XXXII, "A Southwest Bonsai Journey"* Kathy Shaner, Roy Nagatoshi, and Dan Robinson headline this event. Visit www.gsbfcconvention.com for additional information.

GSBF BONSAI GARDEN

AT LAKE MERRITT

The 50th Anniversary of the Gardens at Lake Merritt will feature music, art, and demonstrations. The event takes place on **Sunday June 7th, 2009** from 11 am to 4 pm.

GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt

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Location: Do not forget to continually rotate the position of each bonsai in relation to the direction of the sun. There will be many days of hot sun during June so guard against sunburn. A safe rule would be to change the deciduous bonsai from full sun to partial shade every ten days to two weeks. Some leaf edges and tips may burn, but the sacrifice is worth it in terms of a healthier bonsai.

Watering: The general rules for watering apply during June except that more frequent watering may be needed as the weather grows warmer. On very dry days, and most days in June will be dry, it is a good idea to water down everything in the vicinity of the bonsai. Soak the benches, ground, trees and lath overhead. Use a fine nozzle and spray all the foliage on the bonsai and any shrubbery around them. Anything that will increase the humidity will help. Do not be fooled by high humidity, trees and soil will dry out more than expected. Leach out the water pollution by extra heavy watering. It will not harm the trees during this season if the drainage is good.

Trimming and Pruning: June is the month for defoliating

Shaping: New shoots on deciduous trees that have grown long and vertical may now be trained into horizontal branches. Do it by tying down the branches. Do not attempt to wire new green shoots that are soft and tender. This is an awkward time to wire or train branches because there is too much foliage, unless the defoliating method is used.

Transplanting: It is a good time to transplant, especially pine and satsuki azaleas.

Fertilizing: June is the month to feed all rapid growing deciduous trees except fruiting, flowering and berry trees. Conifers should be fed sparingly.

Budding: A good month to do budding.

Miscellaneous notes: In order to develop a stronger and more compact bonsai the following elements should be kept in mind:

1. Sun
2. Water
3. Air
4. Soil
5. Natural nutrients

A method called "The Spartan Training" should be applied. That is: a bonsai should not be "babied" by over-watering, over-fertilizing, keeping in a shady place, not trimming because of fear, and, in general overdoing any one good thing.
