

October Tips:

Autumn is like the spring in terms of temperature and length of night and day.

General rules for the care of bonsai are much the same for both seasons.

Location: A sudden turn of warm weather may cause re-sprouting on deciduous trees that have already begun to lose their leaves. Guard against this by putting the deciduous bonsai in a cool shady place.

Watering: As the growth cycle shows and stops, the quantity of water needed is correspondingly lessened.

Fertilizing: Fertilize as usual for strength in dormancy.

Pruning: The strong growth on upper portions of conifers should be trimmed. After deciduous bonsai, it is safe to shorten the year's growth and trim to shape. End of this month, remove all fruit and any seed pods. The berries may be saved until spring if the tree is healthy.

Transplanting: This is the first month that bonsai can be safely transplanted.

Wiring: Wires on trees should be removed if they are cutting in.

Bonsai Techniques I



MONTEREY BONSAI CLUB

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October 4th Meeting

Our October meeting is the time for us to discuss Club officers for the coming year. Please let me know if you would like to hold a Club office. We can always use new fresh ideas on how to manage the Club.

Diane Woods, our treasurer, has suggested an idea for how to use some of the money in the Club's treasury. She suggests that we purchase trees that will become our benefit drawing trees at our annual Exhibition.

We could give them out to senior members who want to participate and bring them to our meeting each month in addition to their own trees. We can spend 20 - 30 minutes on these trees and then go on to work on our own. It would be a teaching lesson for the new members as well.

If we do this now, we have a year to have them ready. I think this would be a great hands-on lesson for all members.

Let's discuss at our next meeting and those interested can volunteer to help acquire and work on these trees. It will help our Show generate more ticket sales.

Domo Arigato

Thanks to Atsuko Kinoshita, Greg Migdale, Jim Culcusi, and Ardelle Gilbert who brought refreshments to the last meeting. Jack Beigle and April Harrison 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

Coming Events

October 1 San Jose
Midori Bonsai Club: 50th Annual Bonsai Show in conjunction with the Spirit of Japantown Festival at the Wesley United Methodist, Fellowship Hall, 566 N. 5th Street. Hours are 10AM-5PM. Bonsai demonstration at 1PM by Kathy Shaner with a raffle at the end of the demonstration. Admission free.

October 1 Salinas
Salinas Bonsai Club: Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church, 536 Lincoln Avenue.

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September Meeting Notes

The September meeting begins the Fall bonsai season after we have been on holiday for the months of July and August. It was very satisfying to see the number of members who brought refreshments after it became known that we only had one volunteer at the time of the newsletter being published. Thanks to all those who came through at the last minute to bring refreshments to this meeting and volunteer for the October meeting.

We are an all volunteer Club and sometimes we forget that it takes the efforts of all of our members to make things work out for all of us. If you haven't brought refreshments for awhile, please sign up to do so at the next meeting.

If you are an experienced member, don't forget to offer a helping hand to our newer members. You can never anticipate how much a friendly smile and helping hand that you might give might mean to a new member trying to decide if bonsai and our Club is right for them. Do your part and we will all reap the rewards. After all we were all new once and learning which was the front and how much soil to remove during transplanting.

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Show hours are from 10AM-4PM, and a demonstration by Katsumi Kinoshita will begin at 1:30PM followed by raffle drawings and door prizes. For more information, contact Tim Shea at twistedtreeguy@yahoo.com.

October 8-9 Oakland

East Bay Bonsai Society: 50th Annual Show at the Lakeside Garden Club, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Hours are Saturday, 10AM-5PM and Sunday, 11AM-4PM. A demonstration by Kathy Shaner will from 1-4 PM, Sunday, followed by a raffle of bonsai and related items.

October 27, 28, 29, 30 Riverside
GOLDEN STATE BONSAI FEDERATION CONVENTION XXXIV, Bonsai Full Circle at the Marriott Hotel & Convention Center, 3400 Market Street. Headliners are: Kathy Shaner, Ryan Neil, Roy Nagatoshi and Pedro Morales. Demonstrations, seminars, critiques, workshops, benefit drawings, vendors and more. More information forthcoming.