

December Tips:

All bonsai should be completely dormant by now.

Location: Guard against any and all of Nature's changeable weather conditions.

Watering: Watch watering under frozen conditions. If soil is kept too wet the pot may crack.

Fertilizing: No fertilizing this month.

Pruning: Can be done under caution.

Transplanting: Only bare-root nursery stock can be transplanted in a mixture of sand and very little soil. Do not pot any bare-root stock until spring.

Grafting: December, January and February are the best months for grafting conifers, for this is the coldest season and the trees are completely dormant. At this time there is no pitch to isolate scion from understock.

Miscellaneous: This is still a good month to collect native materials.

Bonsai Techniques I
by John Naka



MONTEREY BONSAI CLUB

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December 6th Meeting

We will plan our annual New Year's dinner party at the next meeting. Bring your ideas and suggestions and be sure to volunteer to help out before and after the fun event.

On Saturday, December 17th, we will once again come together as a Club to trim the trees at the Buddhist Temple. The Temple is so kind to allow us to hold our annual New Year's dinner party and our Annual Exhibition at their beautiful facility, it is only fitting that we all volunteer to work on the trees.

All who attended our previous trimming parties had so much fun learning about caring for the pines that the time went by very fast. So mark on your calendar to be at the Buddhist Temple on Noche Buena in Seaside at 9:00 on Saturday December 17th. We will stop for lunch (provided by the Club).

Bring your trees to the next meeting for some wiring and trimming. Some of you might enjoy working on the ones you won at the auction at the last meeting.

Domo Arigato

Thanks to Rhonda Ragghianti and Mike Nelson who brought refreshments to the last meeting. Claudia Gomes and Larry Fobian 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

December 3 Fresno
Fresno Area Bonsai Clubs: Fourth Annual Bonsai Yard Sale at 736 West Browning Avenue from 8AM-3PM. There will be a very large selection of raw materials, some finished bonsai, used pots, books, magazines, and stands, all at very reasonable prices. Everyone is welcome to participate. If you wish to sell or trade bonsai related items or need a table, please contact us in advance so that we may plan space accordingly. Lunch will be available.

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November Meeting Notes

Two of our members, Ardelle Gilbert and Tom Lawson brought trees that were auctioned at the November meeting. Many members went home with multiple trees that they will be able to turn into bonsai. The made \$185 from this benefit drawing.

Some members also purchased pots that were on-sale. We also mentioned that the Horizon Landscape Nursery at the Marsten Exit off of Highway 101 in Gilroy has a large selection of inexpensive Chinese pots for sale. Their phone number is 408-417-4097.

We had so much fun at our 2011 annual New Year's party at the Buddhist Temple that we decided to hold our 2012 party at the same location on Saturday, January 7th at 6:00 PM. This is a pot-luck dinner once again and we need you to bring a dish suitable for sharing when you arrive that evening. If you don't wish to bring food, please contact Atsuko Kinoshita at Atsukokinoshi@aol.com to arrange an alternative.

Our Club decided to retain the same slate of officers for another year.

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January 14-15 Oakland

Bay Island Bonsai: Annual Bonsai Exhibit at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Hours are 10AM—4PM, both days. On Saturday at 1PM there will be an auction, with a preview at 12Noon. Guided tours of the exhibit both days. Benefit Drawing (need not be present to win). Vendors; club member and educational bonsai material will be for sale. Free entry to the exhibit.

January 28-29 Oakland

Bay Area Bonsai Associates: 31st Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Lakeside Park (Lake Merritt) Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are Saturday, 5-9 PM and a demonstration by Ryan Neil starts at 6:30 PM, followed by a raffle of the demonstration tree. Sunday hours are 10AM-4PM. A plant sale (including bonsai related items such as pots, tools, soils, wires, books, etc.) will be continuous both days. Admission is free.