



The Snippet



August 2016

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Inc.

Member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation

Monthly meeting August 24, 2016

The Illusive Tanuki Bonsai

This month's demonstration is a first for SBBK. Jerry Carpenter will give a talk/demo on the Tanuki bonsai method. This method is when a live whip is grafted onto a dead piece of wood." The validity of creating a single bonsai from two separate sources of plant material (one of which has been long dead) has often been a matter of considerable debate within the western bonsai community. Such creations are referred to by the Japanese as "tanuki" bonsai and many Westerners as "Phoenix grafts." An in-depth article can be found in the Summer 2016 issue of Golden Statements.

Much more information can be found on the following websites:

bonsailearningcenter.com subject tanuki

youtube.com/watch?v=5NONbQZ2dqU

www.artsofjc.com Jerry's site

SBBK What's Up!

August 24, 2016 7:30 Monthly meeting at the San Mateo Garden Center

Sept 6, 2016 1st Tuesday workshop, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center

August 31, 2016 SBBK Board Meeting, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center, all members welcome

Sept. 17, 2016 SBBK Barbeque at Gordon Deeg's.

Summer BBQ and House Tour

Once again it is time for the SBBK Summer BBQ and House Tour on Sept. 17. This year will feature the home of Mike Mello. His garden will be open from 1-2:30PM. The next stop will be at 4PM for the tour and BBQ at Gordon Deeg's house (park across the street at the school). Don't forget to sign up for a dish to bring.

Mike Mello
24648 Soto Road
Hayward, CA
510-825-4162

Gordon Deeg
196 Encinal Ave
Atherton, Ca
650-325-2729

President's Message

Our Garden tour and BBQ is just around the corner, please see the write-up for times in this month's Snippet. I just want to remind everyone that we will have signups at this month's meeting for BBQ duties. Kamrin and Gordon are gracious to open their home every year to host the SBBK BBQ and tour Gordon's bonsai collection. Please sign up at the meeting to either help set-up or clean-up for the BBQ and also what dish you will bring. Just like our annual show this needs to be a group effort.

The Garden Center Open House has been cancelled for this year and rescheduled for next May 20th.

If you missed last month's meeting, you missed Val's felt board-what a great visual aid this was in her discussion on design and style. Thanks Val.

Last but not least please remember to bring in a donation for our monthly raffle table.

Kevin Corrigan

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Show Schedules

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

August 20-21,2016 Santa Rosa, CA
Redwood Empire Bonsai Society(REBS) 33rd Annual show at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue.10AM-5PM Saturday,10AM-4PM Sunday.Demo 1-3 by Kathy Shaner. www.rebsbonsai.org

Sept.17,2016 Placerville, CA
Gold Country Bonsai Club:2nd Annual Show at Rainbow Orchards, 2569 Larsen Drive,Camino.10AM-4PM.
www.goldcountrybonsaiclub.com

Sept.24-25,2016 Penryn, CA
Sierra Bonsai Club, Placer Buddhist Church.3192 Boyington Road 11AM-4PM.

October 27-30,2016 Sacramento, CA
Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention 39 "A Bonsai Convergence:Gather at the Rivers" Headliners:Ryan Neil and Bjorn Bjornholm www.gsbfconvention.org On-line registration starts July 1.

Tentative Calendar for 2016 (subject to change)

September 2016 Garden Tour and Bar B Q

September 2016 Green Elephant Sale

October 2016 Black Pine Extravaganza, Mentors

November 2016 Big Bend and Wiring-Gordon Deeg

January 2016 Bunjin Bonsai- Valerie Monroe

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SBBK Website

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Our website is here. Please view and offer compliments and suggestions to Board members. Special thanks to Geraldo Ortiz, his cousin and Randi Keppeler for all their hard work. Any member who would like to contribute and/or help maintain the website is welcome,please talk to Randi.

Changes for Snippet

The new editor for the Snippet starting Sept.1 will be Jerry Carpenter.

Please contact him for putting information in the newsletter and any problems with receiving the Snippet.

His address is jcsf1090@comcast.net. Please put his address in your contact list NOW so that you will continue to receive your newsletter.

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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

It has been consistently hot this summer. Thorough watering in the morning is best for your trees but check them in the afternoon on these ultra hot days. It's 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 slowly lower in its trajectory through the sky so it can really make a difference.

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 till 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. Bi-weekly spray a fungicide in the evening like Cleary's 3336 wp or daconil ultra or Zeritol. 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 time 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, black 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.

Meeting Wednesday August 24,2016 Jerry Carpenter and Tanuki Grafts

Volunteers: August 24,2016 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Tim Kong, Steve Jang

Refreshments: Cath Tierney Judith Karp

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.28,2016 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Roy Murakami, Jim McManus

Refreshments: Board for the Green Elephant

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. 26,2016 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Keith Schmidt, Bill McDonald

Refreshments: Mike Rosenthal, George Shoptaw

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