



Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010

Goleta Community Center, 5679 Hollister Avenue, Goleta
Coffee and book exchange from 7:00 P.M.
Program at 7:30 P.M.

PROGRAM: JIM BARRETT ON POTS



Jim Barrett, of Arcadia, has been a frequent guest presenter for many years at our Tuesday evening meetings as well as a guest instructor at our Saturday workshops. In addition to creating fine bonsai, he also creates fine bonsai containers. Always interested in ceramics, Jim has for several decades been making bonsai pots. Known for his shohin and mini-pots, his main interest lies in making large containers modeled after Japanese and Chinese style pots. This month he will share some of his expertise on bonsai containers with us.

Jim has been a featured speaker at many bonsai conventions and clubs and has worked for many bonsai associations. He is past president of Bonsai Clubs International, the first president of Golden State Bonsai Federation, the founding president of the Santa Anita Bonsai Society and has served on the American Bonsai Society's board of directors.

The Jim Barrett pot at right, seen at the National Arboretum, measures 40" by 31" by 10" and required 230 pounds of clay when it was made. For the fascinating story of how Jim did it, see *Bonsai Today*, 54, March/April, 1998, "Anatomy of a Pot."



LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM: MEL IKEDA'S JUNIPERS ON A ROCK



As promised, Mel had some interesting ideas and techniques to share. He glued several volcanic rocks together with cyanoacrylate adhesive ("Super Glue"). Mel lives in Costa Mesa, but he buys his rocks at Goleta Building Materials. He also uses the cyanoacrylate to fasten window screen to the rock to form planting pockets. Mel then placed three small junipers on the rock, temporarily tying them to the surface of the rock and covering them with soil and moss. The plastic tub, string, and excess soil shown in the photo will later be removed, revealing three trees on a rock. For soil in the planting pockets, he uses akadama, scoria, vermiculite, and bone meal. For muck to form planting wells around the newly planted trees, he uses a mixture of shredded moss passed through a screen and soil taken from those annoying mounds gophers leave in his yard. At last, something good comes from a common pest!

LEROY KUBEL'S PHOTOS

Appearing on page 28 of the July/August *Golden Statements* are some of Leroy Kubel's fine photographs of trees from our 2009 and 2010 shows. Here's a link to the page in the GSBF website where you can view the on-line version of the magazine: <http://www.gsbfbonsai.org/gsbfmag.html>. His photos of the 2009 and 2010 shows have also been posted to the club's website, so now all photos from all six shows we have had at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden can be seen at any time. Visit www.santabarbarabonsai.org and click on "gallery".

LONG TIME FORMER MEMBER PASSES

Andrew Lapidus, who was a member of the club for many years, died recently after a long illness. A memorial will be held at 2:00 pm July 10 at the Cate School Chapel, 1960 Cate Mesa Road in Carpinteria. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CALM or Carpinteria Museum of Natural History.

COMING EVENTS

JULY 17: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA. Saturday Workshop. Mel Ikeda, guest instructor. New semester starts this month (last month's newsletter notice was incorrect). \$100 fee due. To sign up, contact Wally Kunimoto at this month's meeting or at the phone number below before July 17.

AUGUST 21 (SATURDAY): BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA. Annual summer potluck and raffle. Complete information in next month's newsletter. No Tuesday evening meeting or Saturday class in August.

OCTOBER 28-31 SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

GOLDEN STATE BONSAI FEDERATION CONVENTION XXXIII: "New Face of Bonsai"



The "New Face" will shape the Art of Bonsai for years to come with the guidance and vision of new teachers, and the GSBF 2010 will be able to receive the new visions of bonsai and participate in the future of Bonsai. The July/Aug issue of *Golden Statements* contains convention registration information. For more information visit <http://www.gsbfconvention.com>.



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