

## May Tips:

Keep up the periodic rotation of trees. Too much sun on tender leaves will turn them brown.

**Watering:** Warmer weather may require more watering. Give just enough and no more.

**Fertilizing:** The rapidly growing deciduous trees should have more frequent fertilizing, unless the shape has already been established.

**Pruning:** The new shoots on older deciduous trees will have stopped growing by now and can be cut back if it has spoiled the shape. Leave two or three leaves and remove the rest. Keep density even all over but a little thinner on top.

**Transplanting:** It is too late to transplant early sprouting deciduous trees such as apple and plums, but an excellent time for late starters such as pyracantha. It is time to transplant conifers if you are in the colder climate area.

*Bonsai Techniques I*  
by John Naka



# MONTEREY BONSAI CLUB

APRIL, 2010

## May 4th Meeting

We will prepare for our annual Exhibition, see page two for the date and time. Bring your list of the trees you wish to display to the May meeting or email them to Magee at [Maggee36@aol.com](mailto:Maggee36@aol.com).

If you wish to sell bonsai or pots at our Show, pick up your sales tags from Dianne Woods at the meeting or at a local store. Put your initials and the price on one side and the name of the tree on the other. Then provide Diane with a list of all trees and prices. Bring your sales items to the Temple on Sunday.

Contact Atsuko regarding the food or donations instead of food you will be bringing to the Show. This will allow her to plan for our lunch and dinner after the Show.

Make sure to prepare two door prize bonsai for us to give out during the Show. Bring your food items and door prizes to the Temple on Sunday.

Set-up begins at 10:00 AM on Saturday and all members are expected to participate. After the set-up we will bring in our trees and display them. This will be our best Show yet.

### *Domo Arigato*

Thanks to Jack Beigle and Rhonda Raggianti who brought refreshments to the last meeting. Jackson Mitchell and Sandy Yagyū will bring refreshments to the next meeting. Please sign up at the next meeting to bring refreshments.

**Don't forget to visit our Club Library at the next meeting.**

## Coming Events

**May 22-23 Oakland Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai: 16th Annual Azalea 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.

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## *April Meeting Notes*

Congratulations to the Kinoshita's for winning first place at the Kazari Bonsai Display Competition at the 10th Annual Spring Festival at the Clark Center for Japanese Art & Culture. Their tokonoma display consisted of one of Kinoshita's Monterey Cypress and a matching scroll and accent plant selected by Atsuko. The effect was one of peace and harmony which won against some very stiff competition. Those of us who traveled to Hanford to support them enjoyed a day filled with an bonsai exhibition by Kathy Shaner, Japanese Garden tour and an auction of bonsai and Japanese art.

The April meeting was one of the busiest in recent memory with lots of members getting help with their bonsai from Kinoshita-san as well as more experienced members. It is wonderful to see how many members are attending our meetings lately. This bodes well for a great Show in June where everyone is encouraged to display at least one tree.

The Club has volunteered to help Kinoshita-san with tree pruning at the Buddhist Temple in May. Not only will we be helping beautify the venue for our Exhibition, we will be learning valuable lessons in tree pruning and candle cutting. The Buddhist Temple is pleased with our offer to assist them and will thus maintain our existing price for the use of their Temple in June. It is a win-win for us all.

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**May 15-16 Santa Barbara**  
**Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara: Annual Bonsai Exhibition** at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1212 Mission Canyon Road. Hours are Saturday, 11AM-4PM and Sunday, 10AM-4PM. Demonstration at 1PM both days. Plant sales by club members; native plants suitable for bonsai in the Botanic Garden's Nursery and bonsai books and other gifts in the Garden Shop. For information, contact Ann Erb 805-929-4972, email [annerb@charter.net](mailto:annerb@charter.net) or visit [www.santabarbarbonsai.org](http://www.santabarbarbonsai.org).

**June 6 Seaside**  
**Monterey Bonsai Club 47th Annual Exhibition** at the Monterey Buddhist Temple, 1150 Noche Buena. Show hours are 11AM-4PM. Demonstration at 1:30PM by Katsumi Kinoshita. Sales area will include bonsai, pots and plants. For more information email Joe Byrd at [joembyrd@pacbell.net](mailto:joembyrd@pacbell.net)