



Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012
Goleta Community Center, 5679 Hollister Avenue, Goleta
Coffee and book exchange from 7:00 P.M.
Program at 7:30 P.M.

PROGRAM: WALLY KUNIMOTO ON GRAFTING TO IMPROVE YOUR BONSAI



Charter member Wally Kunimoto will share expertise on grafting that he has acquired over many years of experience. Wally has been grafting to improve his bonsai junipers, trident maples, Japanese black pines and Japanese white pines. He will share his successes and failures that may help you if you want to try grafting. If you have had little success with thread grafting on maples, he has an alternate method that is easier to do with very good success. Find out why the method used in "inarch grafting" of junipers with shimpaku is nearly 100% successful but a disaster when the same technique is used for Japanese white pines and trident maples. If the scion and branch are about the same diameter, cleft grafting is the easiest method to use. However, if the scion is much smaller in diameter than the branch diameter, he will discuss an alternate grafting technique that can improve the success rate.

Wally will bring several trees that were grafted so you will be able to see up close the methods used on prostrata juniper, foemina juniper, trident maple, and both Japanese black pine and white pine. He will do a demo but his primary goal is to share "do's & don'ts" so that you will have more success than he did when he started grafting. It all sounds to me like information I should have had thirty years ago! Don't miss it.

...and also come for another pot raffle after Wally's presentation.

LAST MONTH: POTLUCK AT TOM POST'S HOUSE



As usual, attendees at our annual winter potluck had a good time and ate too much. Thanks to Tom Post for hosting the rowdy group of (small) tree huggers. The sun shone as our members were focused on the raffle as seen at left. A special feature of the afternoon was Susanne Barrymore's presentation of slides of last November's

Kazari tokonoma display competition at the Clark Center in Hanford. Susanne's delightful and unique scrolls were displayed in three of the displays. Tom had also picked up from Jim Barrett most of the pots made at October's workshop, as you can see in the before and after pictures at right. There are some nice pots on the table, and the glazes Jim used are very attractive.



DUES ARE DUE AGAIN

I can't believe how quickly each year zooms by, but here it is dues time again. Please fill out the attached form and bring it to the Tuesday meeting or mail it to the club's PO box. Individual dues are still \$25 and family membership is still \$37.50.

2012 WORKSHOPS

Thanks to Wally Kunimoto, the 2012 Saturday Workshop schedule is included. The new semester is beginning, so fees are due. A space is provided on the membership renewal form for the workshops. \$100 per semester buys an entire morning or afternoon with four of the best bonsai masters available anywhere. Direct any questions to Wally.

BONSAI POSTAGE STAMPS



Susanne Barrymore alerted me that bonsai will be featured on five stamps in 2012. Each one will depict a different style. More info available at <http://www.beyondtheperf.com/2012-preview/#stamp-bonsai> .

COMING EVENTS:

JANUARY 14-FEBRUARY 25: THE ANCIENT ART OF BONSAI

Ann Erb's Continuing Ed Class. 5 Saturdays, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. \$20 materials cost. Sign up online. Go to <http://sbcc.augusoft.net/> and enter "bonsai" in the box where it says *search for a class...* .

JANUARY 21: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA:

Saturday Workshop, Goleta Valley Community Center. Roy Nagatoshi, guest instructor.

FEBRUARY 25-26: SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA GSBF BONSAI-A-THON XVI

At The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. This is the annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at The Huntington. Admission to the event and to the Huntington Gardens is free with Bonsai-A-Thon "Early Bird" Registration. Hours are 7:30AM-4:30PM, both days. A pancake breakfast, a tour hosted by Jim Folsom (Director of the Garden), demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle, and an auction will all be featured. For more information contact Marge Blasingame, 626-579-0420 or margeblasingame@att.net.

ENTRIES DUE APRIL 1: 2012 JOHN Y NAKA DESIGN AWARD PROGRAM

The American Bonsai Society in fellowship and remembrance of our American Grand Master is pleased to announce that the 2012 John Y. Naka award program is now open and accepting entries until April 1, 2012 from across the North American continent. The program is open to both professional and hobbyist artists competing separately using either Native American plant material or plant material grown entirely in North America. Full information here: <http://absbonsai.org/latest-news/158-naka-design-award-ad> .

APRIL 11-15 ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA: CBS 55th CONVENTION AND SHOW:

California Bonsai Society Convention and Show starring "The Iron Men of Naka": Richard Ota, Frank Goya, Ben Oki, Harry Hirao, and Shig Miya, and featuring other well-known names. Workshops, demonstrations, auctions, drawings, a huge vendor area. Crown Plaza Anaheim Resort, 12021 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92840, 1-866-442-7375. \$99.00 per night. Booking code CBS. For registration information contact Elizabeth Partch at elizabethpartch@yahoo.com

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