

## OUR 40TH YEAR



# Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

Goleta Community Center, 5679 Hollister Avenue, Goleta

Coffee and book exchange from 7:00 P.M.

Program at 7:30 P.M.

### PROGRAM: WALLY KUNIMOTO ON BRISTLECONE PINES

Did you know that a 4,900 year old tree was cut down in 1964 to count the number of growth rings?



Bonsai master John Naka remarked that the oldest living trees in the White Mountains of California were one of the inspirations that helped him with artistic design in shaping bonsai. No, John Naka was not the one who cut that bristlecone pine down.

Wally will be showing photos of the ancient bristlecone pines from the two trips that he has made up to the 11,000 foot level of the White Mountains east of Big Pine, California. At left is a sample of one of his photographs. Wally is a charter member of our club but he denies planting any of the trees in his photos. If you have not visited, nor intend to visit the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest in the Inyo National Forest in your lifetime (but you really should) - this is your opportunity to see Wally's photos and hear his narration about these trees that are 3000 to 5000 years old.

### AND ALSO STARTING THIS MONTH: A RAFFLE AT THE TUESDAY EVENING MEETING

David Allen of Ojai, author of *Getting Things Done* and other books has graciously donated a number of bonsai pots and materials to the club. Many of the pots are of very high quality. David and his wife Kathryn stipulated that they wanted to make sure the pots found good homes. Because the club is in good financial condition thanks to our endowment and to the money donated in memory of Sally Gilmore by her son Jim, you, our members, will be the beneficiaries of the Allens' generosity: For the next two years



or so until they are all gone, one or two pots will be raffled off at our monthly Tuesday evening meeting. All you have to do is show up at the meeting, pick up a ticket and wait to hear your number called. A nice pot, 20-1/4" x 13-1/2" x 4", and a 13" turntable will be this month's prizes.



### LAST MONTH: ANNUAL SUMMER POTLUCK



A big "Thank You" to Keith Mautino for hosting this year's bash at his house. Everyone ate a lot, had a good time, and almost everyone went home with a treasure from the raffle. At left, John Bleck and Keith on Keith's deck. At right, a few of the other happy party-goers.



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### COMING EVENTS:

#### SEPTEMBER 7 (Wednesday) SAN MARINO



*Penjing: From Its Roots to the Present Day.* 7:30 PM, Friends Hall, Huntington Library and Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. Join international bonsai expert Thomas Elias for a survey of the history of penjing, the Chinese art of miniature trees and rockery. Elias will explore the evolution of the art form during the Tang, Song, Ming, and Qing dynasties, and the relationship between penjing and bonsai styling in the 20th century. Free; no reservations required.

**SEPTEMBER 17: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA.** Saturday Workshop, Goleta Valley Community Center. Mel Ikeda, guest instructor.

#### SEPTEMBER 17-18 SAN MARINO: SOUTHERN BREEZE SOCIETY.



Annual Penjing Exhibition. Huntington Library and Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. 10:30AM-4:30PM. General admission. Botanical Center. The Southern Breeze Society will present a two-day show of the Chinese art of penjing. This horticultural art seeks to capture the essence of scenic beauty—a tree, forest, mountain range, or river bend—in a miniaturized form

#### OCTOBER 1-2 THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA: CONEJO VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY.



8th Annual Bonsai Exhibition in the Resource Center at the Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oaks Blvd. Hours are 9AM-4PM both days. Demonstrations in the Bandstand at 11AM and 2PM. Free admission. For more information call Marj Branson, 805-373-1330 or visit the club's website at: <http://www.cvbs-bonsai.org>

#### OCTOBER 22 (Saturday): BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA

Special one-day pot-making workshop with Jim Barrett at the Goleta Valley Community Center. Two sessions—morning or afternoon. Make one or more pots under the guidance of a master ceramist. Jim will take your pot(s) home with him, fire them, and return them to the club. Only \$5.00 per participant! Sign up on Tuesday evening or call Tom Post at the number below. The reduced fee is a legacy of Sally Gilmore and the money her son Jim donated to the club to finance events we otherwise would not be able to offer.

#### NOVEMBER 5, 2011, HANFORD, CALIFORNIA: KAZARI BONSAI DISPLAY COMPETITION



Clark Center for Japanese Art and Culture, 15770 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hanford. 10AM-5PM. National competition on the art of displaying bonsai in a tokonoma. Also bonsai and antique fair and other events. Visit [www.ccjac.org](http://www.ccjac.org) for more information.

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It was getting late last night. I forgot to include a few things in the newsletter. Here they are.

Check out the Sept-Oct edition of **Golden Statements**, at <http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/> and then go to the magazine. Leroy Kubel's photos of our 40th anniversary show are featured on the cover, on the index page, and on pages 20-21.

Ann Erb's adult ed class starts on Sep. 24. Sign up at <https://sbcc.augusoft.net/>. Here's the class announcement:  
601053 01 **The Ancient Art of Bonsai** Materials Cost: \$20.00 Tuition: \$0.00 Instructor: Ann Erb Start 09/24/11  
Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; 5 sessions starting September 24, 2011, ending October 22, 2011 Location: Santa Barbara, Schott Center Rm. 20

And, I forgot the GSBF convention:

### **OCTOBER 27-30 RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**

**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.