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February 2015

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Inc.

Member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation

President's Message

This Month's meeting is February 25,2015

Transplanting Tips with Gordon Deeg

At the February meeting Gordon Deeg will demonstrate the how tos of transplanting. This will NOT be a workshop so DO NOT bring trees to work on, instead just come and observe.

However on Saturday, February 28

Gordon will hold a transplanting workshop at his home, 196 Encinal Ave, Atherton at 10:00AM for any interested club members. Please be sure to bring your pots, wire, netting,tools and soil.

Membership Renewal

It's time again to renew your membership for the year 2015 in the Sei Boku Bonsai Kai. Dues for continuing members are Single \$35, Family \$45, "72+10" \$20. If you joined mid-year and paid less than the full amount you will need to renew your membership also.

Please check the current membership list when you renew, if your information is still correct (did you change your email address?) you will not need to fill out a new form. Bring your check to the January meeting or mail to Randi Keppeler at SBBK's new address:

SBBK
PO Box 4463
Foster City, CA 94404

I would like to thank Steve Iwaki for all the time and effort he has put into our new show backdrops. From designing, cutting the pieces and assembling the seven different parts of each backdrop. John Mekisich and myself helped Steve sand the individual parts of the five drops last Saturday. The club will have one on display behind our table at the Mammoth Sale on Sunday Feb.22nd. This is an informational table about our club, with our upcoming show details and the meeting location and times for our monthly meetings. We would like to have a club member at our table at all times. I would like all who are planning on going to the sale Sunday to please volunteer 15-30 minutes if you can. I will be there all day so please let me know if you can help out.

Please remember to bring in a donation for our monthly raffle table.

Kevin Corrigan

SBBK What's Up!

Feb.25,2015 7:30 Monthly meeting at the San Mateo Garden Center

March 3,2015 1st Tuesday workshop, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center

March 4,2015 SBBK Board Meeting, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center, all members welcome

February 28,2015 Repotting workshop at Gordon Deeg's house, 10AM

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)

- February 2015 Repotting Demo with Gordon Deeg
- March 2015 Juniper workshop with purchased trees, Steve Iwaki
- 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

February 21-22 Oakland, CA
Mammoth Fund Raiser, Lake Merritt, Oakland Auction
Saturday at noon, Sunday 9AM-4PM. www.gsbf-lakemerritt.org.

March 14-15 Oakland, CA
Bay Area Bonsai Associates: 34th Annual Bonsai
Exhibition at the Lakeside Garden Center, Lake
Merritt. Saturday 5-9PM and Sunday 10-4PM.
Demo by Matt Reel at 6:30PM. Saturday.

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March 18-22 San Mateo, CA
Bonsai Society of San Francisco, Annual Bonsai Exhibit at
the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, San Mateo
Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Drive. Wednesday-Saturday,
10AM-7PM, Sunday 10AM-6PM, sfgardenshow.com

March 28-29 Santa Cruz, CA
Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai: 27th Annual Show at the Museum
of Art & History, 705 Front Street, 10AM-5PM demo at
2PM. marcshaw@sbcglobal.net.

March 28-29 San Jose, CA
San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club: 45th Annual Bonsai
Exhibition at San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 North
Fifth Street. Noon-5PM Saturday and 11AM-4PM Sunday.
Demos at 1 PM by club members. www.gsbf-bonsai.org/sjbonsai

April 25-26 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

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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

J T'S Tree Tips

We thought that the rain storms of December would give us the start of a wet winter but January was a dud and we are right back in the drought mode. With the unseasonable heat ramping up during January, a lot of trees are budding out and pushing quite strongly. Remember to water your trees!!

Continue to transplant your trees. Do it now! Healthy deciduous trees can be bare rooted. Weak deciduous trees can be partially bare rooted, removing the field soil on 1/2 or 1/3 of the rootball leaving the rest of the root ball intact. You can get the rest cleaned out when you transplant in a year or two. Conifers should not be totally bare rooted but at least one section of old field soil should be cleaned out if any still remains like in the weak deciduous trees above.

Grafting time is here for pines junipers and other species. Keep some shoots toward the side of the tree to use as scions. But don't use the very tip of a vigorously growing shoot as this can be too strong a scion for the graft to take. Plan out where you will be putting these grafts. If you will be grafting deciduous trees, cut some scions and put them in damp paper towels and in the crisper of your refrigerator. When the tree buds start moving, bring them out and use them for your grafts. Remember that you will have better success if the under-stock's sap is moving before the scions does.

Develop your techniques. Learn from what you did last year. Practice whenever you can and you will succeed. Practice on workshop nights. Practice at home. Practice in your sleep.

Remember to use dormant spray again around Valentine's day. It is best to do it on a day that the temperature will not get above 55° or you could burn the foliage. Barry Coate has recommended using superior oil like Volk Oil® or Ultra-fine® oil which smothers wintering-over bugs like scale. Try copper spray or lime-sulfur, except on Ume, spruce, azaleas and tropical trees, to protect deciduous and

fruiting and flowering species. This will head off big problems later on.

When you cut back on branches this month, leave just a tiny stub for die back. If you cut an entire branch, do not cut into the branch collar which is that swollen area where the branch attaches to the trunk. Remember that the tree is getting active and will soon generate new growth to heal over the cuts.

Now that the pine needles have matured and hardened, if you haven't already removed them, it is time to take off the all the old needles and some of the newer needles on the plump and healthy shoots. This opens up the interior of the tree to the sun and airflow that is necessary to generate back budding. Remember to leave more needles on lower branches and interior buds; and if weak, don't touch at all. Watch out for those that have already started new tiny buds. It would be a shame to accidentally pluck out those tiny buds you try so hard to generate.

Plan to collect some trees this year. Whether it is a neighbors pyracanthas hedge or an oak dig or a trip to the mountains or desert for junipers, don't pass up this great way to find super material. It also gives you a chance to observe the branching and twigging patterns of your favorite trees. Collect interesting mosses and lichen in flats for use at show time. The best accent plants for a bonsai are those that are growing up along side it in the wild.

JT

Meeting Wednesday February 25,2015 Transplanting with Gordon Deeg

Volunteers: February 25,2015 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: W.A.Baneff, Jerry Carpenter

Refreshments: Marge Calabretta, Bobbie Bokelund

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

Volunteers: March 25,2015 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Marvin Copeland, Kevin Corrigan

Refreshments: Cathy Coit, Klaus Diederich

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Volunteers: April 22,2015 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Mike Mello, Gerry Fields

Refreshments: Board for Anniversary

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