



Descanso Bonsai Society

NEWSLETTER

September 2007

President's Message by Bill Wawrychuk



OKAY I FORGOT to mention it last month! Jim Gremel wanted me to remind everyone who participated in the July demo/workshop to repot their tree into a one gallon can with well draining soil. Leave the wire on for a year. The wire should bite in before taking it off. If the wire is taken off too soon, the plant will

straighten out.

Thank you all for attending our potluck and auction last month. Due to your participation and generosity, the event was a huge success. Not to be forgotten, thanks to Ted for the great job as auctioneer.

With only 3 meetings left this year, Marcus has a really great line up for us. In September, we'll have "Mr. Ticket Seller" himself doing the demo, the one and only (thank the Lord) Michael Jonas. For those of you who have never seen him, Michael does a really great demo. Michael assisted Kathy Benson do the club workshop earlier this year. In October, Marcus has Peter Warren lined up.

Being in a club is certainly nice, as you do get information from both the monthly meetings and the newsletter. However you should also be looking elsewhere for the current information on bonsai and what is going on in the bonsai world in the State of California. One good source is Golden Statements from Golden State Bonsai Federation. The September/October issue is particularly good. Not only do you have Marty Mann's Seasonal Suggestions (Marty a long time DBS member), but they have an excellent article by David De Groot on a Masakuni Tool Maintenance Demo, on how to properly sharpen your tools. The magazine also has a continuing series on Zen, Suiseki, & Keido. Maybe you will not use all the ideas, but it will get you thinking on how to improve your show display. Bottom line, if you are not taking Golden Statements, you ought to. So right now go to www.gsbf-bonsai.org and sign up today!

Don't forget those donations for the raffle table and see you at the September meeting.

BONSAI WORD OF THE MONTH

SHITO

Refers to finger size or finger tip
A bonsai so small it will sit on the tip of a finger.



New Members

Keith Hagaman

Sept Refreshments:

Maggie Carpenter

Maria Atkison

Libby Short

Gloria Downie

Sept Niche:

Maggie Carpenter

Louisa Davis

Next Club Meeting:

Sept. 18, 2007

Michael Jonas

Next Meeting: October 16, 2007

Club meetings are held on
the third Tuesday of each month
at Van de Kamp Hall, Descanso Gardens
1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada Flintridge

August Potluck and Auction

Once again the club's annual August fundraiser event was a big success thanks to all the generous donations of auction items. Acknowledgement also goes to everyone who brought food items to share and to the bidders for their contribution.

Thank You

Member Announcements

Ellen Keneshea - I'm happy to announce that Ellen has volunteered to be the newsletter editor. She will take over beginning with the January 2008 issue. Thank you Ellen!

Norm Fischer - Norm Fischer passed away on August 27. He was a long-time member of the club who recently moved up to Fort Bragg. Our deepest condolences to the Fischer family.



**Come to Golden State Bonsai Federation's
30th Convention in Anaheim, CA
at the Crowne Plaza Hotel,
October 31 through November 4, 2007**

Headliners

Kunio Kobayashi
Kathy Shaner
Warren Hill
Pedro Morales



Hotel Information

We'll be setting down anchor at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Anaheim, CA!

We were there in 2005. This time, we're commandeering the entire hotel!

Special room rate!!! \$89 / night plus \$4 daily fee.



Excursions

Huntington Garden - GSBF Collection
SouthRock Trip to Yuha with Cindy Read

Plus...

Informative Critiques & Seminars
Expansive Vendor Area
World-Class Exhibit
District Design Contest
More Fun Bonsai Related Festivities
Many Local Attractions

For more information or questions, please contact our registrar

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<http://www.gsbfcconvention2007.com/index.html>

September Tips

by Jim Barrett



Fall is approaching and as the temperature and weather become more moderate, several bonsai procedures might be considered.

If you have not already done so, remove unwanted new growth and candles from Japanese Black Pine. Leave one, two, or three new candles on each branch and twig terminal. How many you leave depends on your design goals for each tree. Next month will be clean up and detailing time.

Quince and crab apple bonsai can be moved to their winter show-pots later this month and next. This practice is common in Japan and might be something to consider for some of your trees that are growing most of the year in ordinary bonsai containers.

Juniper bonsai, especially Foemina juniper, can be pruned drastically and wired for detail now and next month. This procedure can be done now to get the tree ready to show next spring. Try not to prune California and Shimpaku junipers drastically because this may produce juvenile growth which can take a year or more to revert to adult corded growth.

Wisteria, ume, crab apple, and quince should have set their buds by now. Do not prune or shape until next month or November after leaves drop. Fertilize these trees with a low nitrogen fertilizer, high in phosphorous and potash now and again next month.

Try to control heavy top growth on zelkova, elms, and maples. Allowing heavy growth in the upper story of your trees to go unchecked can cause loss of taper and unsightly knobs and scars.

Critters such as spider mites, aphids, and chewing insects are still active.

We have not seen as much powdery mildew this season. However, if the weather becomes more humid, it may make an appearance.

Remember to start choosing your show trees for next year.

Join the Descanso Bonsai Society



\$22 - Single \$27 - Couples
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Sunshine Column

Please keep the following people
in your thoughts

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Nelson and Luisa Davis
Yaeko Hisayasu
Ben Perez (Cesareo's son)



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Bonsai Calendar

San Diego Bonsai Club

41st Annual Fall Show

September 29-30, 10:00 - 5:00
Casa Del Prado Room 101
Balboa Park, San Diego

Conejo Valley Bonsai Society

4th Annual Bonsai Exhibit

October 6-7, 9:00 - 4:00
Resource Center, Gardens of the World
2001 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks

Korean American Soosuk Club of SO CA

15th Annual Natural Viewing Stone Exhibition

October 6-7, 9:00 - 4:30
Los Angeles County Arboretum
301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia

Golden State Bonsai Federation

Convention XXX

October 31 - November 4, 2007
See inside for more info.

DBS Board Meeting

Open to all club members interested in getting involved in club operations & management.

Meeting on September 24, 2007 @ 7:00pm

At Elizabeth Likes' Home
9916 Rancho Caballo, Sunland 91040

Descanso Gardens Calendar

Autumn Plant Sale

October 12-13, 2007
9:00 - 4:00
Lakehouse Nursery

African Violet Display and Sale

October 13-14, 2007
Van de Kamp Hall
Free with admission

Rose Show and Sale

October 20-21, 2007
Van de Kamp Hall
Free with admission