



## Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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

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### Monthly Meeting: TUESDAY, February 12, 2008

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

### This Month's Program – Ann Erb on Show Preparation

This is a program we look forward to every year. Although usually later in the season, this February program may be timely in that you will have more time to get your tree or trees ready and, perhaps, be more motivated to think ahead for the Show. Club member, show coordinator, teacher, and resident Bonsai Expert, **Ann Erb**, will provide pointers for getting trees ready to show. Ann will describe the essentials of show preparation, from accent plants to sprucing up your pots, to stands, to wiring considerations, to moss, to fertilizer (or not), to weed abatement, soil grooming, etc. etc. If you have a tree or trees for the show, be sure bring all of your questions (and maybe your tree, as well) to get expert guidance on how to present your bonsai at its best. Even if you don't have a tree for the show (and you *really should*), come and learn how to enhance the presentation of trees in your personal collection.

### Last Month's Program – Club Member Critique

We had a fine selection of Club member's trees for the critique. The ad hoc critique team included **Ann Erb**, **Leroy Kubel**, and **Andrew Nelson**. By consensus, **Joe Olson's** massive and elegant *Celtis sinensis* was selected to represent the Club in the Winter Silhouettes show at the Los Angeles Arboretum. The most time was spent examining a clump (or was it a group or a sinuous root?) olive of **Tom Post's**. And **Wally Kunimoto** brought in another (of his many) massive older trees. This one was a Chinese elm in the broom style with many possibilities. Your editor apologizes for not having taken better (or any) notes about other trees, but I hope those who brought in trees felt there was some benefit in having done so.

### Club Business: Dues are due!!

**Annual Dues** are **\$25.00 individual, \$37.50 family**. Please bring your check made out to "Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara", to the meeting if you haven't yet brought yourself up to date. You may also give your checks to treasurer Theresa Stiem or mail them to the club's P.O. box above.

### Saturday Workshops

**Workshop fee is \$100.00 per semester**. There are two workshop sessions (semesters) per year with four Saturday meetings, each supervised by a recognized bonsai practitioner. In addition, there is one free open workshop each semester in which any club member can come and get advise from other club members and just enjoy the company of fellow bonsai enthusiasts while you work on a tree or two. You can pay for your workshop for one or two semesters at the same time as your dues using the enclosed form.

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| PRESIDENT | Joe Olson     | 964-0869 | PUBLICITY    | Frank Artusio | 963-3964 |
| SECRETARY | John Bleck    | 968-5519 | LIBRARIAN    | Andrew Nelson | 687-2757 |
| TREASURER | Theresa Stiem | 687-3702 | NEWSLETTER   | Andrew Nelson | 687-2757 |
| PROGRAMS  | Vacant        |          | SHOW         | Ann Erb       | 929-4972 |
| CLASSES   | Tom Post      | 964-2717 | REFRESHMENTS | Sally Gilmore | 415-9049 |

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**Saturday Workshops** began on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> with **Roy Nagatoshi** as guest master. Next Workshop is a *free open workshop* in the morning on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

## COMING EVENTS

**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!*

**February 29 – March 2, 2008, GSBF Spring Board Meeting**, Lamplighter Inn, 3300 West Mineral King, Visalia. Room reservations (559) 732-4511. GSBF members welcome.

**May 17-18, 2008, Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara: Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden**, 1212 Mission Canyon Road. Hours are Saturday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Demonstrations at 1:00 both days. Plant sale by the Club. Native plants suitable for bonsai in the Botanic Garden's nursery. Bonsai books and other gifts in the Garden Shop. For information, contact Ann Erb (905)929-4972, e-mail [annerb@charter.net](mailto:annerb@charter.net) or visit [www.santabarbarabonsai.org](http://www.santabarbarabonsai.org).

### *Revised Future Programs and Workshops*

| Date    | Program                       | Presenter          | Date    | Workshop Leader         |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| Feb 12  | Show Preparation              | Ann Erb            | Feb 16  | Open Workshop           |
| Mar 11  | Azaleas                       | Ann Erb            | Mar 15  | Mel Ikeda               |
| Apr 8   | Defoliation                   | Susanne Barrymore  | Apr 19  | Kathy Benson            |
| May 13  | 2007 Show Presentation        | Leroy Kubel        | May 17  | No Class – Show Weekend |
| June 9  | Pomegranate Group Update      | Ted Matson         | Jun 21  | Paul deRose             |
| Jul 8   | Soil Party                    | Tom Post & Ann Erb | Jul 19  | Lindsay Sheba           |
| Aug 16? | Potluck at John Bleck's House | John Bleck         | Aug 16? | John Bleck's            |
| 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                    |



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