



Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012

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 ON TRANSFORMING NURSERY STOCK TO BONSAI



Mel Ikeda will come up from his home in Costa Mesa for another of his informative and amusing presentations. He is shown at left after creating a very nice bonsai from unpromising material during one of his many previous appearances here, and will once again perform his magic for us this month. Program chair Tom Post has acquired some young nursery stock locally for Mel to work on. While everyone can learn a lot from the demo, and Mel is always such an entertaining guy that you don't want to miss his presentations anyway, this month's program is especially recommended for newer members because the raw, untrained material that will be used is similar to what you'll find in the nursery these days. And don't forget that two nice bonsai pots will again be raffled off after Mel's presentation.

LAST MONTH: BOB PRESSLER ON TRANSPLANTING (not shohin as announced here last month)



This is transplanting season, a busy time of the year for bonsai enthusiasts, and Bob sacrificed celebrating Valentine's day with his wife to visit us to talk about and demonstrate his techniques for repotting his trees. He first did some styling on a weeping tamarisk before transplanting it and donating it to the club for our next raffle, and then transplanted a choke cherry that he dug several years ago. Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*) is a flowering tree that we haven't seen very often as bonsai, but Bob says it makes a good subject for training. Bob says that if you cut back roots rather severely the first time you pot up your tree, it will be much easier to do subsequent repottings with less stress on you and your tree. In sharp contrast with the current practice of many other bonsai "experts", he still uses some organic material in his soil mix and his trees are doing just fine, thank you. In the picture, Bob is nearly hidden behind his chokecherry as he prepares it for its new pot.

DUES REMINDER

One last dues reminder: if you have not yet paid your 2012 dues, bring a check on Tuesday evening or mail it to the club's PO Box. Individual dues are \$25 and family membership is still \$37.50.

COMING EVENTS:

MARCH 17: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA:

Saturday Workshop, Goleta Valley Community Center. Mel Ikeda will be back here again this month as our guest instructor.

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> . (2011 winner in picture)

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

MAY 19-20: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA:

Our annual show and plant sale at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. More info later.

OCTOBER 24-28: SACRAMENTO: GSBF CONVENTION XXXV. CALIFORNIA DREAMING!



More info in months to come.

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