



## Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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

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### NO Meeting on TUESDAY – Potluck at John Bleck’s Saturday August 18

John Bleck’s House: 7234 Tuolomne Drive, Goleta  
Arrival from 11:30 A.M.  
Lunch at 12:30 P.M.

### Annual Pot Luck – Saturday August 16 – John Bleck’s

No evening meeting this month. Instead, we will have our annual pot luck at John Bleck’s. We will meet for lunch, a raffle, and a visit to John’s famous collection of unusual plant species. Please bring items for the annual benefit raffle (leave them on the table in the garage when you arrive). Bring trees, pots, companion plants, tools, viewing or planting stones, books, stands – anything useful that you no longer need or want for yourself. This is a major source of funds for the club, so be generous. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. Each item or group of items has its own can (or cup or pot or box or something) into which you can put as many tickets as you like depending on how much you want the item. Following lunch, an impartial(?) person will draw one of each item’s tickets. The holder of the winning ticket goes home happy and the losers all sigh and hold their breath for the next item they wanted. It really is fun!

For lunch, bring one or more favorites or family specialties. Remarkably, while we never assign food categories (e.g. salads for names ending in x and y), we almost always have a balanced, delectable, and healthy selection of domestic and exotic fare. Be creative!

**Directions:** Take the Glen Annie Road Exit from Highway 101. If you are coming from the North, go over the freeway and turn left on Calle Real. If you are coming from Santa Barbara, continue west from the offramp across Glen Annie Road onto Calle Real. Approximately 1 mile (more or less) down Calle Real is a 7/11 store. Turn right there on Ellwood Station Road. Continue for a block and a half or so. Ellwood Station Road turns into Tuolomne Drive. John’s is right at the corner of Tuolomne and Placer.

### Last Month’s Program – Member Critique

**The following is extracted from an e-mail from Club President, Joe Olson:**

We put two tables together and sat around with one tree at a time in the center. The group talked about each tree informally without a designated panel. I came away with some good ideas for my Japanese Maple. I had brought it to a previous critique and made some significant changes as a result of that critique (2 trees to 1 one). After coming home from last month’s critique I made some more significant changes based on other people’s suggestions (I put raffia on the first, quite ugly branch, and bent it up to look more natural and rotated the front somewhat). The critiques were quite interesting and informative.

It would be illuminating, I think, if we had a critique once a year or so when we bring in the same trees to view the changes since the previous critique. It would be fun and instructive to take pictures during the critique to compare with the tree’s appearance at the next critique in the series.

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## Future Programs and Workshops

Next Workshop is September 20 with **Jim Barrett**. Agenda for the rest of the year:

Date	Program	Presenter	Date	Workshop Leader
Sep 9	Juniper Pinching	Jim Barrett	Sep 20	Jim Barrett
Oct 14	Raft Planting	Mel Ikeda	Oct 18	Ted Matson
Nov 11	Club Critique	Various	Nov 15	Open
Dec	Annual Holiday Potluck	TBD		No Workshop in December

## Coming Events

**August 16, 2008: Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara Annual Potluck and Workshop**, to be hosted by club member John Bleck. More information to follow.

**October 4-5, 2008: Conejo Valley Bonsai Society 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonsai Exhibition**, Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks, CA. Hours 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Demonstrations 11:00 am Saturday and 3:00 pm Sunday. Admission is free, no sales of bonsai or related items.

**October 17, 2008: Dia Ichi Bonsai Kai Annual Auction**, Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena, CA. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Auction at 7:00. Auctioneer Joe James. Call (310)545-5954.

**October 30 – November 2: Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention XXXV**, Doubletree Hotel, 1150 Ninth Street, Modesto, CA. Headliners include Boon Manakitivipart, Martin Schmalenberg, Tak Shimazu, and more.



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