

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

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September 6th Meeting

The September meeting starts off our fall season of bonsai preparation for the coming winter months. Bring your bonsai for Kinoshita-san to work on and make ready for the dormant season that is just ahead.

We have a number of new members who could use some help getting to know bonsai and our Club. Take time to get to meet them. Offer them help with their bonsai. Explain to them what you are doing to your bonsai.

People learn new things best when a friend helps them master the new skills. Take the time to mentor your fellow members and you will make your experience and theirs much more valuable and the Club will be more successful in spreading the word about bonsai.

Note that we need more members to volunteer to bring snacks to the meetings. Atsuko Kinoshita is the only bringing snacks to the September meeting, because no one else signed up. We all need to participate in the Club to make it better for all of us.

Domo Arigato

Thanks to Ellie Hattori and Claudia Gomez who brought refreshments to the last meeting. Atsuko will bring refreshments to the next meeting.

Please sign up at the next meeting to bring refreshments for the meetings in the new year.

Don't forget to visit our Club Library at the next meeting to learn more about bonsai..

Coming Events

August 21 Sacramento American Bonsai Association: Annual Auction at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3300 McKinley Park Blvd. Preview time is 1PM and the Auction starts at 2PM. A very popular event, which will feature bonsai in various stages of training (starter, moderately and highly styled) and nursery material, accents plants, pots, and other bonsai related items. No credit cards please. For more information contact Paul Holtzen at pbholtzen@sbcglobal.net

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June Exhibition Notes

We had another great Exhibition in June. Our revenues roughly matched our previous years. This year the sales of bonsai by our members was much larger than recent years. This not only generates revenue for the Club but also allows us to get more bonsai into the hands of more members and potential members. It also helps our members upgrade their collections by allowing them to sell lesser bonsai and purchase better ones.

Our benefit drawing ticket sales were somewhat lower than recent years. This could be due to the economy, but also more likely can be attributed to the lack of large exciting trees for people to win. Past experience teaches us that the better the trees to be won; the more tickets that will be purchased.

That's the problem, but what is the solution? We need to have more good bonsai donated is one answer. But a more dependable one is for us to purchase some good bonsai stock and have our members work on them during the meetings to turn them into top quality bonsai worthy of generating more ticket purchases.

Would anyone of our senior members want to take on this project? If so, email me @ Joembyrd@Pacbell.net. Your fellow members will thank you for this.

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August 27-28 Santa Rosa Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): 28th Annual Show at the Veteran's building, 1351 Maple Avenue. Hours are Saturday from 10AM-5PM and Sunday from 10AM-4PM. There will be 200 trees on display, a large vendor area, a members sales room, a demonstration by Kathy Shaner at 1:30PM each day and a benefit drawing and silent auction. Admission and parking are free. Contact Bob Shimon at shimon@mcn.org or 707-884-4126 for additional information.

September 18 San Mateo San Mateo Bonsai Club: 48th Annual Bonsai Show at the San Mateo Gardeners Association Hall, 503 E. 5th Avenue. Hours are 10AM-5PM. Demonstration at 2PM. Bonsai sale. Free admission