

## *April Tips:*

The rules for April are the same as for March except that the growth cycle is more advanced.

**Location:** Keep in a sunny and airy place. Be sure to rotate plants often, changing their position so each side will receive an equal amount of sun.

**Watering:** Be careful of days when an extremely hot sun, accompanied by a warm drying wind may require more than the usual amount of watering. Pine trees that do not need any more growing should be kept dry even until the new candles wilt down.

**Fertilizing:** This is the first month to begin fertilizing.

**Pruning:** The long sprouts thrown out by young deciduous trees should be nipped back from time to time leaving 2 or 3 buds. New candles on older pines should be pinched back. It's a good time to peel bark to make a jin.

**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

MARCH, 2011

## *April 5th Meeting*

Once again we have the opportunity to prune the wonderful old pines at the Monterey Buddhist Temple on Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 AM to Noon. Lunch will be provided by the Club.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about candle pruning pines by doing more in one morning than you would normally do in a year with bonsai. So bring your pruners and join your fellow Club members for this great experience and earn the appreciation of the members of the Temple.

Bring your new found skills to our next meeting and prepare your trees for our annual Exhibition. We have just two more months to get our best bonsai in shape for the show.

If you haven't done so already pick up two plastic pots at the next meeting and use them to create bonsai door prizes for our show.

One of our members, Dale Leffler, departed and left his bonsai pot collection to our Club to raffle off. This will be carried out at our next meeting.

### *Domo Arigato*

Thanks to Jack Beigle and Greg Migdale who brought refreshments to the last meeting. Mike Nelson and Tony Ayers 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*

**March 26-27** **Scotts Valley Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai:** 22 Annual Bonsai Exhibit and Show at the Scotts Valley Community Center, 360 Kings Village Road from 10:30AM-4:30PM both days. Demonstration by Mr. Katsumi Kinoshita will be at 2PM each day. Plant Sales, door prizes, raffle and much, much more. For more information call 831-469-0688 or e-mail [edin-bonnydoon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edin-bonnydoon@sbcglobal.net)

**April 2** **San Francisco Bonsai Society of San Francisco Bon-**

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## *March Meeting Notes*

If you wish to have a new name tag, see Diane Woods, Club Treasurer, who will order one for you at a cost of \$10. Members should wear these at our meetings and at our Show. With so many new members it is often hard to keep track of names and the tags certainly help. In fact, we had two new members join the Club at the last meeting. They are Rick and Ellie Hattori, 10 Del Robles Monterey, CA 93940, ehattori@comcast.net. Please join me in welcoming them to our Club.

As our older members pass on, we depend upon new members to revitalize our energies and keep our Club moving forward.

We recently lost a member, Dale Leffler, who was a long time member of the Club. Dale was a dancer who appeared in Broadway plays and many of the famous dance musical movies of the 1950's. He was a local dance instructor and a great supporter of all of the arts including bonsai. He will be sorely missed in our Club and our community at large.

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

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**sai:** Special Sales Event in the Recreation Room of the San Francisco County Fair Building, Ninth Avenue and Lincoln Way in Golden Gate Park. Bonsai and related items will be on sale by club members. Hours are 9AM-3PM. This sale is an addendum to the club's show of March 23-27 at the San Francisco Flower & Garden Show. Free admission; some parking available behind the building.

**April 8-10**

**San Jose**

**San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club:** 41st Anniversary Exhibition at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 N. 5th Street. Hours are Saturday, Noon-5PM, and Sunday, 11AM-4:PM. A demonstration featuring Harry Hirao, 'Mr. California Juniper' will be at 1PM, both days. The demonstration trees will be raffled at the conclusion of each demonstration. Plants and bonsai material will be available for sale. Free admission.