



## Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

P.O. Box 3703, Santa Barbara, CA 93130

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### Monthly Meeting: TUESDAY, November 13, 2007

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

### This Month's Program – Psychology and the Art of Bonsai

Club member **Andrew Nelson** will again try to tickle your brains with interesting observations about bonsai using science as a starting point. Beginning with a description of the neurological and psychological processes involved in visual perception, Andrew will speculate about how those processes influence human perception and, by extension, the assessment of art. What is actually involved in processing a visual image? Does our intuitive conception of how we see represent what is really going on when we observe something? How are mental processes related to aesthetic judgments? Are the rules of Bonsai unique or do they apply to other artistic endeavors, as well? If you've ever wondered about these or similar issues, come, bring your own ideas, and explore this interesting topic.

### Last Month's Program

**Jim Barrett** brought three junipers and selected one to style and pot. He picked one with some character and presence and created a Kengai (full cascade – with the apex dropping below the bottom of the pot) in a round, but not-too-deep pot. Jim noted that the Japanese generally don't use very deep cascade pots, like those often recommended here in the 'States, even for trees with long downward cascading branches. He styled this tree in the more typical Japanese form with a moderately deep pot and cascading main branch sweeping forward. The potted tree will be in the Club's holiday raffle on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Holiday Potluck

This year's Holiday Potluck will again be at Tom Posts house. The date is Saturday, December 8. The time is noon to whenever (Tom's exact words, if I remember correctly). Bring some goodies to share and be prepared for the raffle. If you have items to donate (plants, tools, pots, accessories, trees, etc.) please bring them for the raffle. It promises to be a fun gathering, as always, and the proceeds of the raffle go directly to the club. Come one, come all!

### Repeat – Program Idea Call

The Board is still looking for recommendations of what kinds of programs to plan for next year. Right now, a small circle of board members tries to plan programs they think the club members will attend and appreciate. But that's a guessing game. *If any club members have ideas or suggestions for Tuesday evening programs, please let any of the board members below know!*

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PRESIDENT	Joe Olson	964-0869	PUBLICITY	Frank Artusio	963-3964
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## Saturday Workshops

The last Fall Saturday Workshop is:

Date	Teacher
Nov 17	Kathy Benson

## Coming Events

**December 8, 2007, Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara, Annual Holiday Potluck and Raffle**, Home of Tom Post, 839 Cambridge Drive, Santa Barbara. Noon to whenever. Bring a potluck dish to share, enjoy the raffle, and share time with other bonsai folks!

**December 27 – January 2, 2008, California Aiseki Kai, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of Viewing Stones**, Huntington Library and Botanical Garden – Friends Hall, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. Hours 10 am to 4:30 pm daily (closed January 1).

**February 1 – 3, 2008, California Shohin Society, Seminar 2008**, Ramada Inn Mission De Oro, Santa Nella. Registration \$90 per person. Demonstrations by everyone who is anyone in shohin. For hotel reservations call (209) 826-4444 and reference “SHOHIN”.

**February 23 – 24, 2008, GSBF Collection at the Huntington, Bonsai-A-Thon XII**, Huntington Library and Botanical Garden, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. Show hours 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Vendors, benefits, auctions, and drawings. *The new Chinese Garden is opening – another good reason to go!*



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