



Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012
Goleta Community Center, 5679 Hollister Avenue, Goleta
Coffee and book exchange from 7:00 P.M.
Program at 7:30 P.M.

PROGRAM: BOB PRESSLER ON SHOHIN BONSAI



Bob Pressler has been the owner of Kimura Bonsai Nursery in Northridge since 1996 and has made quite a few entertaining and informative presentations to our club since then. He conducts classes at his nursery (ask him for his schedule) and makes presentations at many clubs and conventions. At left, he was last seen here in January 2011 with a presentation on Black Pines and said he has fun taking mediocre material and seeing if he can turn it into a good tree. This month his topic will be shohin bonsai. What better way can you spend Valentine's Day? But wait, there's more! Once again, two nice bonsai pots will be raffled off to two lucky attendees after Bob's presentation.

LAST MONTH: WALLY KUNIMOTO ON GRAFTING



Wally has had remarkable success in grafting his trees, including pines, which most of us had thought were way too difficult to even consider trying. The conditions for success of any graft are these:

- The scion and stock must be compatible (e.g. pine to pine, juniper to juniper)
- Material must be at the proper physiological stage (do your grafting early in the growing season, like right NOW!)
- Cambium layer of scion and stock MUST match.
- Graft union must be kept moist and sealed until graft has taken and wound has healed.

Happy grafting! At left is a photo of successful pine-on-pine grafts on one of Wally's trees. The grafts will form new branches and the old leggy ones will be removed.

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.

HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR POT?

There are still some unclaimed pots from our October pot-making workshop. If yours is one of them, you can pick it up on Tuesday evening at our meeting.

COMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 18: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA:

Saturday Workshop, Goleta Valley Community Center. Kathy Benson, guest instructor.

FEBRUARY 25-26: SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA GSBF BONSAI-A-THON XVI

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 7:30AM-4:30PM, both days. A pancake breakfast, a tour hosted by Jim Folsom (Director of the Garden), demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle, and an auction will all be featured. For more information contact Marge Blasingame, 626-579-0420 or margeblasingame@att.net.

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>.

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. Put the date in ink on your calendar and start thinking about what you'd like to show. It would be great to get lots of trees from members who have not yet entered trees. More info later.

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