



## Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Goleta Community Center, 5679 Hollister Avenue, Goleta

Coffee and book exchange from 7:00 P.M.

Program at 7:30 P.M.

#### PROGRAM: MEL IKEDA – SHOHIN BONSAI

Mel's presentations are always interesting and informative. As you probably remember, he was here last October and created a unique and very interesting take on the raft style which took on the look more of an entire forest rather than the linear sinuous style that I, at least, had expected. Tonight he will share his considerable expertise of shohin bonsai. Shohin bonsai are trees smaller than 8 inches or 10 inches, depending on whom you ask. I'm sure Mel will clarify just what makes a shohin a shohin. Lately Mel has been working with bonsai master Kenji Murata, a California transplant originally from Toyohashi, Japan. Don't miss Mel's presentation and if you have examples of shohin that you'd like to share, please bring them in.

#### LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM

Before Tom Post and Ann Erb started to perform drastic reshaping of Tom's juniper, Jim Gilmore presented a check for \$5,000 to the club in memory of this mother Sally. Jim brought his family for the presentation and he also joined our club. Welcome to the club, Jim, and thank you for the donation. On the right is a picture of Jim handing the check to club president Andrew Nelson.



And on the left is a picture of Tom and Ann, assisted by Andrew, drastically bending the raffia-wrapped trunk of Tom's tree with the aid of a piece of rebar. Tom seemed happy with the results of the work after the trunk was split and bent. We'll have to ask Tom to bring the tree back in a few months to view its progress.

#### 2009 DUES REMINDER

If you receive a paper copy of the newsletter and your name and address are printed in red, it means the club hasn't received your dues as of this mailing. Those of you who get the e-mail version of the newsletter and are delinquent will receive a nagging request to renew in a message accompanying the newsletter. We don't want to lose anyone, so please fill out the form sent last month and bring it and a check to this month's meeting or mail them to the club's P.O. box. Dues are still \$25.00 for individuals or \$37.50 for family membership.

## COMING EVENTS

### February 21: Saturday Workshop

Kathy Benson is this month's guest instructor. Twelve people have signed up and paid for Spring semester of the Saturday workshops, so they are fully subscribed.

### February 28: San Diego

**Founder's Gala:** 2nd Annual major fundraiser for the continued construction of the new expanded Bonsai Pavilion at the San Diego Wild Animal Park, located at the Crowne Plaza Hanalei, 2270 Hotel Circle North. Festivities start at 6:30 PM. The evening includes a sumptuous Polynesian dinner, entertainment, a silent auction and benefit drawing. For reservations, or to make auction and monetary donations, contact Joyce Goldman, Gala Registrar, at 1616 Via Barlovento, San Marcos, California 92078, or email [jgoldmankfx@yahoo.com](mailto:jgoldmankfx@yahoo.com)

### February 28-March 1: Oakland

**GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: 18th Annual Mammoth Fundraiser** at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Saturday (Feb 28) Auction 1PM-4PM with preview 12Noon-1PM. Sunday (Mar 1) Mammoth Fundraiser 10AM-5PM. Demonstration and critiques by Kathy Shaner, Curator. Vendors, benefit drawings, raffles and large consignment sale of bonsai and bonsai related items.

### February 28-March 1: San Marino

**GSBF Collection at the Huntington Bonsai-A-Thon XIII**, fundraiser will be held at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. Hours are 7:30AM -4:30PM each day. Many vendors of trees, pots, tools and books will be on hand. On going demonstrations each day and the finished trees and other items will be auctioned each afternoon. Breakfast, lunch, raffles and novice workshops will be offered. Jim Folsom will lead tours each morning at 10:00AM that will include the grand opening of the new Bonsai Courts. For more information contact Elissa Hoxie: (310) 373-2840 or (310) 977-7966 . Email [ehoxie@mac.com](mailto:ehoxie@mac.com)

### May 16-17: Santa Barbara

Our own club's annual show and plant sale at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. More information to follow in the months ahead, but put the dates on your calendar now.



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