

## 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, 2011

## May 3rd & 31st Meetings

During May we will have two meetings on the first and last Tuesdays, so we can prepare our bonsai for our annual Exhibition on Sunday, June 5th.

Bring the bonsai that you wish to display to these meetings so Kinoshita-san can help you prepare them for the Show. All members are encouraged to display at least one bonsai in the Show.

If you haven't done so already, pick up two plastic pots at the next meeting and create two bonsai to be given away as door prizes.

We will meet at the Buddhist Temple in Seaside on Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 to set up for the Show. This is a great experience that you won't want to miss.

This month we will have another silent auction of two large bonsai donated by Brad Coleman our member who has the Blue Oak Nursery in Modesto. These are expensive bonsai and worthy of being in anyone's collection. Bring cash or check as you must pay at the meeting if you are the winner of one of these great bonsai.

### *Domo Arigato*

Thanks to Mike Nelson and Tony Ayers who brought refreshments to the last meeting. Rhonda Raggianti and Monica Lee 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

**April 30 - May 1 Modesto**  
Modesto Bonsai Club: *30th Annual Spring Show & Sale* at the Modesto Centre Plaza, 11th & K Streets. Hours are: Saturday 10AM-5PM, and Sunday 11AM-4PM. Bonsai exhibit, demonstrations, auctions, raffles and sales both days. Free Admission. For more information visit us at [www.modestobonsai.com](http://www.modestobonsai.com) or call Peter Camarena at 209-529-1759.

**May 1 Napa**  
**Napa Valley Bonsai Club: 33 Annual**

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## *April Meeting Notes*

Many of our members enjoyed time together on March 19, as we trimmed the pines at the Monterey Buddhist Temple. For those of you who missed this experience, we will discuss our next outing at our May meeting. It is something nice our Club does to support the Temple which is so kind to us.

We had a great sale of the bonsai pots donated by Dale Leffler's estate at the April meeting. The total we made for the Club was \$234. Thanks to all who participated. See page 1 for our auction for the May meeting. The bonsai that are being auctioned are very generous donations from Brad Coleman and one that we all appreciate as it will get two great bonsai into the hands of our members and raise funds for our Club.

On Sunday, May 8, from 11:00—1:00, Joe Byrd will do a bonsai beginner's demonstration at the Carmel Valley Garden Show at the Hidden Valley Music Center campus in Carmel Valley Village. You are encouraged to come out and enjoy this great show with noted authors speaking on gardening. Come out and join in the fun.

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*Bonsai Show* at the Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson Street. Hours are 10AM-4PM, with a demonstration at 1PM by John McDonald. Large sales area, silent auction, raffles and several vendors. Free admission.

### **May 7-8 Sacramento**

**Sacramento Bonsai Club:** *64th Annual Bonsai and Suiseki Show* at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Boulevard. Show hours are Saturday, 12-Noon-5PM, and Sunday, 10AM-5PM. Demonstration by Boon Manakitivipart at 2PM both days; raffle will follow. Plants and bonsai related items for sale. Free admission.

### **June 5, 2011 Seaside**

**Monterey Bonsai Club** 48th Annual Exhibition at the Monterey Buddhist Temple in Seaside at 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](mailto:Joe Byrd).