



## Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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: JIM BARRETT ON 'CHICHI ICHO' GINKGO



Jim Barrett, one of California's best known and talented bonsai artists, will be here again this month. This time his subject will be chichi icho Ginkgo. Chichi what, you ask? Well as I understand it, they are desirable bonsai subjects because of their smaller leaves, spreading growth, and most of all because they eventually get highly textured bark with lumps and bumps, or "chichi". "Chichi" means breast or nipple in Japanese, and "Icho" means ginkgo, hence "Chichi Icho". In China they are known as "zhong-ru", meaning stalactite. The picture at right shows a penjing chichi icho named "Single



Peak Piercing the Clouds".

For those who may not yet know Jim, he has been a frequent guest presenter for many years at our Tuesday evening meetings as well as a guest instructor at our Saturday workshops. In addition to creating fine bonsai, he also creates fine bonsai containers. Jim has been a featured speaker at many bonsai conventions and clubs and has worked for many bonsai associations. He is past president of Bonsai Clubs International, the first president of Golden State Bonsai Federation, the founding president of the Santa Anita Bonsai Society and has served on the American Bonsai Society's board of directors.

Jim recently had a most unfortunate experience. While he was away at the GSBF convention, his automatic watering system failed. When he returned home, he unhappily discovered that he had lost many, many trees, most of which were high-quality trees that he had been training for many years.

### LAST MONTH: CRITIQUE OF MEMBER'S TREES



A number of interesting trees were bravely brought in for scrutiny by fellow club members, and, as usual, there were more suggestions offered than there were people offering them. It was all done with good intentions and some of the suggestions are actually helpful to most of us. Here are pictures of a couple of my favorites. At left, with John Bleck in the background, the group

considers a new slant for his shohin bougainvillea. At right, Wally Kunimoto contemplates a suggested new slant for his Japanese white pine as Allan King and Tom Post look on.



## AND ALSO LAST MONTH: ASIAN-AMERICAN LIVING HISTORY DAY

Keith Mautino, Susanne Barrymore, Wally Kunimoto, and Joe Olson had trees on display at the Presidio as part of the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation's annual event on October 6.



Keith and Wally



Susanne and Keith talk to a visitor



Wally's Trident Maple

## 2013 OFFICERS YET AGAIN

This serious issue is still with us. Please come to the meeting to help resolve it finally!

### COMING EVENTS:

**NOVEMBER 17: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA.** Saturday Workshop, 9:00am to noon, or 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Goleta Valley Community Center. Jim Barrett will be here for a second time this month as guest instructor on Saturday.

**DECEMBER 8 (SATURDAY): BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA: ANNUAL WINTER POTLUCK** and raffle, this year at Joe Olson's house, noon to whenever. Details in next month's newsletter, but put the date on your calendar now.

**DECEMBER 27, 2012 – JANUARY 2, 2013: SAN MARINO, CA CALIFORNIA AISEKI KAI: 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION OF VIEWING STONES SHOW**, located in Friends Hall at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. Hours are 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM each day. Closed on New Year's Day. Free parking and free entry into the exhibit. For more information see: [www.aisekikai.com](http://www.aisekikai.com) and/or contact [hutch@aisekikai](mailto:hutch@aisekikai)

**FEBRUARY 23 & 24, 2013: SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA BONSAI-A-THON XVII** at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. 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](mailto:margeblasingame@att.net)

**MARCH 23, 2013: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA.** Special workshop with Italy's Mauro Stemberger. This will be a free workshop open to all members in the occasional series of special events honoring our late member Sally Gilmore. More details to come later.

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