



Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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

Monthly Meeting: TUESDAY, March 11, 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 Azaleas

Back by popular demand, **Ann Erb** will discuss azalea care and maintenance. Ann has been studying with Mr. Nakayama for the past several years, including going to Japan to work there. Nakayama-san is the top azalea bonsai master in Japan. What we have traditionally been taught about azaleas has been almost totally reversed in the last few years and the care of the trees has resulted in impressive results. Come learn the latest in azalea bonsai lore. [Thanks to Ann Erb]

Last Month's Program – Ann Erb on Show Preparation

Ann brought in several trees and accessory plants and went through cleaning and oiling the pots, the importance of having moss cover all the soil, and how much wire is acceptable on show trees. In the highlight of the evening, she brought in a huge variety of different display stands, many more than any of the rest of us will ever have. As a group exercise we all discussed the pros and cons of the appropriateness of the various possible combinations of trees and stands. Some stands are too big or too small, too tall, too short for a particular tree, or are overpowering or too weak appearing. Ann also talked about having stands for accessory plants that are complementary for the tree and companion, but must have a different feeling and style from the main stand. Also, one thing that may be new to most of us is that at least some "experts" say that the height of the companion plant on its stand should be less than the height of the top of the main tree's pot on its stand. [Thanks to Joe Olson]

Old Times to Remember

A woman came up to Susanne Barrymore's sales booth at the Shohin Seminar in Santa Nella, and introduced herself as Kathleen Blanchard, the second youngest member of our club back when Keith Mautino was the youngest. This was between 1980-86. She is now Senior Gardner at the Washington Park Japanese Garden, 2300 Arboretum Drive East, Seattle, WA 98112. Some of us may well remember her from then, and be delighted that the association with our club was perhaps instrumental in her career. [Thanks to Susanne Barrymore]

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CLASSES	Tom Post	964-2717	REFRESHMENTS	Sally Gilmore	415-9049

Saturday Workshop

This month's **Saturday Workshop** will be Saturday, March 15th with **Mel Ikeda** as guest master.

Future Programs and Workshops

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Date	Program	Presenter	Date	Workshop Leader
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

COMING EVENTS

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 or visit www.santabarbarabonsai.org.



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