



The **Snippet**



August 2015

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Inc.

Member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation

August Meeting

At this month's meeting we will have a carving demo by John Thompson, He will use a large juniper which was originally a Ryan Neil tree.

JT suggests members bring trees with carving for show and tell. Members can also bring trees which they are having problems or questions regarding carving for evaluation and discussion. Many thanks to John for replacing our scheduled meeting. JT tree WILL NOT be raffled off.

President's Message

While Kevin is busy entertaining visitors from Ireland, I would like to remind you that the San Mateo Garden Center Fall Extravaganza is coming on Sept.12 from 10-3PM. SBBK will have a table at this event and members are welcome to sell their trees if they wish. Please attend to show your support for the Garden Center.

Since the demo tree this month WILL NOT be raffled, please bring your donations to our raffle table generously so that lots of tickets will be sold.

Thanks

BBQ and House Tour

Once again the time for our annual BBQ and House Tour is approaching. Sept. 19,2015 is the date to remember. The only house toured will be Gordon Deeg's which is also the location for the BBQ. Members are welcome to view his garden starting at 3:30PM and the BBQ will start at 4:30PM.

Remember to park at the school across the street. Gordon Deeg lives at 196 Encinal Ave in Atherton.

Sign ups for attendance, food and help will begin in August at this month's meeting. Be sure to reserve the date.

SBBK What's Up!

August 26,2015 7:30 Monthly meeting at the San Mateo Garden Center

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

Sept. 2,2015 SBBK Board Meeting, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center, all members welcome

Sept. 12,2015 Garden Center Educational Day at San Mateo Garden Center 10AM-3PM. Displays and demos from clubs which meet at San Mateo Garden Center. Plant sales by members allowed.

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

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Tentative Calendar for 2015 (subject to change)

August 2015 Carving demo -John Thompson
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

September 25-27 Portland OR
The Artisans Cup held at The Portland Art Museum.
www.theartisanscup.com

September 26-27, Penryn, CA
Sierra Bonsai Club: Club show in conjunction with Placer Buddhist Church's Annual Fall Food Festival. 11AM-4PM Demo by Scott Chad.
juddbonsai@att.net

October 10,2015 San Jose, CA
54th Annual Bonsai Show, Midori. 566 N.5th Street at Jackson,SJ Wesley United Methodist Church.Saturday only 10AM-5PM. Bonsai demo at 1PM by John Thompson, Beginners Workshop 10AM-1PM create your own bonsai.Plant sale. jtbonsai@gmail.com

October 17-18, Union City CA
Yamato Bonsai Kai:44th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Road. Noon to 6PM Saturday Noon to 5PM Sunday. Demo by Johnny Uchida 2PM.www.yamatobonsai.org

October 29-Nov 1 Riverside, CA

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Welcome New Members

Marybeth Hayko
Barbara Tiberi
Trisha Church
Carson Judge

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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

JT's Tree Tips

Like Last year, this has been a long sustained hot period. Thorough watering in the morning is best for your trees but check them in the afternoon on these ultra hot days. Its not a good idea to water the foliage after dark as a moist condition on the leaves can lead to mildew in the warm summer evenings and it can damage later flowers and developing fruit. But, you can still water the soil. Rotate your trees. Get them looking good from every direction. The sun is getting lower in its trajectory through the sky so it can really make a difference.

Pinch, groom and keep working on your show trees so they're ready when show time comes. Anyone who has a supply of sun moss, the kind that has a silvery look to it should be saving it for the show. I have a few clumps of moss that I put in a flat container on top of carpet padding which I keep watered each day as I water my trees. This really works to keep the moss growing and lush green. Mine gets morning sun and afternoon shade. Don't let the moss dry out!. Prepare your fine top dressings and start looking for accent plant material.

Deciduous tree Alert!! Watch your wires. The explosive growth we have had since spring is expanding the branches rapidly and the wires may be cutting in to the bark. If so, unwrap the wire rather than just cutting it off. If, in removing the tight wires, you cut into or expose any cambium tissue, dab it with a little tree seal so it won't dry up and form a weak part of the branch. When you later wire that branch with the weak part and try to bend it, it can break right there and you'll be wondering why it happened.

Branches that you are developing from scratch must be wired down and allowed to run and thicken to develop that first critical movement out from the trunk. Let it run until the fall when you will cut back to start your next segment of the branch next year. On your refined trees for the show you will notice that the growth usually slows down around now with the high temperatures. If you have been pinching throughout the season you probably notice that it is not quite as quick to throw out vigorous new growth about

now. Let the growth elongate a little. We will be having another growth spurt at the end of the month and cut back before the show and do some show wiring to dial the tree in.

Watch out for signs of insect and fungus damage. Honeydew, a shiny and sticky substance on leaves, is a sign of sucking insects in the aphid family. They can't digest all the sugar they get from the plant and deposit it on the foliage. Many times ants, which love the honeydew, will cultivate the aphids, whitefly and scales, which produce it. You also might see a dirty substance called sooty mold, which grows on the honeydew. This readily washes off but the insects may not, so spray with Malathion® or Diazinon®, an oil like Ultra Fine® or Neep oil, or a systemic insecticide like Orthene® to control these problem insects. Scales are resistant because of their hard shells, but this time of year we see young ones called crawlers moving out to new locations and, because they haven't produced their protective shells, are susceptible to these sprays. Apply any spray in the evening to minimize damage to your trees.

Look for splotchy or speckled foliage that might indicate spider mites. Hold a piece of white paper under a branch and tap the foliage above it. Rub your finger over what ever is on the paper. If it smears (Yuk!) you probably have spider mites. Zap them with Diazinon® or Malathion®. For chewing insects, the above or Sevin® work well.

Mildew and other fungi thrive in the warm moist crevices of the tree when we mist or over spray the foliage. Daconil® is a good broad-spectrum fungicide that can be very effective on this problem.

Trees that are growing in the ground really benefit by having full exposure to the Sun. Those in nursery containers need a little shade especially late in the day and those in bonsai pots need considerably more shade and, especially, surface protection. I have been using a top layer of shredded sphagnum moss to keep the surface soil moist to promote surface roots and to insulate the root system from the Sun. Also, try using shade cloth (30 – 40%) overhead to cut the Sun and a piece of shade cloth (65%) or insulating material on the soil surface to keep the roots and pot cooler. Except for Bougainvillea, crepe myrtle, pines, olives and peppers and the like, which seem to drink up the Sun, this will help your trees during this stressful time. This will help them stay green and show their best.

JT

Meeting Wednesday August 26,2015

Carving by John Thompson

Volunteers: August 26,2015 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Roy Murakami, Mike Tracy

Refreshments: Bill McDonald, Kathleen Haley

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

Volunteers: Sept 23,2015 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Mike Rosenthal, Keith Schmidt

Refreshments: Board members

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

Volunteers: Oct. 28,2015 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Gerry Fields, John Thompson

Refreshments: George Shoptaw Ruth Mun

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**THE BENEFIT DRAWING IS
ON**

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