



## Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

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



This month the club program depends on you: We are going to have one of our periodic critiques of members' trees. We do this at least once a year and it is always a lot of fun, so please bring in at least one tree, or more if you so choose, for discussion by the whole group. Don't be put off by the word "critique". The program will be a very informal session which is always helpful, but be warned: If there are a dozen people there, you will go home with at least thirteen opinions on your tree's styling. The program isn't just limited to styling your tree, so if you want advice on growing your tree or keeping it healthy, or any other aspect of bonsai culture, bring it in.

The picture shows one of my trees that has benefitted greatly, I think, from suggestions I took home from a couple of earlier critiques.

And don't forget that at 6:45, before the regular program, there will be a session on how to keep your tree compact. This is another in the series of Bonsai Basics intended primarily for our newer members, but there is always something worthwhile for even the most seasoned bonsai grower.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



What a busy August! Normally our "slow" month, this turned into a very active one.

We started with a Tuesday evening "soils, pesticide, and fertilizer" discussion. Wally brought a wonderful paper on 'Fertilizing Bonsai'. It was very informative, so it is included with this newsletter. Bob Pressler had his nursery open for us and everyone came home with several items to be worked on. If you haven't been to Bob's Kimura Nursery, it is worth the visit.

Our new "beginner" group is an excited one and they are quickly honing their skills.

Yes, we had our Pot Luck at Cami's house this year. Thanks so much Cami. What a gorgeous setting and a most gracious hostess. Good food abounded as usual and lots of treasures from our raffle went home with the lucky winners.

During the month of September we will be going to visit Muranaka's Nursery in Nipomo.

Tom

## LAST MONTH: POTLUCK AT CAMI SEGNA'S HOUSE

A big "THANK YOU" from the club to Cami for hosting a rowdy bunch of bonsai enthusiasts at her house. Your cub reporter/photographer was unable to go and so there are no pictures to publish, but by all accounts everyone who did attend had a good time.

## COMING EVENTS:

### SEPTEMBER 14: TRIP TO MURANAKA BONSAI NURSERY

Meet at the Sears parking lot at 7:45 AM to carpool to this very interesting nursery in Nipomo. Let Tom Post know if you plan to go.

### SEPTEMBER 21: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA: SATURDAY WORKSHOP

9 AM until noon or 1 to 4 PM., at the Goleta Valley Community Center. Mel Ikeda, guest instructor. Contact Wally Kunimoto if you have a question.

### OCTOBER 5 – 6, 2013, THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA



Conejo Valley Bonsai Society: 10th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Resource Center, Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd. Hours 9 AM – 4 PM both days. Demonstrations in the Bandstand at 11 AM Saturday and 2 PM Sunday. Free Admission. No sales of bonsai related items. For information, call Marj Branson at 805-373-1330 or visit club web site <http://www.cvbs-bonsai.org/>

### OCTOBER 12: PRESIDIO PASTIMES: THE SANTA BARBARA PRESIDIO'S ASIAN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD. 11AM-4PM, El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic



Park, 123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara. Visit <http://sbthp.org/events2.htm> . Our club has been invited to participate once again and we will have a small display of bonsai. Let Joe Olson know if you would like to show a tree. There will be lots of other things happening all day long, so plan to come to see our display and enjoy the other events.

### OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 3: GSBF ANNUAL CONVENTION "OUTSIDE THE BOX".



Marriott Hotel Los Angeles Burbank Airport. Headliners David DeGroot, Suthin Sukosolvisit and Peter Warren. Wonderful offsite field trips on Wednesday, October 30. Convention to be held Friday, October 31 through Sunday, November 3, 2013. Visit [www.gsbconvention.org](http://www.gsbconvention.org) for all the details and for on-line registration

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