

MARCH 2010



St Mark's Episcopal Church
600 Colorado Ave.
Palo Alto, CA

Meeting Date:
March 19, 2010

3rd Friday of the Month
7 pm Techniques Workshop
8 pm General Meeting

KUSAMURA BONSAI CLUB

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Mar: NONE – SHOW

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May:

Hospitality

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April: Lonnie McCormick

May:

NO FRIDAY MEETING.

KUSAMURA 50TH ANNUAL SHOW – MARCH 20–21, 2010

OK, it's Show Time, or will be in less than 2 weeks. Where did the time go? Because we had to move the date of the show up from our usual April time, we probably didn't get all our prep announcements done.

Friday Setup—4:00 pm: Jerry Carpenter will be at Mitchell Park to start setup of the exhibit hall. Extra tables and chairs will have to be stored away and the backdrops and tables set up. Lonnie McCormick will be delivering the backdrops and tablecloths at approximately the same time. *We need volunteers with good backs to help with this process as Jerry should NOT be doing ANY heavy lifting because of his recent surgery.*

Friday Plant Sale Drop-off—7:00–10:00 pm: When you bring in your three donation trees, *please get plant tags and identity the tree variety and label each with your initials (ex., SN-1, SN-2, SN-3).* These labels will remain on the tree until sold, when they will be collected for Helen Reist to tabulate the total plant sales. Do the same for any Consignment Sale trees you bring in, but label them with your initials followed by slash C (ex., SN/C-1). Be sure to fill out the Consignment Form (included with the newsletter or available on our web site for download). This final sales information will then be available for those wishing to take their yearly tax write-off. If the plants do not sell, they can be taken home by the donor (preferred) or another member until next year. If you do not have 3 plants that can be sold for a minimum of \$25 each, please bring cash or check instead and give to Helen who will file it separately from any purchases *members only* can make Friday evening.

Sign-Up Sheets: We got signups by 12 members at the February meeting. We know that not all members will be able to attend, while others can only be there for part of the day(s). But we do need member participation so that those that do signup don't have to do double duty See Stephanie North at some point Friday (or call 650-321-3974 to sign up for the following jobs:

Saturday Setup—8 am–12:30 pm

Sunday Strike—5 pm–7 pm

Hosts (Reception Table, Exhibit Area)—NOON–5 pm Saturday and Sunday

Kitchen (Kitchen & Dining Room Setup)—10 am–5 pm Saturday and Sunday



Legacy Tree

Charlene is working on special tree cards for all Legacy Trees in the show. A short history of your tree (former owners, when you bought it, when it was collected, etc.) and a short memory of the tree you want to share.

Contact Charlene at 650 856 1734 or via email at Charlene.erae@mac.com. In addition, you can mail your info via regular mail to 965 Colorado Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94303

Show Card

Charlene is preparing these tree cards for each tree display at the show. Each tree will have a common and botanical name as well as the date of training (optional). These cards will be collected at the end of show for next year use.

Member History:

When did you become a Member? We are searching through copious copies of membership rosters of the past looking for anniversary dates of our members. Do you remember your anniversary date? For example, John and Sandy Planting appear in the official roster of 1961; they too will be celebrating 50 years with our club and both have served as President of the organization many times as well as a host of other positions over

Plant Sale (Sale Table, Sale Area)—NOON–5 pm Saturday and 11 am to 5 pm Sunday

Food—We need all slots filled and ask that you bring it in by NOON. Please bring serving plates/dishes and utensils for serving well marked with your name. We'll have hot trays for hot dishes; if you're bringing a dish that needs to be cooked or heated, be sure that we have proper instructions.

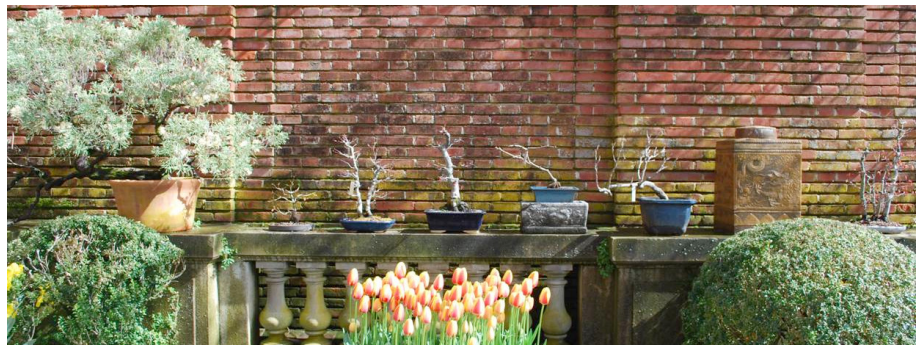
This is our 50th Anniversary show and we want it to be special, which means we need participation by all members who can participate. Thank you in advance for doing so.

Consignment

Want to reduce your collection and at the same time help to raise more funds for your club? You can place your bonsai or bonsai-related items on consignment sale. Individuals may sell up to 15 plants or bonsai-related materials on consignment at the show. A 25% commission after tax will be donated to the club for each item sold. A consignment sales form is included with your newsletter or you can pick up Friday night.

Filoli Tree Update

Work on the Filoli collection is moving along nicely and we are in a busy time of repotting. Many of the trees have not had proper soil and root work done for a very long time. At this point, all the deciduous trees, cedar, and white pines have been repotted. We are working hard to get four more rock plantings repotted next week, which will leave us with junipers to be repotted. Here are a few pictures of the trees that have gone back on display.

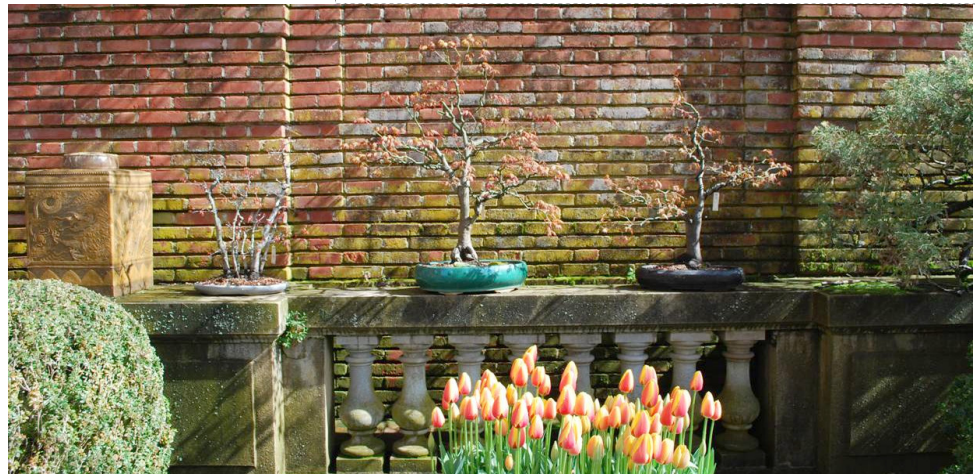


those years. How about you? I am building a roster file but let's make this a bit easier. If you know the year you joined Kusamura Bonsai Club, please let Jerry Carpenter know via email at jcsf1090@comcast.net or via phone 408.823.9525.

Become a fan Kusamura Club on Facebook

Did you know that Kusamura is on Facebook?

Become a fan of Kusamura Club and spread the news about the club. You can start sharing your favorite tree photos, show photos, start discussing anything related to bonsai subjects and/or activities with other fan members.



Events

March 13-14 Oakland, California

Bay Area Bonsai Associates: 29th Annual Show, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Hours are Saturday, 4:30PM-10PM, and Sunday, 10AM-4PM. Demonstration and critique illustrating design concepts by Dave DeGroot starts at 6PM, Saturday, followed by a raffle. The plant and pot sale, including related bonsai items (bonsai books, tools, etc.) is continuous both days. Admission is Free. For more information contact Jeff@saber.net or 707-984-8012

March 20-21, Palo Alto, California

Kusamura Bonsai Club will hold its 50th Anniversary Show at Mitchell Park, 3800 Middlefield Road. Admission is free. There will be demonstrations, raffles, and club member tree sales both days. The theme of the show is "Our Oldest Tree" and will celebrate a founding sensei, Tosh Saburomaru, and a unique display of legacy trees from our members. Tim Kong will be our guest demonstrator on Saturday at 1:30pm. For more information, contact Jerry Carpenter at (H) 408-557-0166; (C) 408-823-9525 or jcsf1090@comcast.net

March 20-21 Scotts Valley, California

Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai presents its 21st annual show at the Scotts Valley Community Center, 360 Kings Village Road from 10:30AM-4:30 PM. Demonstration at 2PM on both days by Katsumi Kinoshita. Plant sales, door prizes, demonstration tree raffle and much more. For more information call 831-469-0688.

March 27-28 San Jose, California

San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club: 40th Annual Bonsai Exhibit at the San Jose Betsuin Buddhist Church, 640 North 5th Street. Hours are Saturday, 12-4PM, and Sunday, 11AM-4PM. Demonstration at 1PM both days by Harry Hirao, aka "Mr. California Juniper" from Huntington Beach. Plant and vendor sales.

April 3-4 Sacramento, California Bonsai Sekiyu Kai: 33rd Annual Bonsai Show at the Sacramento Betsuin Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Boulevard. Show hours are Saturday, 12Noon-5PM, and Sunday, 10AM-3:30PM. Demonstration both days at 2PM by Bonsai Master John Uchida. Refreshments, door prizes, raffles, and sale of plants and bonsai tools. For additional information contact Ron Krause at 916-481-4792. April 24-25 Modesto, California Modesto Bonsai Club: 29th Annual Spring Show and Sale at the Modesto Centre Plaza, 11th & K Streets. Hours are Saturday, 10AM-5PM and Sunday, 11AM-4PM. Demonstrations, raffles, auctions and sales both days. Free Admission. For more information, call Peter Camarena at 209- 324-9181 or visit us at www.ModestoBonsaiClub.com

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May 1-2 Sacramento, California Sacramento Bonsai Club: 63rd Annual Bonsai and Suiseki Show at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Boulevard. Show hours are Saturday, 12Noon-5PM, and Sunday, 10AM-4PM. Demonstration by Boon Manakitivipart at 2PM, both days. Raffle will follow. Plants and bonsai related items for sale. Free admission. For further information contact Gary Judd, 916-630-1340.

May 22-23 Oakland, California Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai: 16th Annual Satsuki Bonsai Show at the Lakeside Park Garden Center at Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Hours are Saturday, 10AM-5PM and Sunday, 10AM-4PM. Fabulous blossoms and bonsai display. Demonstration both days at 1:30PM using mature bonsai material. Rick Garcia will be featured on Saturday and Bonsai Master Johnny Uchida on Sunday. Large selection of bonsai trees and other bonsai-related materials available for purchase. For further information, please contact Ron Reid, 925-831-2500.