



Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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

Monthly Meeting: TUESDAY, July 8, 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 – Member Critique

Your editor had composed a clever description of the soil party that was planned for this program, including several comments about the difficulty of obtaining ingredients for soil mixes and how easy the Club was going to make it for everyone to get just the right stuff. Well, it turns out that we've run into a snag with scoria (volcanic grit) and can't be sure we'll have enough in time. Therefore, we'll postpone the soil party until we're able to get all of the materials.

Instead, we'll have a member critique. Bring a tree. Don't be timid! The critiques are always instructive and constructive and may even be conflicting, but other opinions are often very helpful in formulating your own future plans. Maybe it's a tree you can't think what to do with, or one you've got some conflicting ideas about. Let the ad hoc panel have a look and learn what they think.

Last Month's Program – Ted Matson and Pomegranate Group Update

As reported in the last newsletter, in his April 2006 program **Ted Matson** planted a group of nine (it was nine!) twisted pomegranates that were root sprouts of a tree he lost after lifting it from the ground. By June 2007 one of the trees in the group had died, but the rest had done well and Ted removed the unfortunate trunk and trimmed the rest back to proper proportions and relationships with each other. This year, the group (now of eight) was thriving, having already been trimmed in April. Ted trimmed some more (about half the foliage again) and also brought one of the trees he did not plant in 2006 that he has kept as a spare. Part of the program involved deciding whether to add or subtract a tree to improve the arrangement. As it turns out, it was both! There was a twin trunk in the group with a secondary trunk that was skewed rather sharply compared to the rest. The twin came out and the new single went in instead. Ted repotted the group (now seven), refining the arrangement as he went, bringing some trunks closer and integrating the single new trunk into the overall composition. It really looked good. Stay tuned! The group will become the Club's once Ted has finished his magic.

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Future Programs and Workshops

Next Workshop is July 19th with **Lindsay Sheba**. Agenda for the rest of the year:

Date	Program	Presenter	Date	Workshop Leader
Jul 8	Soil Party Club Member Critique	TBD	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
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 5th 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. 162nd 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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