



Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

Goleta Community Center, 5679 Hollister Avenue, Goleta

Coffee and book exchange from 7:00 P.M.

Program at 7:30 P.M.

PROGRAM: CRITIQUE OF MEMBERS' TREES

Tonight's program is a change from the previously announced schedule. Ann Erb could not be here, so Tom Post has scheduled a critique of trees our members bring in. Tom will select a panel of "experts" from those attending, or perhaps we will just put several tables together and we can all sit around the trees and offer our thoughts. These critiques are always a lot of fun and are very informative. The trees can be at any stage of training, in any kind of container. There are no rules and the sessions are always very supportive, so please bring one or more trees in!

SAD NEWS: EDNA HESTHAL HAS LEFT US

Edna Hesthal was an always-faithful member of our club since its founding in the early 1970's. She will be dearly missed by all of us her knew her. Back when our club was just getting started, Bill and Edna Hesthal lost their house in the Romero Canyon Fire, the landscape on their property was black, gray, and white, and Edna was longing for green plants. Her friend Laura Dunn told her about John Naka's bonsai classes that our fledgling club was offering, so Edna joined Laura at the classes and immediately became an enthusiastic supporter of the club. Edna's son Mark Hesthal will join us at our meeting this month to say a few words about his mother. (Thanks to Susanne Barrymore for the club history relating to Edna.)

LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM



Above: Mel has helpers as he ties the maple to the rock with heavy twine.

Mel Ikeda always has a few surprises in store when he makes a presentation. In addition to the shohin demo announced in the newsletter last month, Mel did a root-over-rock demo with a maple. He used epoxy to glue two rocks together to obtain the shape he wanted, and then tied the tree to the rock with large-diameter twine that will hold the tree to the rock but will decompose without biting into the roots. After the tree and rock were firmly tied together, he planted them deeply in a plastic nursery container. He recommends cutting the top off the container to expose more and more of the roots until the tree is ready to move on to another container. Mel donated the trees and they will be raffled off at our next potluck. (A correction: Mel's shohin sensei is Kenji Miyata, not Kenji Murata as erroneously reported here last month.)



Right: Mel holds his newly created shohin juniper. The top has been left long to increase stem diameter.

COMING EVENTS

There are not a lot of nearby bonsai events to report this month.

March 21: Saturday Workshop

Mel Ikeda will be back in Santa Barbara as this month's guest instructor.

March 29: Scotts Valley, California

Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai: 20th annual Bonsai Show at the Scotts Valley Community Center, 360 King's Village Road, Hours are 10:30AM-4:30PM. Demonstration at 1:30PM by Katsumi Kinoshita. Plant sales, door prizes, raffle of the demonstration tree and much more.

May 16-17: Santa Barbara

Our own club's annual show and plant sale at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.



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MARCH 10 –CRITIQUE MEMBER'S TREES

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