



The Snippet



April 2016

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Inc.

Member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation

This Month's meeting is April 27,2016

SBBK Birthday Meeting

For our April 27,2016 meeting we will feature Mike Pistello, who will work on a juniper. This is our yearly celebration of our club beginning and as always we will have a round of applause for our remaining founding members. This date also happens to be the birthday of one of the founding members so be prepared to sing loud.

Field Trip to Dave Chimpky's Nursery

Fifteen members have signed up for the field trip to Dave Chimpky's on April 24th. Since it is hard to find, it is suggested that all attendees meet at Mike Mello's house to carpool/caravan. Please meet at 9:45am. The addresses for Dave Chimpky and Mike Mello are below

Mike Mello
24648 Soto Road
Hayward
510-825-4162

Dave Chimpky
Enchanted Forest
21860 Westfield Ave
Hayward, CA
510-581-0258
dchimpky@comcast.net

President's message

Happy Birthday SBBK, this month we turn 33. We have a guest demonstration by Mike Pistello, who has been practicing Bonsai for 23 years. I hope everyone will bring in a donation for our monthly raffle table for this birthday party.

I hope all members are looking forward to our upcoming show, June 4th and 5th. During our next two meetings we will have our show assignment sign-ups and general show instruction talk. Please sign up early so we know we have enough coverage.

If you signed up for the field trip on April 24th please see the details in the Snippet.

Kevin Corrigan

SBBK What's Up!

April 27,2016 7:30 Monthly meeting at the San Mateo Garden Center

May 2,2016 1st Tuesday workshop, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center

May 3,2016 SBBK Board Meeting, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center, all members welcome

June 4-5,2016 SBBK 33rd Annual Show

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Tentative Calendar for 2016 (subject to change)

- April 2016 Anniversary/Birthday Meeting with featured speaker,
Mike Pistello
- May 2016 Demo with Ryan Nichols-Pesticides and Pests
- June 4-5,2016 Club Show Headliner Dennis Makishima
- June 2016 Bonsai Club Challenge with local clubs, Gerry Fields, coordinator
- July 2016 Val's Surprise
- August 2016 Tanuki Bonsai Demo-Jerry Carpenter
- September 2016 Garden Tour and Bar B Q
- September 2016 Green Elephant Sale
- October 2016 Black Pine Extravaganza, Mentors
- November 2016 Big Bend and Wiring-Gordon Deeg
- January 2016 Bunjin Bonsai- Valerie Monroe

Show Schedules

Details for the shows mentioned can be found at the Golden Statements website www.gsbf-bonsai.org

May 7-8,2016 Sacramento, CA
Sacramento Bonsai Club:70th Annual Bonsai & Suiseki Show at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento,2401 Riverside Blvd.Noon-5PM Saturday and 10AM-4PM Sunday Demo 2PM Sam Adina.

May 21-22,2016 Oakland, CA
Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai(BASA):21st Annual Satsuki Azalea Bonsai Show at Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt,666 Bellevue Ave.10AM-5PM Saturday 11AM-4PM Sunday.Demo Saturday 1PM Johnny Uchida.gwhaas@comcast.net

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SBBK Website

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Our website is here. Please view and offer compliments and suggestions to Board members. Special thanks to Geraldo Ortiz, his cousin and Randi Keppeler for all their hard work. Any member who would like to contribute and/or help maintain the website is welcome,please talk to Randi'

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Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Meetings
Fourth Wednesday of the Month
San Mateo Garden Center
605 Parkside Way, San Mateo CA 94403

Meeting 7-30 pm to 10 pm

Mike Pistello

Mike Pistello began practicing bonsai twenty-three years ago at just thirteen years old. His grandfather had begun cultivating bonsai in the early Seventies after attending the Fuji Bonsai Club's first-ever show and he introduced Mike to the art. At fourteen, Mike joined the Fuji Bonsai Club, which was active at the time in Berkley, CA. There he met Jimmy Inadome, who would become his first teacher, schooling him on the basics and laying the foundation for future success.

A year later, Mike joined the Yamato Bonsai Kai and met one of the founders, Yoneo Uchida, better known as Johnny. Mr. Uchida is the proprietor of Grove Way Bonsai Nursery in Hayward, CA, and has served as sensei to the Yamato club for forty years. Mike and Johnny quickly became life-long friends and as Mike's skills improved, Johnny allowed him to style many of his personal bonsai.

In the early two-thousands, Mike met Boon Manakitivipart and Boon's friend and senpai (senior apprentice) Akio Kondo. Both men had apprenticed with Kirachiro Kamiya in Japan and practiced a style of bonsai for which Mike had great respect. Inspired by their work, Mike decided to join the Bay Island Bonsai Club and partake in Boon's famous Intensive Series. In the ensuing years, Mike has also worked with internationally recognized artists Ryan Neil and Matt Reel.

Mike is a member of the Bay Area Bonsai Associates and East Bay Bonsai Club. He has conducted workshops at the Golden State Bonsai Federation in Sacramento and also volunteers at the GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. There, he has been entrusted as the custodian of a special juniper styled by the legendary Masahiko Kimura in 1987 during his first visit to the United States. Mike has performed demonstrations for many clubs throughout the Bay Area and enjoys teaching bonsai as often as his schedule

allows.

Some of Mike's favorite species and specialties are: Japanese black pine, Japanese red pine, Sierra juniper, California juniper and the Itoigawa and Kishu cultivars of shimpaku juniper.

Meeting Wednesday April 27,2016

Happy Birthday demo with Mike Pistello

Volunteers: April 27,2016 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Gerry Fields, JT

Refreshments: Board

If you can't be at the meeting, please check your club member roster and find a substitute. We are counting on you.

Volunteers: May 25,2016 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Richard Oakes, John Mekisich

Refreshments: George Shoptaw,Ruth Mun

If you can't be at the meeting, please check your club member roster and find a substitute. We are counting on you.

Volunteers: June 22, 2016 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Russell Leonard, Howard Gallego

Refreshments: Jeremy Foster/Bree, Pam Gallego

If you can't be at the meeting, please check your club member roster and find a substitute. We are counting on you.

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