



Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

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

PROGRAM: BOB PRESSLER ON TRANSPLANTING



Bob Pressler is the owner of Kimura Bonsai and Landscape Nursery in Northridge. He is also a bonsai artist and teacher. The thumbnail picture at left shows Bob with the huge juniper forest that he created as a memorial to September 11. You can see a larger picture at <http://kimurabonsainursery.robertpressler.com/>. Bob will talk about everything you wanted to know about transplanting. Transplanting is a messy but necessary process that is still mysterious to many people and is not often the subject of demonstrations. Bob will rectify that situation.

LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM: TOM POST AND ROOT-OVER-ROCK TRIDENT MAPLES

Speaking of transplanting, Tom repotted a couple of partially trained maples to see how their roots were developing, and demonstrated how to hold the roots in close contact with the rock using coarse twine that leaves no trace as it rots away. He re-buried the roots to further develop them before exposing them. Trident maples grow quickly and benefit from annual attention to their roots. The pictures below show Tom's tree that Mel Ikeda first placed on the rock one year ago. The picture on the left shows Mel's hands as he works to place the tree on the rock last year; the other two pictures show Tom working on it during his demo this year.



1. Mel Ikeda, February 2009
First placement on rock



2. Tom Post, February 2010
Note root growth



3. Tom Post, February 2010
Showing twine around rock



PESTICIDE FOOTNOTE

In January we heard recommendations on newer pesticides that are supposed to be more environmentally friendly than many of the old ones we've used for years. One of the recommendations was **Imidacloprid**, sold as Grubex and Gaucho. For what it's worth, it turns out that beekeepers hate the stuff, and it has been banned in France.

DO YOU NEED SOIL MATERIALS?



Club member Hank Gugel says he regularly visits four nurseries in the Los Angeles area: Roy Nagatoshi's Fuji Bonsai Nursery, Bob Pressler's Kimura Bonsai Nursery, San Gabriel Nursery, and House of Bonsai, and has offered to bring materials such as Roy Nagatoshi's soil mix, akadama, and Turface to our club meetings for anyone who needs them. Contact Hank at hank.gugel@ngc.com or (818) 519-0349 if you'd like to

take advantage of his offer.

COMING EVENTS

March 6, Westmont College, Montecito, 10AM - 3PM. Japanese Family Festival: a celebration of arts and culture. The free, public event will feature performances, demonstrations and craft activities for all ages. The Bonsai Club will be there with an exhibit and Andrew Nelson will do demos. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome, just contact Andrew. Come and see the club's exhibit and see the suiseki exhibit, too (see the next event notice below).

Now through March 11. Reynolds Gallery, Westmont College, Montecito



American Viewing Stones (suiseki) from the James and Alice Greaves Collection, and **Kiyoshi Saito Prints** from the Westmont College Collection of Ted and Dorcas Hatlen.

More information at http://www.westmont.edu/reynolds_gallery/ and http://www.tixity.com/p_evn.php?e=15869&ptnid=605.

March 20: Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara. Saturday Workshop. Mel Ikeda, guest instructor.

April 22: Earth Day event at Citrix Online. 11AM-2PM. The club has been invited to participate in this event at the company's offices in Goleta, and it looks like we will probably have two or three people there with a small exhibit. Music and a free lunch are included. Let Andrew Nelson know if you'd like to participate. More details next month.



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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2010 DUES?

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