



The Snippet



June 2016

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Inc.

Member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation

This Month's meeting is June 22,2016

Bonsai Club Challenge

The Bonsai Club Challenge returns this June with a competition between three local clubs. Midori in San Jose, Kusamura in Palo Alto and Sei Boku from San Mateo.

Each group of three will have similar trees supplied by Gerry Fields to design as they wish. The finished trees will be raffled off with tickets which are put into individual containers for each tree.

Many new faces will be present at the June Meeting, Both visitors and potential members. Please introduce yourself to anyone you don't recognize and wear your name badges.

President's Message

We did it again, another great show. I would like to say thank you to Marsha our show chair for all the hard work. I hope everyone enjoyed the addition of Jonas Dupuich and his wife as our new vendors. Thanks to all our members who volunteered their time and energy again this year it is truly a team effort.

This month we have our inter-club bonsai challenge hosted by Gerry Fields. It is always a fun-filled evening.

Please remember to bring in something for our monthly raffle table since we may have some prospective new members who visited our show.

Kevin Corrigan

SBBK What's Up!

June 22,2016 7:30 Monthly meeting at the San Mateo Garden Center

July 5,2016 1st Tuesday workshop, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center

June 29,2016 SBBK Board Meeting, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center, all members welcome.

Show Schedules

Details for the shows mentioned can be found at the Golden Statements website 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.sfsuisekikai@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

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 On-line registration starts July 1.

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Tentative Calendar for 2016 (subject to change)

June 2016 Bonsai Club Challenge with local clubs,
Gerry Fields, coordinator

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

Thanks for a Great Show!

Hi Everyone, Wow. This show really gave many folks a chance to show what a great club we are. My definition of a great club is one made up of a great team of people that care for what the club stands for as well as each other.

This was demonstrated in many ways while in prep as well as during the show itself. For all this I want to say up front how proud I am to be a part of Sei Boku Bonsai Kai's 33rd annual show.

Catherine Iwaki came through from afar to yet again create another beautiful flyer to advertise our show. Randi Keppeler created artful tree tags while streamlining process to help us share off responsibility next year. John Mekisich jumped into the thick of it and was able to work patiently to acquire storage at the Garden Center. Before transition could be realized, John helped almost single handedly to move a giant metal shelf and other paraphernalia from the Rose Room to downstairs. Mission accomplished. Club now pays half of what they did in the past for storage and the Garden Center reaps the benefit of taking in the much needed rental fee for a small now efficiently used space for SBBK. In addition, set up and take down improved with easy access to our backdrops and banners.

Irene Hall, again great job in getting the word out to the locals about our show. Gerardo Ortiz revamped our Facebook page and made sure our new website had our flyer posted as well as helped with advertising our show.

Kathleen and Michael for years have tirelessly been there to feed us the night of set up as well as coordinate and ready our hospitality suite through show time. This is always a bigger undertaking than you would think. Randi

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stepped in to help fill in the gaps. Thank you Randi! She let me know however she could not have pulled hospitality off without our fearless leader Kathleen still helping in any way she could as well a long list of helpers. A special call out to Lynn O'Dell stepping up to Hospitality co-lead, providing all-purpose oversight and management, food prep, layout, and cleanup both days! Another call out to Jim McManus, both days also provided all-purpose oversight and management, was our recycling coordinator and garbage run dude. I don't know how many inconspicuous trips he made, carefully navigating our trash behind the scenes of our show. In addition he was our dish washer extraordinaire!

I must give the guys the two thumbs up here for all their help over the weekend. In addition to all the regular kitchen duties: Russell Leonard, water dispensers, Klaus Diederich food safety, George Shoptaw manning the oven, Steve Jang hot plates and table cloth wrangler, Mike Rosenthal cooler king and last but not least our breakfast doughnut providers Richard Oakes and Roy Murakami and others. Everyone contributed a delicious spread of food for all to enjoy together. We certainly were well fed and cared for.

Thank you to Mike and Dennis for coordinating tree sales, Gordon, Valarie and JT for show tree setup guidance, all our Dr Bonsais, our 5 participants Randi, Mike Tracy, Kevin Corrigan, Alek and Caroline Koss and Klaus for working on the tree donated by the Haleys for raffle, in the open view workshop with Dennis. This year in honor of the Greatest, we boxed the tables, folding the table clothes in a new way to make them neater and safer. Thanks everyone for your patience. Thank you Kusamura for the idea!

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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

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Raffle master John Mekisich set us up for raffle that included some nice certificates from Golden and Wegman's Nurseries, as well as Lyngso. Special call out to Pam and Howard Gallegos, Roy and Kevin stepping up to cover over the weekend as needed. Nicely done. Thank you.

Dennis Makishima gave a good discussion and provided a demo on a wonderful maple grove from his own collection. Congrats to our own Roy Murakami as the lucky winner. Saturday night we ended our day with yummy treats including smoked trout compliments of Kevin followed by an informative critique from Dennis. He generously gave feedback on every beautiful tree in our show, providing some tips on ideas we may choose to take it to the next level. Sunday, another beautiful day and our participants brought their trees to work. Dennis gave individual guidance for each. I think everyone enjoyed the individual attention he provided.

Randi, A huge thank you for being our treasurer on top of all your other show activities. You keep us honest and solvent with a smile! ☺

We added a new vendor Jonas Dupuich this year. He is just starting out as a full bonsai supply vendor. He is located next to Encinal Nursery, his Dad's in Alameda. Nice to have local access. He really enjoyed our club, the people our trees and did well sales wise too. He said our club was the most fun of any club he had attended before. He added a special call out with pictures of just a few of our trees to his blog. Be sure to check it out. <https://bonsaitonight.com/2016/06/10/sei-boku-bonsai-kais-33rd-annual-exhibit/>

All the trees, accents and scrolls were amazing. Thank you to Gordon for the loan of your shoji screen. What a difference it made. Thanks too for lugging tables, sound system, tunes for the show and all else you do to help ensure our

show consistently rises to the expected high level it does each year.

Lots of folks took great photos. I hope you don't forget to add them to our website as well as our Facebook page. Let's also use FB and our website to show what we do at monthly meetings as well as individually for our art. I look forward to seeing.

Thank you again to everyone for all your contributions and especially for those jumping in to help out where ever you saw need. Once again you outdid yourselves over last year. Open to consider ideas for next year. Just let me know. Your proud VP and Show Chairperson, Marsha

Here's A Great Opportunity

The Snippet will be needing a new Editor beginning Sept.1,2016.Kathleen Haley will be retiring from Snippet duties at that time and an opening is available.If interested please see Kevin Corrigan or Kathleen Haley.

Meeting Wednesday June 22,2016 Bonsai Challenge with Gerry Fields

Volunteers: June 22, 2016 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Russell Leonard, Howard Gallego

Refreshments: Jeremy Foster/Bree, Pam Gallego

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

Volunteers: July 27,2016 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Marvin Copeland,Walter Neider

Refreshments: Stephanie North, Kathi Page

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Volunteers: August 24,2016 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Tim Kong, Steve Jang

Refreshments: Terry Hinton,Judith Karp

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