

OUR 40TH YEAR



Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



On this 40th anniversary of the Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara, we can reflect proudly on four decades of success. Where many clubs have come and gone, BCSB has withstood the test of time thanks to its members and their dedication to the club and the art of bonsai. The club got going in 1971 through Wally Kunimoto's determination to ensure a sustainable bonsai program with John Naka. And this year marked the 40th Anniversary Show and Sale at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. Not only did the show allow members to present their best work, but it engaged the public and brought an appreciation of bonsai to a wider audience.

Lest we forget, successful shows don't happen all by themselves. Many members dedicated their weekend to setting up, selling plants and pots, engaging the interested public, demonstrating techniques, and taking it all down again. Rather than try to list everyone, I will say, with deep gratitude, THANK YOU to everyone who gave of their time and effort to make the show a success! Despite our early concerns, the Botanic Garden staff were very pleased with our native plant display and we've been warmly welcomed back again for next year.

That an all-volunteer organization can sustain itself over 40 years as membership waxes and wanes, interests change, and members move or pass on is a testament to the deep and abiding fascination with nature and artistic expression that bonsai represents. I consider myself fortunate to be associated with the club and hope everyone else does, too.

Andrew Nelson, Club President

AND, A COUPLE OF PICTURES OF THE SHOW

You'll have to wait for Leroy Kubel's multi-media presentation next year, or at least until his photos of the trees are posted to our web site to see more of his excellent work, but here are two



sample photos. In the tokonoma photo you can see Wally Kunimoto's nice upright juniper and one of Susanne Barrymore's scrolls while the other photo shows Ann Erb during her Sunday demonstration.



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PROGRAM: ANN ERB ON POMEGRANATES

Pomegranates make great bonsai. They have attractive bright green leaves all summer and, if you are lucky, colorful flowers and even fruit. Twisted-trunk examples are especially desirable. Our own knowledgeable Ann Erb will bring her expertise to bear in her presentation on pomegranates this month. Come to hear and see what she has to show and tell us.

LAST MONTH MEL IKEDA - SHOHIN JUNIPER



Mel gave an informative and amusing demonstration of the creation of a shohin procumbens nana juniper. Shohin bonsai are those less than 8 inches tall. His comment while working on the tree that nearly hides him at left was "this is the ugliest demo ever", but later, after he worked his magic on it as you can see at right, he said with justification "wow, this is nice!" The tree will be raffled off at our August potluck.



BEGINNERS WORKSHOP

Five participants at the Beginners Workshop on June 4 went home with potential future Kokufu Ten trees. Welcome to the club! We hope to see you often.

COMING EVENTS:

JUNE 18: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA

Open workshop, 9:00am to noon, Goleta Valley Community Center. All members are invited to attend for any or all of the morning. Bring a tree to work on or to get advice from other club members, or come just to have a cup of coffee. There are no Saturday classes this month; the new semester starts in July.

JUNE 18-19: LA CANADA/FLINTRIDGE, CALIFORNIA



Descanso Bonsai Society: 41st Annual Bonsai Show at Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive. Show hours are 9AM-5PM with demonstrations at 11AM and 1PM daily. Saturday night reception begins at 6PM and features a large raffle and live auction. Visit www.descanso-bonsai.com or contact Michael Jonas, 818-776-0813 or mjonas48@hotmail.com for more information

OCTOBER 27-30 RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA



Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention XXXIV, "Bonsai Full Circle" at the Marriott Hotel & Convention Center, 3400 Market Street. Headliners are: Kathy Shaner, Ryan Neil, Roy Nagatoshi and Pedro Morales. Demonstrations, seminars, critiques, workshops, benefit drawings, vendors and more. More information forthcoming.

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