



# The Snippet



April 2015

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Inc.

Member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation

## This Month's meeting is April 22,2015

This month our meeting will be celebrating our beginning, whether you call it a birthday or anniversary we are celebrating being a club for 32 years. We are expecting to honor our founding members, enjoy a great demo by Kathy Shaner and have cake! We will have a raffle too so bring your money!

### In Passing (correction)

As many of you know Lonnie McCormick died at the end of last year after a long illness. Lonnie was a monthly presenter at our club and did an informative meeting on tool sharpening. He was active in bonsai in this area for many years and he will be missed. SBBK has made a donation to the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt in his name.

### Sign up for the Bonsai Challenge!!

At our June meeting we will have the interclub Bonsai Challenge. Team SBBK needs three volunteers to represent the club. If you are interested please sign up with Kevin Corrigan

## President's Message

Happy Birthday to us, this is our thirty second year here at Sei Boku Bonsai Kai. This month for our birthday meeting we have a demo by Kathy Shaner, so make sure you don't miss it. We will also have a short demo of our updated website by Geraldo Ortiz, I think everyone is going to be impressed by the work he and his team have done.

This is also the time of year that we start discussing our annual show preparations and events so make sure you attend April or May's meeting. At the May meeting we will also have a small live auction to help raise funds to offset the costs of our new show backdrops, so there will not be a monthly raffle in May. That means we need to make the birthday meeting raffle table a good one. Thank you to everyone who donated items for last month's raffle table, it looked awesome.

Kevin Corrigan

### SBBK What's Up!

April 22,2015 7:30 Monthly meeting at the San Mateo Garden Center

May 5,2015 1st Tuesday workshop, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center

April 29,2015 SBBK Board Meeting, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center, all members welcome

June 6-7,2015 SBBK Show at San Mateo Garden Center

Sept. 19,2015 Garden Tour and BBQ at Gordon Deeg's

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## Tentative Calendar for 2015 (subject to change)

- April 2015 Anniversary Meeting with featured speaker, Kathy Shaner
- May 2015 Practice Show setup and display  
Special auction to fund new backdrops
- June 6-7,2015 Club Show
- June 2015 Bonsai Club Challenge with local clubs, Gerry Fields, coordinator
- July 2015 Suseki Presentation, Bob and Polly Gould
- August 2015 Parade of Tree Styles-Jerry Carpenter
- September 19,2015 Garden Tour and Bar B Q
- September 2015 Green Elephant Sale
- October 2015 Open workshop, bring March meeting trees to repot, Kevin Corrigan
- November 2015 Winter Care Marsha Mekisich and Randi Keppeler
- January 2016 Val's Bonsai Surprise- Valerie Monroe

## Show Schedules

Details for the shows mentioned can be found at the Golden Statements website [www.gsbf-bonsai.org](http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org)

April 25-26,2015 Sacramento,CA

Bonsai Sekiyu Kai-Annual show , Sacramento Buddhist Church 2401 Riverside Blvd. Sacramento. Saturday noon-5PM and Sunday 10AM-4PM. Demos both days at 2PM by Yuzo Maruyama.[doughamby@gmail.com](mailto:doughamby@gmail.com)

May 2-3,2015 Palo Alto,CA

Kusamura Bonsai Club:55th Annual Show at the Lucie

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Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road.Saturday Noon-5PM,Sunday 11AM-5PM Sunday demo at 1PM.  
[www.kusamurabonsai.org](http://www.kusamurabonsai.org)

May 3, 2015 Watsonville, CA

Watsonville Bonsai Club:42nd Annual Bonsai Exhibit held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423Bridge ST. 10AM-4PM.Demo at 1:30PM with Katsumi Kinoshita. [whiteslib@aol.com](mailto:whiteslib@aol.com)

May 16-17,2015 Sacramento, CA

Satsuki Aikokai of Sacramento:Annual bonsai Show at Shepard Garden Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Saturday 10AM-5PM Sunday 10AM-4PM. Demo both days 1PM Yuzo Maruyama.  
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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

## OUR SHOW IS COMING!!

Are you ready? Is your calendar marked? Our show is June 6th and 7th and just around the corner! As your show chairperson please reach out by phone at 650-349-2095 or email; marsha.mekisich@oracle.com with any questions, issues or suggestions. Cell is 650-477-4761.

Show setup is Friday June 5th starting at 4:00PM. A light supper will be served around 7PM. Please plan to be available until ~9 p.m.

Must supply your show tree names in advance: You should know what trees you will show by now. We want to make tree ID cards in advance of our show setup for each of your trees. Tree name signup sheet will be circulated during the April meeting. Please be ready to note name(s) so cards can be created in advance of setup night. Can't make the April meeting, then send tree name info to my email above. Names must be received before the May meeting. If you are still on the fence over which tree(s), just give all the names so we have you covered.

Don't forget to get accent plants ready too.

Can I assume following committee leaders will remain the same as last year? Please do let me know if you want to change it up by the April meeting:

Dr. Bonsai: Gerry Fields

Front Gate: Michael Haley

Security: Kevin Corrigan

Sales Table: Dennis Hawkins

Hospitality: Kathleen Haley

Raffle: John Mekisich

Advertising: Irene Hall

Backdrop Setup: Kevin Corrigan and John Mekisich

Our show is a great time to sell some of your plants, pots and other related bonsai materials. Sei Boku will retain a 25% commission on all items sold. You will need to include completed sales forms for each item you wish to sell before bringing them in on Saturday morning. Dennis will have blank forms available at the April and May meetings. Opportunity waits to make room on your bonsai shelves for something new. Be sure plants are healthy and presented in their best way so they can find a nice new home. Raffle items: We request two healthy plants or bonsai re-

lated donations from each member. Make this something you would like to win. Nothing to donate, you can make a cash donation. Cash donations, please see Randi or myself.

Sign up sheets for all of the committees and shifts will be circulated at the April and May meetings. Make a note of your commitments. Lots of volunteers make for a less stressful weekend, come on out and support your club. With everyone's help we can make this another wonderful show. Every year I hear folks say our show is among the best. Everyone should be proud. What better chance to show what Sei Boku is all about?

Thanks in advance everyone. Marsha

# Meeting Wednesday April 22,2015 Celebration with Kathy Shaner

**Volunteers: April 22,2015 7:00PM**

**Set up/clean up: Mike Mello, Gerry Fields**

**Refreshments: Board for Anniversary**

**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 27,2015 7:00PM**

**Set up/clean up: Steve Jang, Irene Hall**

**Refreshments: Howard and Pam Gallego, Jalene Grames**

**If you can't be at the meeting, please check your club member**

**Volunteers: June 24,2015 7:00PM**

**Set up/clean up: Russell Leonard, Steve Iwaki**

**Refreshments: Alek and Caroline Koss, Jane Lancaster**

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

**THE BENEFIT DRAWING IS  
ON**

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