



Calendar of Events

- **May 2nd—Displaying Bonsai**

**Northeast Community Center,
1301 Valley Rd., Reno. From
10 am until Noon**

- Jun 13–14th YBK Show
Moana Nursery
- July Picnic
- August—No meeting
- Possible meeting subjects;
Collecting trip, guest
speaker, ideas? Ideas? Ideas?
We are always open to sug-
gestions.

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May's Meeting: Balance in Bonsai Display

This Saturday's meeting will be a potpourri of topics. First, we'll discuss preparing our trees for display, emphasizing the importance of balance. Pat has an excellent article from the Golden State Bonsai Federation's newsletter, written by Hideko Metaxas, on bonsai display. This is quite appropriate, as June will be the YBK Bon-



sai showing at Moana Nursery. I hope you are all thinking about a tree to display at the show.

Then, if anyone has a tree they have questions about or need help with, bring it in. There has been some great group interactions at our recent meetings and having a variety of trees gives us all something to talk about and admire.

Finally, if anyone has plants in bloom, like the lilac at left, bring it, on Saturday, to share with the rest of us.

I hope to see all of you this Saturday!

YBK has Drop-In Guest

April's meeting was made more interesting when Kirk DeMearest (I hope I spelled this right) of Paradise, California dropped in. He was in town to attend a family wedding and found us on the internet the night before. When he discovered that Saturday was our meeting, he hustled over the mountains, braved the snow, and joined us with his collected Dogwood and wire ready to style. Kirk is a member of the Chico Bonsai Club and shared updates and stories with some of our members who have attended California shows.

Kirk says he's a real live gold miner and when he's not panning the rivers, he fills in his time in construction, bonsai collecting and whatever else might come his way.

Now that he has relatives in Reno, we just might get to see him more often. Welcome Kirk!



In Attendance:

Member/ Tree

Pat Flynn

Anne Kelty

Marja Grant

Gail Rucker

Juniper

Elaine Ryan

Bougainvillea

Wendy Urruty

European Olive

Marion Sciborski

Japanese Maple

John Sciborski

Michelle Sharkey

Sargent Crabapple

Bo Bradley

Elm

Oksun Horan

Trident Maple

Mike Draeger

*Juniper*Kirk DeMearest,
Paradise, CA*Dogwood*MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2009

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

- ◆ Garden Shop is having difficulty getting the building permits needed to get things open at their new location by Chrissie Caughlin Park on Mayberry Drive.
- ◆ YBK Bonsai Show is moved to June 13th and 14th at Moana Lane Nursery. Demonstrations will be held each day at 1pm.
- ◆ Pat showed the group tea bags he bought in Japan, but has unable to find here in Reno. The empty tea bags work great for holding fertilizer that one wishes to use on their bonsai trees. The use of the tea bags will prevent the fertilizer dust and fine particles from fouling the drainage and drainage holes.
- ◆ Meeting Topic: Wiring Branches and Trunks, Pat handed out a very thorough list of Wiring Techniques, that explained all the do's and don'ts of wiring.

Have you ever seen a more intent looking bunch of folks?



Weyerhaeuser's Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection

I am running a little thin on ideas for articles this month. So I will share a few of my photos of Weyerhaeuser's Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection in Federal Way, Washington. I visited on a beautiful day in October 2007.



What's Happening Nearby

May 2-3 Redding, Redding Bonsai Club Spring show at the Wyntour Garden, 8025 Airport Rd. Sat 10-4:30 and Sun 11-4. Demonstrations both days, benefit drawings, free admission

May 2-3 Sacramento, Sacramento Bonsai Club: 63rd Annual bonsai & suiseki show at the Sac. Buddhist Church 2401 Riverside Blvd. Sat. noon-5, Sun 10am-4pm. Demo by Boone Manakitivipart at 2 pm both days, raffle to follow. Free Admission. Plants & bonsai related items for sale.

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.



YOU MUST SEE BONSAIRENO.ORG!

J.D. Stoddard has updated the YBK website, and it looks fantastic! There are several slideshow presentations and an expanded Galley area. Speaking of which, J.D. is interested in having more member trees displayed in the gallery. If you have pictures you would like to submit, email them to jdstod@msn.com. Be sure to identify your tree and an approximate age is usually the second question viewers ask.

CLASSIFIEDS Do you have too much bonsai stuff that you no longer use and it takes up space? Perhaps there are bonsai pots that are too small and you know you'll never use them again. Contact me at bonsaikai@sbcglobal.net and I'll include it in the next edition of the monthly newsletter. Free stuff is nice, but it's okay to sell also.



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- Location:** Keep up the periodic rotation of plants. As the weather gets warmer watch such tender leaved trees as maple, beech, birch, liquid amber and elm. Too much hot sun will dry out the leaves and turn them brown. On extremely hot days put them in a location where they will receive only filtered sunlight. This requires a compromise, as too much shade will cause weak spindly growth. Common sense is the best judge of just how much shade and sun to allow.
- Watering:** Warmer weather may require more watering. On finished bonsai one must judge the amount of watering to a fine point. Give just enough and no more. Too copious a watering will cause too much growth and spoil the shape. Check the root which may be growing out from the drainage hole. It can cause poor drainage.
- Trimming and Pruning:** Much the same as April. The new shoots on older deciduous trees will have stopped growing by now and can be cut back if it has spoiled the shape. Leave two or three leaves and remove the rest. Keep density even all over, but a little thinner on top.
- Start pinching back cypress and juniper now for heavy dense growth. Use tweezers or fingers and pluck off the tips at the joint. Do not cut with shears or the ends will turn brown. At the end of this month young pines and vigorously growing older pines should be de-candled. Start with the lower part of the tree first, because it has a tendency to get weaker and is slower growing. Leave the top until later, as it will grow much faster after it has been trimmed.
- Wiring:** Check the wires during the growing season. Do not let them cut into the tree.
- Transplanting:** It is too late to transplant early sprouting deciduous trees such as apple and plums, but an excellent time for late starters such as pomegranate, cotoneaster and pyracantha. It is time to transplant conifers if in the colder climate area.
- Fertilizing:** During May, the rapidly growing deciduous trees should have more frequent fertilizing, unless the shape has already been established. In that case once is enough. Alternate the types of fertilizer used, for example, use bold-meal on the first feeding and bone-meal on the second. Evergreens and conifers require only one feeding.
- Spraying:** Use mild insecticide if necessary. Mildew will start forming this month. Apply sulphur dust or other liquid spray for this purpose.
- Miscellaneous notes:** The coming months will bring on more hot weather, and all the bonsai should be in as healthy a shape as possible to resist the ill effects of the heat.