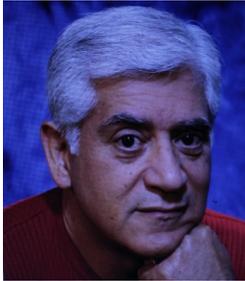


DESCANSO BONSAI SOCIETY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017



President's Message

By Cesareo Perez

It's Autumn; Daylight Savings Time has started, Halloween and Día de los Muertos have passed and the weather is cooling down! The couple of species of tree that we grow in our gardens which color up for fall are showing us reds, oranges and yellows to signal their dormant period ahead. By some miracle, or maybe just dumb luck, my trident and Japanese maples, ginkgos and American liquidambar are showing great color this year. I do keep them under shade cloth in my west-facing garden, so that probably helped, but the joy of seeing actual fall color is a delight!

Another delight was the GSBF convention in Riverside! I was not able to attend the whole thing, but the exhibits were wonderful, the workshops I observed were outstanding, especially Mr. Kobayashi's, and I really enjoyed seeing the round-robin tree work. Some terrific trees were taking shape. The vendors' area was inspiring, and I managed to escape without too much damage. Many Descanso members were there learning lots of new techniques and ways of looking at their trees. Try to make the next one; it will be a great time!

Our meeting this month is not at Descanso Gardens like usual. Due to the Enchanted Forest light show, our meeting space is unavailable, so we will meet at the home and studio of our past president, Michael Jonas, who will also be our presenter! In addition to a demonstration, he will be barbecue-chef-in-chief! Join us earlier than usual at 6:00 p.m. with a side dish or dessert and a drink to share, prepared for a feast and a great presentation. There will be carnitas for tacos, so plan your sides accordingly. If you need his address, contact him via email (mjonas48@hotmail.com); also let him know you are coming to help plan for the size of the crowd. Maybe bring a chair, too, as we will need some there. Thanks!

A massive thanks, also, to our great sensei, Jim Barrett, whose 88th birthday we marked at the October meeting. His birthday is actually this month, but we just couldn't wait. He has led us and mentored our bonsai learning in so many ways. Happy Birthday, Jim!

And since it is cool now, it's time to pot, repot, trim, winterize, weed, wire, and select which of the new pots we acquired at the convention to move our trees to. The shorter daylight hours limit the time to do this work we love, so I will just tear myself away from my desk and head back. . .

To the trees!

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Cesareo Perez niche at Oct meeting

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Michael Jonas's House

6:00 PM (818) 776-0813

Mjonas48@hotmail.com

November BBQ Potluck

Pls Bring a chair or two ,

Pls call Michael and let him know if you'll bring a salad, side dish or dessert

November Demonstrator

Michael Jonas

November Tips by Jim Barrett

Boy! Last month was more like August than October.

Most of my deciduous bonsai took a real beating from the heat and their natural slowing down for the fall/winter dormancy. Consequently the leaves on the maples, hornbeam, and plum are pretty far gone. I do not expect new growth to replace them.

Although it seems early, I'm recommending that you defoliate Japanese maples and any deciduous tree whose leaves are shriveled and damaged from the hot dry Santa Ana weather we had last month. Remove old leaves from the soil, scrub the bark on smooth bark trees with a mild detergent or Safers insecticide soap.

An early dormant spray treatment would then be a prudent thing to do.

I wouldn't defoliate elms, pomegranate or other deciduous trees if their foliage is still healthy and strong.

Repotting quince this month is recommended by many of our Japanese experts. Waiting until spring tends to cause heavy thick roots and to stunt the tree's growth. Quince should be given as much sun as you can provide.

No high nitrogen fertilizers for the rest of this year.

Plants are not taking up water as fast now, so modify your watering schedule accordingly. Pale green or chartreuse foliage on pines and junipers may indicate their soil is staying too wet. Hold back on the water and try keeping the soil on the dry side (not bone dry.)

Black pine and more juniper bonsai can still be repotted now.

The trees that have dropped their leaves and the ones you have defoliated can be pruned and wired for detail. It's easier with the foliage gone. Also, remove old wire that appears to have done its job.



Our October demo was by Roy Nagatoshi and his helper Alex. They worked on a grafted iotagawa juniper. Roy described the work to be done, as Alex did the preliminary trimming and wiring

Once the tree was wired, Roy showed us the lifeline to be preserved. He then used a die grinder to hollow out the trunk almost all the way up. Roy then bent the tree with Alex holding sturdily. Over a 90 degree bend was achieved. See the last tree picture above.

Roy donated an elm and pumice rock to plant it on later, plus a free lesson. Winner was Mel Carrillo.

The club gave Jim Barrett cupcakes for his 88th birthday, plus two books on pots. He is most appreciative of the books, as he's wanted them for some time. He says thank you, thank you, thank you!

Jim Barrett will be having a special sale November 25 and 26, 9-4 both days. Discount of 20% on trees, pots, and tools. 480 Oxford, Arcadia (626) 445-4529.

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