



Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010

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

PROGRAM: LEROY KUBEL'S PHOTOS OF 2009 SHOW, AND MORE!

Charter member Leroy Kubel has always been the more or less official photographer of our annual show. His annual presentation of his photos has always been a much-anticipated event. It has evolved from a 35mm slide show of just the plants in the show to a real production, a comprehensive DVD review of the show and other bonsai events of the preceding year. Leroy always has a few surprises for us. Come see what he has in store this year.

LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM: BOB PRESSLER ON REPOTTING



Bob Pressler, at work in the photo at left, gave a lively presentation on repotting trees. Here, courtesy of Tom Post's notes, are a few of the highlights of his presentation. Bob uses a drainage layer of larger mix when he transplants. He believes in potting dug up material into a bonsai pot early. "SUPERthrive" is good because it allows plants to take in nutrients earlier. He likes to take off large roots early so that you don't work on a tree for a long time and then lose it by taking off roots later. He uses "Biosol" organic fertilizer, and he uses "Cloud Cover" on foliage.

ALSO LAST MONTH: JAPANESE FAMILY FESTIVAL AT WESTMONT COLLEGE



On March 6, Andrew Nelson, Tom Post, Wally Kunimoto and Joe Olson spent a pleasant day at Westmont College with a mini-display of trees. The event was well attended and we even picked up a new member or two. One downside was that it was a rainy day and

consequently everything was moved indoors. Andrew's demos were scheduled at the same times as the taiko drummers. He wisely postponed them until the drummers were finished. Here's a picture of Andrew at work on his demo and a picture of Wally Kunimoto's elm.



GET READY FOR THE SHOW NEXT MONTH



It's hard to believe, but showtime will be here soon! May 15 and 16 are the magic dates. We'd like to have a tree from as many members as possible, so put this newsletter down right now and go select one or two trees to enter, then pinch, trim, and groom them so they will be looking at their best for the show. Full details in next month's newsletter.

NEWSLETTER SURVEY

You may have noticed a different font in the last few newsletters in an effort to add a little bit of new life to them. I thought the font was a little hard to read on my computer screen, so I've gone back to a simpler, more readable one. If you have a preference, or any other suggestions for improving the newsletter, please let the editor know. (And, while I'm at it, if you'd like to write the newsletter, I'd be happy to know that, too!)

COMING EVENTS

APRIL 17: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA. Saturday Workshop. Ted Matson, guest instructor.

APRIL 17: SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE ADULT ED "The Ancient Art of Bonsai"

First of six weekly classes taught by Ann Erb. Sign up on-line at www.sbccc.edu/AdultEd.

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, but our participation looks iffy at this time, unless someone volunteers SOON to be there. Music and a free lunch are included. Let it be known no later than our April 13 meeting if you'd like to participate, or our participation will be cancelled.

MAY 15-16: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara annual show and plant sale at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1212 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Demonstrations both days.

MAY 16, SANTA BARBARA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY show and sale. MacKenzie Park, 10:00am to 3:00pm. Hmm... I'm not sure if our members should attend, given the date, but John Bleck is a member of both groups, so I guess it's ok.

MAY 29: BEGINNERS CLASS, GOLETA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

The club's annual one-day beginner's class will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. All beginners are welcome. Sign-up sheet will be available at the show. The nominal fee (still to be determined for this year) includes plant, pot, instruction, and membership in the club for the remainder of the year.



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APRIL 13 – LEROY KUBEL: 2009 SHOW PHOTOS

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2010 DUES?

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