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June 2015

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Inc.

Member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation

President's Message

Well, we did it again and put on one heck of a show. Thanks to Marsha for being the show chair and all the members who helped out from Friday evening to Sunday evening. The club is able to do this because of the teamwork that goes on during our show. The show trees looked great and as David Nguy stated at the start of the Saturday evening critique, he was impressed with the caliber of our trees. Thanks to everyone who brought in items for the raffle, all I can say is that it was awesome. We also have members who work hard before and after the show transporting SBBK equipment to and from the show site and purchasing items and food for our set-up dinner, thank you all. It is really an honor being president of such a well oiled machine.

I look forward to this month's meeting, the Bonsai Club Challenge. Make sure you don't miss it as there will be three demo trees raffled off.

Kevin Corrigan

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.

OUR REGULAR RAFFLE WILL NOT BE HELD THIS MONTH.

Tentative Calendar for 2015 (subject to change)

- 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 repot

SBBK What's Up!

- June 24,2015 7:30 Monthly meeting at the San Mateo Garden Center
- July 7,2015 1st Tuesday workshop, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center
- July 1,2015 SBBK Board Meeting, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center, all members welcome
- Sept. 19,2015 Garden Tour and BBQ at Gordon Deeg's

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Show Schedules

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

July 8, 2015 Oakland, CA
East Bay Bonsai Society's 2015 Auction at the Garden Center at Lake Merritt Park, Wednesday July 8th at 7:30pm. www.eastbaybonsai.org

August 1-2, 2015 San Francisco, CA
San Francisco Suiseki Kai: 34th Annual suiseki Exhibit at the Union Bank Community Room, Japan Center, 1675 Post Street. 10AM-5PM both days. <http://sfsuisetikai.wordpress.com>

August 22-23 Santa Rosa, CA
Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): 32th Annual Show at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building. 10AM-5PM Saturday, 10AM-4PM Sunday with demos 1PM by Kathy Shaner. shimon@men.org

Corrections for Roster 2015

As always mistakes creep into the club roster. Please make these changes in your copy as another roster will not be printed.

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All other information remains the same.

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WHAT A GREAT SHOW!

Thank you everyone for making our 32nd annual Sei Boku Kai show a great success, and a show to be proud of. Some additional advance planning and efforts went into prep this year, started with Steve Iwaki arranging and coordination to have David Nguy be our headliner. sadly Steve had to miss the big event, but left us in good shape. Richard and John picked up our new back drops from Steve's earlier on Friday. The two of them assembled them surrounding them with our 10 new tables. The tables were purchased by SBBK via Mike and Dennis, as a donation to the garden this year. It was a huge help having the backdrops up and ready prior to official setup. Thank you, Richard and John.

Friday as folks arrived they readied the tables inside and out to accept=pt trees for staging then setup. We were ahead of schedule. Trees were being brought in for display prior to heading up for our dinner. Thanks to the Haley's for feeding the masses once again. Always a treat.

After dinner Gordon, Valerie and others provided guidance in how to best show off our trees and ensure the show flowed and looked great. Many beautiful trees and all were included in the show. By 9PM we were ready with only a few finishing touches to complete in the morning.

Saturday our vendors arrived and all were busy with

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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

Setup of their own, as did folks with their raffle donations and sale items. David Nguy took time to admire our show in advance of the critique that evening. He commented numerous times as I took him around, "I am impressed. I am very impressed" I was proud to be a part of SBBK.

10:00 AM sharp I had the honor to open the gates to a beautiful day ahead, to an eager waiting crowd.

David gave an informative demo on the California juniper he had been working on for us since early in the year, an amazing and dramatic tree. Saturday evening wrapped up with the promised Prez Reception of Kevin's smoked trout and other yummy delights, followed up with David sharing his constructive insight of our trees, after again saying how impressed he was with our show as well as our club.

Sunday, another beautiful day. We had 6 eager open workshop participants, including Kevin on the demo tree, a nice Cork Bark Oak, Klaus with an old and special San Jose juniper and Mike Tracy, Mike Mello, Dennis Hawkins and Ruth Mun, all with amazing California junipers. All the trees were transformed by the end of the afternoon. Everyone finished the day with a clearer vision of where they wanted to take their tree designs. All learned a lot from David's guidance.

The Sunday raffle resulted in lots of excitement, led by John. He really gets the crowd laughing and having fun. Then it was a wrap. Another great show, enjoyed by many. At the conclusion of our show, everyone chipped in and helped with the breakdown. Folks took on breakdown tasks in whatever way they could, be it assisting owners to secure their show trees, removal and sorting of table cloths, careful dismantle of our new back-drops, helping our vendors load their trucks and putting everything back in order. Was the best setup and takedown to date in my experience. All thanks to you all.

Marsha Mekisich

Japanese Black Pine and De-candling

For many of us in the Bay area, June is the time to De-candle our Japanese Red/Black Pines. For others living in warmer climates such as Sacramento or Fresno, de-candling starts in July. So why the difference?

De-candling is one of very few techniques we perform solely based on the time of year. Depending on how long our growing season is, the time to de-candle will shift. Also, the size of our tree and age will determine if we de-candle early in the month or later in the month.

A few years ago, I wrote an extensive blog post about the concepts of de-candling. Instead of re-writing it all here, please visit that post to get a refresher in how and why we de-candle our Japanese Red/Black Pines. In the post, there are plenty of pictures of the process and what the tree does afterwards. If you still have questions, please feel free to email me.

<http://peterteabonsai.wordpress.com/2012/06/29/de-candling-and-stuff/>

If you plan to de-candle your Japanese Red/Black Pine, you have the option to wire the tree at that time as well. If the de-candling is partial, you can still wire the tree but have to be extra careful not to break any sensitive candles or needles. The safest time to wire the tree is during the Winter.

Cutting Back Black Pines

For those of us that decide to develop Japanese Black Pines to Bonsai, it's important to know what kind of cuts we can make. There are two types of cutting in Bonsai.

1. Complete removal of un-needed branches for the design of the tree.
2. Cutting back to promote back-budding/division or cutting back to a division.

The cutting itself is easy though the where, why and when is the difficult part to learn.

Don't be intimidated though and go for it! That's part of the experience creating Bonsai.

Gaining more experience cutting will fine tune your skills so that you know you're cutting enough and not over cutting at the same time.

Peter Tea June 2015

Meeting Wednesday June 24,2015

Bonsai Club Challenge

Volunteers: June 24,2015 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Russell Leonard, Steve Iwaki

Refreshments: Alek and Caroline Koss, Jane Lancaster

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 22,2015 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: John Mekisich, Milton Mun

Refreshments: Judith Karp, Randi Keppeler

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 26,2015 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Roy Murakami, Mike Tracy

Refreshments: Bill McDonald, Valerie Monroe

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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