

September Tips:

Much of the care of bonsai this month is determined by the temperature and the locale, also by the fact that the growth cycle is either slowing down or has ceased completely.

Location: Keep turning the bonsai on its shelves so that all sides receive an equal amount of sunshine. The afternoon sun is less desirable than the morning sun.

Watering: Do not neglect regular watering. Overhead watering is always beneficial. If the soil in any pot is still damp on the surface at the end of a hot August day, something is undoubtedly wrong with the drainage.

Fertilizing: Fertilize as usual this month.

Pruning: The growth has ceased by now on most bonsai so be careful about any drastic pruning. Pruning flowering bonsai may remove next year's blooms.

Transplanting: Do not, except in an emergency, attempt any transplanting or repotting this late in the year.

Wiring: Smaller branches can now be wired and bent.

Bonsai Techniques I
by John Naka



MONTEREY BONSAI CLUB

AUGUST, 2010

September 7th Meeting

We will begin our Fall program with a basic session on the styling of informal upright bonsai. Please bring a bonsai that is already styled this way or a tree that you would like to create in this style. This is in response to a suggestion by Mike Nelson that we have a Bonsai Basic session for our new members.

Sumi Nakamura, a local bonsai artist, has given the Club some bonsai pots. Members can bid on these at our silent auction at this meeting, so identify your needs and bring cash.

As you know our Club is one of the host Clubs for the 2010 GSBF Convention at the Santa Clara Marriott. As such, we need to provide volunteers for various activities at the Convention. As an incentive, each person who donates a day of their time will be rewarded by a half day of Convention registration. A full day of volunteer service will gain you a full day of registration.

Volunteers may sign up at the next meeting or email Joe Byrd at joembyrd@pacbell.net. Bring your calendars and sign up.

Domo Arigato

Thanks to Atsuko Kinoshita and Joe Byrd who brought refreshments to the last meeting. John Morrison and Atsuko Kinoshita 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

September 21

Ross Marin Bonsai Club Annual Auction: Marin Art and Garden Center, Livermore Room, 50 Sir Frances Drake Blvd. Viewing at 7PM; auction starts at 7:30PM. Specimen bonsai, pre-bonsai and everything in between, along with pots and bonsai related items will be auctioned. Checks and cash only; no credit cards. For more information, call Craig Thompson, 415-472-6685.

October 2

Salinas Salinas Bonsai Club: Annual Bonsai Exhibit will be held at the Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church, 536 Lincoln Avenue. Exhibit hours are from 11AM-

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Expo Notes

The Club had another excellent Exhibition in June. Most of our members were able to exhibit at least one tree. We had three Kazari Tokonoma displays which proved very popular with our attendees. The demonstration was very well received as always with Greg Migdale winning this rock planning.

Diane Woods, Club Treasurer, reported that our income from this fund raising event was \$2,642 and the expenses were \$1,879 resulting in a surplus of \$763 which goes to support our Club. Thanks to everyone who worked together to make this such a great event.

In July, our Club once again provided the bonsai exhibit and demonstration for the Obon Festival. Both were very well received and we attracted a lot of attention to our Club and the work that we do.

Check out the GSBF Convention at www.gsbfcconvention.com and plan to attend this wonderful event where you can see the newest bonsai stars, participate in workshops, win valuable prizes in the raffles, purchase bonsai trees, pots, stands, books and tools.

Don't forget to attend the Salinas Bonsai Club show on October 2nd where Kinoshita-san will do a demo. They support our show and we support theirs.

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4:00PM with a demonstration by Katsumi Kinoshita at 1:30PM. A raffle of the demonstration tree, and other bonsai related items will follow the demonstration. Tea and cookies will be served, and there is plenty of parking for group attendance. For more information contact: Don White, 831-724-9283; e-mail: whiteslib@aol.com, or Maggie Brubaker, 831-663-5044; e-mail: maggee36@aol.com.

October 28-31 Santa Clara Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention XXXIII: New Face of Bonsai. The New Faces will shape the Art of Bonsai for years to come with the guidance and vision of these new teachers, and the GSBF 2010 will be the able to receive the new visions of bonsai and participate in the future of Bonsai. The July/Aug issue of Golden Statements will contain convention registration information. For more information visit <http://www.gsbfcconvention.com>.