

## 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, 2011

## March 1st Meeting

Now is the time to begin preparing your bonsai for the drawing at our annual Exhibition. Atsuko Kinoshita will bring the plastic pots that the Club donates for our members to use in this effort, so be sure to sign up for two.

Speaking of the annual Exhibition, it is time for us to start preparing our bonsai for this show. Bring your best bonsai for Kinoshita-san to help you prepare.

Again this year, we want everyone to participate in the show, no matter how experienced or inexperienced you are. If you don't have a bonsai that you feel is worth showing, then travel to the Mammoth Fundraiser and pick one up. There is a large selection in every price range.

No matter what level of bonsai you have, now is the time to re-pot it if necessary. Bring your tree and pot, and the Club will furnish the soil and wire for you to work with. It is a great time of growth for our bonsai.

If you haven't done so already, bring your membership dues of \$20 each or \$30 per couple to this meeting.

### *Domo Arigato*

Thanks to Ardelle Gilbert and John Morrison who brought refreshments to the last meeting. Jack Beigle and Greg Migdale 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

**February 26-27 Oakland  
GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: Mammoth Fundraiser, 2011** at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Saturday (Feb 26), Auction of fabulous bonsai, 1PM-4PM with preview at 12-Noon. Sunday (Feb 27), Mammoth Fundraiser and Bazaar, 9AM-4PM. Round Robin Demonstrations at 1:30PM by Collection Curator, Kathy Shaner and Team. Vendors, a large consignment sale of bonsai and bonsai related items, and several raffle drawings

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## February Meeting Notes

We pleased to announce that a new member joined the Club at the February meeting. Please join me in welcoming Claudia Gomes of Marina.

At our annual raffle a number of members got new bonsai stock to work with and the Club raised \$61 in the process. Thanks to those who brought donations to this event.

After discussing the opportunity of holding a small bonsai exhibit at the Carmel Valley Garden Show in May and the Smart Gardening Fair in April, we decided not to participate. They are just too close to our annual Exhibition date in June and there were not enough members interested in participating in these events.

This weekend is the best event in Northern California for our members to obtain bonsai, pots and tools. That is the GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: Mammoth Fundraiser in Oakland. Check out the information in the Coming Events section and try to attend if you can. Sunday at 10:00 AM is the best time to be there to get the full selection of bonsai when the doors to the sales area open.

One other event listed here is the Bay Area Bonsai event at the same location in Oakland. The highlight of this event is a demonstration by Ryan Neil, the young bonsai master who wowed the crowd at the last GSBF Convention.

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throughout the day. For general information email:

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**March 12-13**      **Oakland**

**Bay Area Bonsai Associates:** 29th Annual Show at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are Saturday: 5-9PM and Sunday: 10AM-4PM. There will be a 6:30PM, Saturday demonstration by Ryan Neil, who apprenticed with Masahiko Kimura and is noted for his teaching excellence, followed by a raffle of the demonstration tree and general prizes. A plant sale during exhibit hours both days will include pre-bonsai, bonsai, pots, tools, soils, wire, literature and other bonsai related materials. Admission is free, and parking is free after 5PM. For more information contact John Roehl at [bigbluemoon@comcast.net](mailto:bigbluemoon@comcast.net) or at 707-827-3206