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March 2016

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Inc.

Member of the Golden
State Bonsai Federation

This Month's meeting is March 23,2016

Azaleas

This month's program will be a demo on azaleas by Gordon Deeg. Please bring your questions and your trees for the mini show.

President's Message

If you have not checked out our new website I think you should -it is looking great.

I hope everyone has been working on their show tree or trees for this year's show. It is just around the corner. During the April meeting we will start the volunteer signups. Please be ready to commit to working a few shifts. The show is only as good as our members make it and it does take a lot of work to put it on. Mike Page has said the last few years that that year's show was the best we have put on, so let's keep up the good work and make our founding members proud, along with the rest of us, too.

Please remember to bring in a donation for our monthly raffle.

Kevin Corrigan

SBBK Website

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'

SBBK What's Up!

March 23,2016 7:30 Monthly meeting at the San Mateo Garden Center

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

April 6,2016 SBBK Board Meeting, 7PM in the Rose Room at the San Mateo Garden Center, all members welcome

June 4-5,2016 SBBK 33rd Annual Show

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Tentative Calendar for 2016 (subject to change)

- March 2016 Azalea Demo with Gordon Deeg
- April 2016 Anniversary Meeting with featured speaker, Mike Pistello
- May 2016 Demo with Ryan Nichols-Pesticides and Pests
- June 4-5,2016 Club Show Headliner Dennis Makishima
- 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

Show Schedules

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

April 2-3,2016 Santa Cruz, CA
Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai:26th Annual Show at the Museum of Art & History,705 Front Street. 10AM-5PM Saturday demo 2PM with Mike Pistello and Sunday demo 2PM Katsumi Kinoshita.\$5 admission to museum.
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April 2-3,2016 Sacramento,CA
Bonsai Sekiyu Kai Annual Show will be held at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd.Saturday 11AM-5PM,Sunday 10AM-4PM.Demos at

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1PM both days by Yuzo Maruyama.
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April 9-10,2016 Sacramento,CA
American Bonsai Association, Sacramento.57th Annual Bonsai Show at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Show hours are Saturday 10AM-5PM Saturday and 10AM-4PM Sunday-Demo 10:30 by Peter Tea.
<http://abasbonsai.org>

April 16-17, 2016 Fresno, CA
First Annual Fundraiser Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen,in Fresno.
<http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/>

May 7-8,2016 Sacramento, CA
Sacramento Bonsai Club:70th Annual Bonsai & Susiseki Show at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento,2401 Riverside Blvd.Noon-5PM Saturday and 10AM-4PM Sunday Demo 2PM Sam Adina.

May 21-22,2016 Oakland, CA
Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai(BASA):21st Annual Satsuki Azalea Bonsai Show at Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt,666 Bellevue Ave.10AM-5PM Saturday 11AM-4PM Sunday.Demo Saturday 1PM Johnny Uchilda.gwhaas@comcast.net

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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

Here we go again. After a great January, El Nino just peters out. Its so warm that everything is popping and we only have a short window open to transplant beeches or hornbeams and conifers. Be careful with aftercare. Keep watered. With the non organic aggregate soils we now use there is very little chance of root rot so make sure that you keep them moist at all times.

Start on your conifers. But don't bare-root conifers. You could lose them. If there is any field soil it must be removed but if it is solid throughout, do half of it this year and the other half next year. The half you do this year will be able to support the tree when you do the other half next year.

Be sure to secure all trees in the pot with tie-down wires. If the tree is wobbly it will not develop lateral roots but will try to put down one or more tap roots again. Not what we want.

Broadleaf evergreens such as boxwoods and azaleas as well as junipers, and pines are repotted in February and March. Be careful as this has been a warm winter and everything is moving. Needle juniper is an exception that can wait till May.

At this point, return your transplanted trees to a sunny location. It will warm and stimulate the roots and get them going faster. Do watch out for late frosts.

You can be styling and wiring your conifers. Big bends are O K until about mid March. Then you run the risk of detaching the cambium from the sapwood.

Don't fertilize yet except for trees you want to fatten and young material in a pre-bonsai state. Not on mature trees you are refining.

John Thompson

Meeting Wednesday March 23,2016

Azaleas demo with Gordon Deeg

Volunteers: March 23,2016 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Marvin Copeland, Kevin Corrigan

Refreshments: Cathy Coit, Klaus Diederich

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

Volunteers: April 27,2016 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Gerry Fields, JT

Refreshments: Board

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Volunteers: May 25,2016 7:00PM

Set up/clean up: Richard Oakes, John Mekisich

Refreshments: George Shoptaw, Ruth Mun

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