



# The Snippet



July 2016

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Inc.

Member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation

## This Month's meeting is July 27,2016

### Surprise Meeting

The surprise is revealed! Deciding on design;narrowing the options for a more beautiful tree.

At this month's meeting Valerie Monroe will share insight into the designing of our bonsai.Learn how we as artists can use design principles to refine and enhance the look of our trees. How do the growth of trees in nature correspond to the classic bonsai styles.

This will be an interactive meeting with props and plenty of examples. Although this is not strictly a critique meeting, it will focus on the improvement of trees. If a member wishes to bring in a tree with a styling challenge, it may be discussed as time permits.

### Lost during the Annual Show

Valerie Monroe has lost an ancient, masakuni wirecutter and a small hand broom,probably last seen at the Doctor Bonsai table. The wire cutters are unmarked, at one time black, but over the years have a silvery pitted look. They are about eight inches long. The broom is about three inches long, brown, wrapped with brown wire and has a tapered edge. Any help with a reunion would be much appreciated. Thanks

### SBBK What's Up!

July 27,2016 7:30 Monthly meeting at the San Mateo Garden Center

August 2,2016 1st Tuesday workshop, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center

August 3,2016 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.

### Show Schedules

Details for the shows mentioned can be found at the Golden Statements website [www.gsbfbonsai.org](http://www.gsbfbonsai.org)

August 6-7,2016 San Francisco, CA  
San Francisco Suiseki Kai: 35th Annual Suiseki Exhibit at the Union Bank Community Room, Japan Center.1675 Post Street. 10AM-5PM Saturday,11AM-5PM Sunday.sfsuisetikai@gmail.com

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](http://www.rebsbonsai.org)

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.gsbfbconvention.org](http://www.gsbfbconvention.org) On-line registration starts July 1.

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## Tentative Calendar for 2016 (subject to change)

July 2016 Val's Surprise  
August 2016 Tanuki Bonsai Demo-Jerry Carpenter  
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

## SBBK Website

[www.seibokubonsai.org](http://www.seibokubonsai.org)

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.

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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

Summer Care by Peter Tea

Summer Continues...!

The heat of Summer continues without much of a break. For some of us, the heat is bearable whereas others seek shelter in artificially cooled environments. I for one am the latter but we're all different and we make it through the heat in our own ways.! Our bonsai on the other hand is a different story. It's important to understand what species of trees we're working with and their heat tolerances. There will be trees that are easy to grow in our particular area whereas others are more difficult. ! If you want to make it easy on yourself and progress faster in Bonsai, then stick with the trees that grow well in your own little micro climate. Sometimes we have too much variety in our collections and we just can't keep up with the extra care needed for each individual tree.!

Not to say that variety is bad, just be aware that it will take much more time to manage and may cause you to not progress in bonsai. Develop a firm grasp of basic bonsai fundamentals before stepping up to the challenge of unusual species. It's okay to take it step by step.!

Temperature!

For those that live in areas that get a great deal of heat, shade cloth may be needed. If the Summers temps are constantly in the high 80's or 90's, then shade cloth is your best bet. Large trees overhead can also help keep our trees out of the hot sun, though they tend to create too much shade and may cause the trees to slow in growth. At least with shade cloth, the protection is consistent. I would recommend 50 percent shade to start.

Of course, if you're working with trees that love the heat, then forgo the shade cloth.! It's also important to realize that trees are not people. What may seem hot for us could be really good for the tree. Coast live oak for example really likes constant temps in the mid-high 90's. They like it even more if the nights are just as warm and tend to grow very fast. Just because we feel hot, doesn't mean the tree feels the same way. If you decide to move trees that need the sunlight into a shadier part of the yard, you may be moving it out of ideal conditions. Again, research and understand what your tree species like and adjust accordingly.!

Watering!

For some of us, watering is now twice a day. For those that get plenty of sun exposure, that will be the case. For others that have shade cloth or some sort of protection, then watering may still be at once a day.!

Take the time to read your trees to understand how much water

they are taking. If the trees seem very dry when you water, you may have to move to watering twice or even three times a day. If the soil seems wet all the time, then hold back the watering. If you're having to water your trees 3 or more times a day, you may think about changing your soil mix so that it holds water for longer periods of time. If you are able to water that many times a day, I guarantee that your trees are growing very strong.!

High Mountain Pines!

High Mountain Pines should not be worked on this month because the new candles are still soft and sensitive. The normal time to work on them is after September and throughout Fall and Winter.!

High Mountain Pines are all pines that grow in high elevations such as Ponderosa, Japanese White Pines, Scots Pine, Lodgepole Pines, Pinion Pine, etc.! These high mountain Pines are not normally de-candled either because they have a tougher time coming back from such a huge loss in foliage. Many times, the branches that are de-candled tend not to grow a second set of candles and the tree becomes weak. !

I have met several people who say they de-candled with, "good results," on High mountain pines, but when I see the tree, they are always weak and not doing well.!

There is a time though where we can potentially de-candle a high mountain pine but not for the same reasons that we do it for a Japanese Red/Black Pine. It's mainly done to promote back budding.

# Meeting Wednesday July 27,2016 Valerie Monroe and the Surprise

**Volunteers: July 27,2016 7:00PM**

**Set up/clean up: Marvin Copeland,Walter Neider**

**Refreshments: Stephanie North, Kathi Page**

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

**Volunteers: August 24,2016 7:00PM**

**Set up/clean up: Tim Kong, Steve Jang**

**Refreshments: Terry Hinton,Judith Karp**

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**Volunteers: Sept.28,2016 7:00PM**

**Set up/clean up: Roy Murakami, Jim McManus**

**Refreshments: Board for the Green Elephant**

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