

March Tips:

Most bonsai begin their growth cycle during this month, and consequently require more care and attention.

Location: If the weather turns unseasonably warm, new growth may become sunburned, it would be better to place the bonsai in partial shade, but not for too long as the new growth will become long, spindly and weak.

Watering: Pay special attention to deciduous bonsai which are undergoing a period of extreme growth that may exhaust the moisture.

Fertilizing: No fertilizing yet.

Pruning: After 80% of flowering or fruiting buds have blossomed, remove all flowers and buds. Keep some blossoms so you have ornamental fruit.

Grafting: The best time to start is this month.

Transplanting: March to June is the best time to plant, replant, or change soil. Better to transplant later than earlier on deciduous, pines, junipers and cypress.

Bonsai Techniques I,
by John Naka



MONTEREY BONSAI CLUB

FEBRUARY, 2010

February 2nd Meeting

At our next meeting we will begin working on our trees to make them presentable for our annual exhibition. Please bring your best bonsai for that extra help that Kinoshita-san can provide to turn them into show worthy specimens. Again this year we want every member to show at least one bonsai, so bring your best and we will help it along.

Thanks to a suggestion from Greg Migdale we will have Gareth Shepherd, GSBF 1st Vice President, give us a lecture on fertilizers that we should be using on our bonsai. He will also explain when the different fertilizers should be applied.

Greg also suggested that we hold a Club outing at the Clark Center Spring Festival in Hanford on April 17th. The Festival will feature a demo by Kathy Shaner with a follow-up auction of the demo piece and other selected bonsai, plant materials and items from the museum holdings. There will be bonsai, pre-bonsai and plant sales booths, and Tea Ceremonies, food, Japanese arts and crafts workshops, etc.

Domo Arigato

Thanks to Dianne Woods and Jackson Mitchell who brought refreshments to the last meeting. Atsuko Kinoshita and Joe Byrd 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

February 27-28, 2010 Oakland GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: Mammoth Fundraiser, 2010 at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Saturday (Feb 27): Auction of fabulous bonsai 1PM-4PM with preview at 12 Noon. Sunday (Feb 28): Mammoth Fundraiser and Bazaar, 9AM-4PM. Demonstration at 1:30PM by Collection Curator, Kathy Shaner. Silent auction, vendors, benefit drawings, raffles and a large consignment sale of bonsai and bonsai related items. For general information: <http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/lake-merritt/> or Linda Soliven, 925-776-2342.

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February Meeting Notes

We had a great benefit drawing at our February meeting where many of our members won excellent bonsai stock to add to their collections. The more trees our members have the more they will be involved in the meetings to work on these trees and turn them into bonsai.

We owe a special thanks to Ardelle Gilbert, Brad Coleman, Larry Fobian, Tony Levya, Sandy Yagy, Joe Byrd, and Kinoshita-san for bringing donations to the Raffle.

We will have plastic pots at the next meeting so you can sign up for at least two of them to take home and create bonsai for us to give out during the benefit drawing at our annual Exhibition. This free drawing is one way for us to get bonsai out to the community and stimulate their interest in bonsai. Some of our members have come from such encounters at our annual Exhibition.

It is great to see so many new members at our meetings learning about bonsai. Many of the new members received trees in the benefit drawing, so now they will have plenty of material to work from. Some members expressed in donating some more trees, so we will see if we can do this again soon.

Thanks to the generosity of our members who donated trees it should be possible for every member to exhibit at least one tree in the Exhibition this year.

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March 13-14 **Oakland**
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 **Scotts Valley**
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.