



The Snippet

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Inc.

February 2017

This Month's Meeting February Re-potting Workshop

By Valerie Monroe

We kind of take roots for granted. We don't see them that often. They're laying around under the ground, sight unseen. And yet much of our bonsai' health relies on the roots functioning well.

Repotting your tree lets you look at these hidden workers, evaluate their condition, and get them tuned up. Repotting is one of the most important tasks we can learn to do for our trees.

This month, bring a tree in to repot. You will need your tree, a pot, bonsai soil mix, a tarp or plastic tray to keep your soil contained, tools, drain screen, and wire. More experienced members will be happy to assist you with your tree.

And then the fine print...repotting is messy, so be prepared to clean up after the meeting. Many hands make light work!



Spotlight Events

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

February 18 - 19, 2017

Oakland, California

GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: The annual Mammoth Auction and Sale Fund Raiser will be held at 666 Bellevue Ave. (Garden Center Building). Saturday: Auction preview at noon with

April 1 - 2, 2017 San Jose, California:

San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club: 45th Annual Bonsai Exhibition and Demonstration at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin,

April 8 - 9, 2017 Sacramento, California :

American Bonsai Association, Sacramento: Annual Spring Show at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park, 3330 McKinley Blvd

April 8 - 9, 2017, Santa Cruz, California :

Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai: 29th Annual Show at the Museum of Art & History, 705 Front Street.

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February Tips:

In California in February with all this rain, many re-potting chores have not been done. Common chores we have to do are:

Prepare soil, Remove moss accumulating on trees, re-pot when possible, prune and wire junipers and pines, cut back maples to buds if they are starting to move and most of all tip your pots to ensure good drainage. Some of us rotate a block of wood from one side to another to allow water to better drain in these heavy rain days. Cleaning up weeds and moss is so important; keep it from crawling up trunks and ruining bark.

President's Message

By Valerie Monroe

The much welcomed rain has left many of us behind in our outdoor tasks. Then the warm days of last week have shown us that spring is on the way.

The club has several opportunities to help you get caught up, and especially to become more comfortable with repotting your trees. The general meeting will be the first, followed by the (in)famous repotting party at Gordon Deeg's home/garden on Saturday February the 25th.

The first Tuesday of the month workshops can also be a help, however time and space is limited, so be respectful with the projects you bring.

All of these opportunities are available to members in good standing, so remember to see Randi Keppeler at the meeting to pay your dues.

I was very happy to see such a large turnout at our January meeting. Let's keep the momentum going as we dig in and repot our trees.



2017 Calendar

(Subject to change)

- February** - Transplanting Workshop
- March** - Is my tree ready for the show?
- Panel discussion, critique
- April** - Birthday Party - Kathy Shaner
- May** - Oaks - JT
- June** - Bonsai Challenge
- July** - Round Robin Workshop
- August** - Carving Trees - Tim Kong
- September** - Green Elephant Sale
- October** - (Program TBA)
Jonas Dupuich or Mike Mello
- November** - Redwoods -
Gordon Deeg
- December** - no meeting,
holiday party
- January** - (Program TBA)
Jonas or Repotting
- February** - Repotting Maples/
Deciduous Workshop

Editors note:

Your contributions of content are always welcome. Pictures and notes from meetings will be a great help. Send them to jcsf1090@comcast.net. Many thanks to Caroline Koss for distribution and proof reading.

Volunteers:

February 22, 2017 - 7:00PM

Set up/clean up:

W. A. Baneff, John Mekisich

Refreshments:

Ruth Mun, Klaus Diederich

March 22, 2017

Set up/clean up:

Marvin Copeland, Kevin Corrigan

Refreshments:

Cathy Coit, 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.

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Repotting Party at Gordon's

It's that time again! Gordon will open up his bonsai garden to members in good standing and assist with repotting projects.

The date will be Saturday February 25th at 10:00 am until however long it takes. The address is 196 Encinal in Atherton.

Supplies needed are trees, pots, bonsai soil mix, tools, wire, drain screen, trays for soil, turntable.

Gordon will have drinking water on hand, plan on bringing your own lunch or snack. Come and have a fun time.

GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Update

We hope you can join us at the 2017 Mammoth Fundraiser on February 18 & 19 in the Garden Center and the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. Review the schedule below and select the events you wish to participate in.

Saturday, February 18 — 11:00 – 12:00

Dedication:

Companion Plant display
Atlas Cedar from Pan Pacific Exposition
New Bonsai Display benches

12:00 – 1:00 — Auction items preview

1:00 – 3:00 — **Mammoth Auction**

Sunday, February 19

9:00 – 4:00 — Vendor Sales

9:00 – 11:00 — Doctor Bonsai Clinic

10:00 – 4:00 — Mammoth Sale

1:00 – 3:00 — Styling of Auction item purchases by Kathy Shaner



Club Meetings

Our club meetings are held at the San Mateo Garden Center in the main salon. The meeting occurs on the 4th Wednesday of each month, except in December. The meeting normally starts at 7:30 pm and ends at 10 pm. Each month we cover different Bonsai topics and techniques. The San Francisco Bay Area is home to a wealth of Bonsai knowledge both resident and visiting.

The San Mateo Garden Center is at 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA right off the Alameda de las Pulgas near Hillsdale Mall.

First Tuesday Workshops:

This is an extremely popular event right now as there are a number of us just starting out. Because of room and time limitations, it is restricted to members only. Bring yourself, your questions, and your bonsai or pre-bonsai materials and tools. The workshop is currently on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. It is held the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center.

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