



YUKIYAMA BONSAI KAI

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Calendar of Events

- Nov 6th Elections & Demo, **Garden Shop Nursery, 3636 Mayberry Dr. Reno, 825-3527**
- Dec—TBD
- Jan—Installation of Officers

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Can you identify this plant?? One of our members brought this to us, but we don't know what it is.

Elections Are This Saturday

If you're voting on Tuesday, save a few check marks for the YBK elections this Saturday. It is time for our organization to select it's officers for the next bi-annual seating. First though, we need some nominations for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and finally, President. All those interesting in holding an office, now is the time to overcome your shyness and nominate yourself, or contact me and I will do the nominating for you. If you are wondering what each position is responsible for, send me an email and I will describe them for you. By Saturday, if there is not a full ballot, we will suspend the vote until December. Elected officers take their chairs in January 2011. Please email me with nominations before Saturday. Those currently in office, wishing to hold their positions, please let me know.



Additionally, there will be a demonstration on styling the literati juniper at right. The idea will be to reduce it's height by half. If this doesn't work as planned, there will be kindling for the winter fireplace. Please bring your interesting trees to share and work on. I hope to see you all there.

YBK Says "Happy Trails" to Its Founder

Pat Flynn, YBK founder and president, has left the Reno area. He has purchased a house in Placerville and is in the process of moving there. Pat claims his move is predicated on the Reno winters and springs, which he doesn't care to weather anymore. He will still be returning to the area, as his family lives here. Pat also plans to still be involved with Garden Shop Nursery and our bonsai activities. There is a chance we will next see him in January.



So as the father of YBK sets off on new adventures, he has taught us everything he could and has guided the club into being a viable organization, on its own. We will never be able to thank Pat enough for all he has done for YBK and its individual members. He will be missed, but as with all good friends, what fun we will have when we next get together with him. I am sure that all of you readers and members will join me in saying, **Farewell and Good Luck Pat!**



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What's Happening Nearby

Nov 12-13 Marin Bonsai Club – Fall Show, Ross, CA:
Marin Art & Garden Ctr, 50 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Fri 5:30
-10 pm , Sat. 10 am – 4pm Demo by Peter Tea, silent
auction raffles and vendor sales.

**Dec 4th, Fresno Bonsai Society, 4th Annual Yard
Sale, Fresno, CA:** Plants, Pots & Stones. No Fee,
bring a table if you want to sell.

In Attendance:

Pat Flynn/*Blk Pine*

Oksun Horan/*Mum
& Trident Maple*

J.D. Stoddard/
Chinese Elm

Yuri Tateishi/*Mum,
Maple, Pinion Pine*

Judy Hall/*Korean
Hornbeam*

Mike Draeger/
Scotch Pine

Anne Kelty

New Member

Fred Thompson/*Blk
Pine*

Pottery Update: We are still attempting to locate a kiln to fire our pots. Anyone knowing where a kiln to use is, please share.

October Meeting Report

The October 2nd meeting focused on preparing our trees for the fall and winter seasons.

For pines, at this time of year, we should be removing the dead and older needles. Not all older needles need to be removed, as this task can also be finished in the spring. If your pines have developed a second set of candles, now would be the time to reduce the clusters to no more than three candles. It is best to remove candles from the stronger areas of the tree to send energy to the weaker tree areas. This will aid in balancing the tree's development. We also learned that its okay to pull the needles on two-needle pines, like black pine, mugo and scots. However five-needle pines such as white, have more tender branches and will bleed if the needles are pulled. It is better to cut the unwanted needles with a sharp shears close to the branch. The remaining stub will dry up and fall off on its own. In any case, removing needles allows light and air into the inner areas of the tree.

Deciduous trees are better pruned in spring, before the buds open. If you have tri-dent maples like the ones used in last springs Root-Over-Rock workshop, they will need winter protection, in a garage or cold but not freezing place. Our bonsai mums are also going to need winter protection, if they are going to survive until next year.

Late fall and winter are also not the best times to wire our trees. It was suggested that the additional wire on branches and trunks, conducts the freezing cold through the tree and threatens its survival. This task is also better tackled in the spring.

