



Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2010

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: FOREST/GROUP PLANTING



Capable and personable Mel Ikeda, who lives in Costa Mesa, is one of Southern California's well known bonsai masters who has been one of our club's favorite presenters for many years. Mel's presentations are always entertaining and informative and he very often has some very different techniques up his sleeve. As of this writing his tentative topic is a forest or group planting, possibly on a stone, but that is subject to change. In any event, you won't be disappointed!

LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM: TED MATSON ON BLACK PINES



Many methods for the proper care of Japanese Black Pines have been proposed over the years, and they have all evidently been successful for their proponents, but often have done little more than confuse everyone else. Ted put the various methods in perspective by pointing out that their common denominator is that they all have the object of reducing the growing season for each year's new shoots, balancing their growth and resulting in uniformly reducing needle size and internode lengths throughout the tree. He says it's much simpler and less mysterious that we have been led to believe. Trying to summarize his informative non-stop two-plus hour presentation into a few words is impossible, but here are a couple of tidbits of what struck me as excellent advice: Sometime in June cut every new candle cleanly at its base and remove old needles, leaving just three needles where there were strong candles, seven needles where there were weak candles, and five needles elsewhere. In late fall save the two best buds at each growth point and cut off any others. Repeat every year.

SHOW REPORT



Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's show and plant sale another success! The club is in good financial condition so the club's take on plant sales was reduced to 20% this year. Treasurer Theresa Stiem's report shows a profit of \$466, but that doesn't include the

Botanic Garden's fee which they may or may not waive. The pictures, courtesy of Leroy Kubel, show the tokonoma with Keith Mautino's pine and Susanne Barrymore's scroll, and the setup crew in action.



BEGINNERS CLASS



Six enthusiastic new members went home with promising new bonsai junipers after our annual introductory bonsai workshop on May 29. Here, thanks to one of those new members, Neal Wiley, are pictures of two of the newly-potted trees

and of two participants being guided (or maybe misguided) by an old club member.



COMING EVENTS

JUNE 12-13: DESCANSO BONSAI SOCIETY: 40TH ANNUAL BONSAI EXHIBITION at Descanso



Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada. Hours are 9AM-5PM both days. Demonstrations at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM each day. Sales area open to the public. Admission to the exhibition is free with admission to Descanso Gardens. A Saturday night reception 6:30 PM-9:00 PM includes light refreshments, auction and raffle. For directions go to www.descanso-bonsai.com or for more information contact Michael Jonas at 818-775-0813.

JUNE 19: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA. Saturday Workshop. Lindsay Shiba, guest instructor. New semester starts. \$100 fee due. To sign up, contact Wally Kunimoto at this month's meeting or at the phone number below before June 19.



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