



The **Snippet**



March 2015

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Inc.

Member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation

This Month's meeting is March 25,2015

Meeting Change

Good News!!

The club has acquired 15 one gallon junipers for the March meeting workshop. All have nice movement and most branches are located in the appropriate places. We had 12 verbal sign-ups from the February meeting, so an additional 3 trees are available. For those who are participating, please make sure you bring tools, wire and a turntable. We plan to have 4 stations located throughout the hall with a selected set of senior advisors available for input. The price is \$40.00 and all will come away with nice trees and with a little love and development can become very nice bonsai.

Steve Iwaki

Those not purchasing trees can bring their own for a workshop meeting.

In Passing

As many of you know Lonnie Anderson 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.

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

TO BE IN THE 2015 CLUB ROSTER YOU MUST RENEW BY MARCH MEETING

President's Message

Good news, the club has acquired 15 trees for the March meeting workshop. Make sure you show up early to purchase a tree if you want to participate in the meeting workshop.

The SBBK annual show is just around the corner so look for the updates from Marsha and me at the next few meetings. At the May meeting we will hold an auction to raise funds for our new show backdrops. I have a nice donated juniper in my backyard that I know someone will want.

Thanks to everyone who brought it items, the monthly raffle table was awesome.

Kevin Corrigan

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SBBK What's Up!

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

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

April 1,2015 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

Tentative Calendar for 2015 (subject to change)

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 report, Kevin Corrigan

November 2015 Winter Care Marsha Mekisich and Randi Keppeler

January 2016 Val's Bonsai Surprise- Valerie Monroe

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Show Schedules

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

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

Show Update

by Marsha Mekisich

As previously announced, this year our headliner David Nguy will demo on a club purchased collected juniper the Saturday of our show. Our Sunday program, as in recent years, will be a club member open workshop. One member will work on a tree under David's guidance, this tree will then be raffled. In recent years the tree for our Sunday program has been either donated or purchased by the club. This year our Saturday demo tree is somewhat more expensive. As a result of our increased cost, we are respectfully asking our membership to donate a tree. My suggestion would be either a pine or juniper of moderate size. Please contact me this month if you feel you have a tree that lends itself to styling that you would like to donate. Here is your opportunity to clear some bench space as well as do something great for our club. Who knows ...you may want to win your tree back.

JT's Tree Tips

It started out great but hasn't delivered enough to end the drought. Hope you've kept your trees watered. With the non organic aggregate soils we now use there is very little chance of root rot so make sure that you keep them moist at all times.

Like a broken record: Transplant!! Keep transplanting until you run out of trees or the new growth forces you to stop. All other operations rely on your having an active, healthy tree and transplanting is the best way to accomplish this.

Most deciduous trees have started to bud or extend shoots but you may still be able to do trident maples or beeches or hornbeams.

Start on your conifers. But don't bare-root conifers. You could lose them. If there is any field soil it must be removed but if it is solid throughout, do half of it this year and the other half next year. The half you do this year will be able to support the tree when you do the other half next

year.

Be sure to secure all trees in the pot with tie-down wires. If the tree is wobbly it will not develop lateral roots but will try to put down one or more tap roots again. Not what we want.

Broadleaf evergreens such as boxwoods and azaleas as well as junipers, and pines are repotted in February and March. Be careful as this has been a warm winter and everything is moving. Needle juniper is an exception that can wait till May.

At this point, return your transplanted trees to a sunny location. It will warm and stimulate the roots and get them going faster. Do watch out for late frosts.

You can be styling and wiring your conifers. Big bends are O K until about mid March. Then you run the risk of detaching the cambium from the sapwood.

Don't fertilize yet except for trees you want to fatten and young material in a pre-bonsai state. Not on mature trees you are refining.

JT

Meeting Wednesday March 25,2015 Workshop with Steve Iwaki

Volunteers: March 25,2015 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Marvin Copeland, Kevin Corrigan

Refreshments: Cathy Coit, Klaus Diederich

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

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

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**THE BENEFIT DRAWING IS
ON**

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