



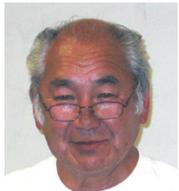
Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013

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 WILL DO SOMETHING INTERESTING



Mel Ikeda's exact program isn't available at press time (translation: the newsletter editor has procrastinated again and this time of night on a holiday weekend isn't a good time to call him even though he is very good natured and always seems to have a smile on his face). Mel's presentations are without fail interesting and amusing, and he has a knack for unique approaches that turn ordinary ho-hum material into good bonsai. Come see what he has in store for us this time when he comes up from his home in Costa Mesa for his presentation.

LAST MONTH: CHRISTMAS POTLUCK (but without the expected raffle)



The weather cooperated and lots of good food was on the table. Thanks to everyone who came. I hope you enjoyed it as much as the Olsons did. But the raffle didn't happen. The club's board had a meeting after lunch (having meetings on full stomachs probably isn't a great idea; see below for info on club business), and it dragged on so long that there was no time for the raffle. The donated items will be held and will either be sold at our May show or raffled off at our next potluck, or, if those of you who donated things would prefer to keep them yourselves to do with as you please, just let me know. The picture shows

some of the attendees who chose to eat indoors—maybe they just preferred to remain inside or their real motive may have been to stay close to the table for easy access to seconds.

HABEMUS PAPAM: well, not quite, but at least we have a volunteer to be president!



Tom Post, bless him, has kept the club from going off its own cliff by offering to be our president. He will kick off the New Year with a business meeting at 6:30 before Mel's presentation at 7:30. All board members past and present, and anyone else with an interest in keeping the club going should plan to be there. Tom has filled one void, but the club still could use a few more good men or women. Tom's been our program chair for several years; so far he's got 2013 scheduled through June but it's time to turn the job over to someone else. Similarly, Andrew Nelson would like to turn the librarian job over to someone new. Also on the agenda will be the club's finances. We have money available for special uses and events thanks to the money donated by Jim Gilmore in memory of his mother Sally Gilmore, and because of our anonymous endowment, but our more mundane basic balance sheet is not so rosy. Our dues have been \$25.00 at least since the 90's if not before. Reluctantly, dues for 2013 will go up by \$5.00 to \$30.00 for individuals and \$45.00 for couples in an effort to help keep the club solvent. Come early on Tuesday evening to be part of the discussion on the club's future.

2013 DUES

As you just read above, dues are now \$30.00 for individuals and \$45.00 for 2 people from the same household. Please fill out the accompanying form and either bring it to the meeting or mail it to the club's mailing address.

2013 SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

January is the start of the first semester of the new year. Tuition is still \$100 per semester, which is a bargain considering that you get four mornings or afternoons with some of Southern California's best bonsai masters. Sessions are limited to eight people each in the morning and afternoon. Wally Kunimoto has scheduled the entire year and a copy of that schedule is attached. Fill out Wally's form and bring it or mail it to the club, or you can sign up and include your tuition with the dues form. Just make sure Wally has you on his list.

COMING EVENTS:

JANUARY 19-20: BAIKOEN BONSAI KENKYUKAI'S WINTER SILHOUETTES SHOW



Los Angeles Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia. Ayers Hall. Hours 10 AM until 4:30 PM. Demos both days at 1:00 PM. Reception Saturday 6:30 until 9:30 PM. Food, Taiko Drum Entertainment, Giant Raffle, and Nagata Komai Award Ceremony for Shig Miya. Bonsai material for sale. For information, contact Lindsay Shiba at ljshiba@juno.com. (Note correct dates – tentative dates shown in last month's newsletter are incorrect.)

JANUARY 19: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA.

Saturday Workshop, 9:00 AM to noon, or 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Goleta Valley Community Center. Roy Nagatoshi, guest instructor.

FEBRUARY 12: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA.

Regular Tuesday evening meeting. Bob Pressler, guest presenter.

FEBRUARY 23 & 24: BONSAI-A-THON XVII



Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. 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 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM both days. Pancake breakfast, tour hosted by Jim Folsom (Director of the Garden), demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle, and auction. For more information, contact Marge Blasingame, 626-579-0420 or margeblasingame@att.net

MARCH 30: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA.



Special workshop with Italy's Mauro Stemberger who will be visiting California and offering demos and presentations. This will be a free or at least very low cost event open to all members in the occasional series of special events honoring our late member Sally Gilmore. We need to choose the format for his appearance: do we want a hands-on workshop with him, do we want a demo/presentation by him, some combination of the two, or some other format completely. Come to this month's meeting to voice your opinion and help decide what's best. If you are interested in attending the event but

can't make it on Tuesday evening, let Tom Post know soon: tompostart@yahoo.com.

MAY 18-19: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA

Our annual show and Plant sale at Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

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