



Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

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 MEMBER'S TREES



Each year we have at least one critique of trees that you, our members, bring in. As we have pointed out in the past, "critique" is probably not the best word to describe the night's program: The idea is to provide helpful suggestions, answer questions, and try to help solve any problems you might have with your tree. At any rate, you will get several--possibly conflicting--opinions which you will then be free to follow or ignore as you please. It's usually a lot of fun, so bring trees in any stage of training along with your questions. Show chair Tom Post may select a panel of "experts" or possibly just let the open discussion go wherever it leads.

The trees can be at any stage of training, in any kind of container. There are no rules and the sessions are always very supportive, so please bring in one or more trees! The tree in the picture is one which was improved greatly after taking seriously the suggestions offered in two or three critiques. However, in looking at the photo I realize that the tree hasn't gotten any better since the picture was taken, so I think it's time to bring it in again.

And don't forget the no-cost pot raffle. We are running low on pots so the pot raffle won't be around forever, but for sure this month just show up for the meeting and once again you just might take very nice pot!

LAST MONTH: TOM'S TOP TEN TOOLS UNDER TEN DOLLARS

Actually, there were a lot more than ten handy tools under ten dollars that Tom Post and others brought in, but in order to make it look a little bit Letterman-esque, here's Tom's Top Ten List:



- 10. Grafting tape
- 9. Twine (wrapping roots for root over rock)
- 8. Wire brushes/ carving tools (working with dead wood)
- 7. Rebar (bending branches)
- 6. Juice containers (hot houses for cuttings)
- 5. Grit cleaner (keeping tools clean)
- 4. Tubing/old water hose (protect bark while bending)
- 3. Drywall tape/needle point sheets (covering drainage holes)
- 2. Tags for each tree (transplanting, defoliating, etc.)
- 1. Note pad and pencil

Tom is shown with his home-made root hook, which for some reason didn't make the cut for his top ten list.

MONTH BEFORE LAST: STAND-MAKING WORKSHOP



Thanks to Gary Morris, here are some photos of August's stand workshop at Anne Erb's and John Kopp's house. The participants said they were very happy with the workshop, and as you can see, Ann and John have a complete set of appropriate tools, and more importantly, they know how to use them. I'm anxious to see the finished stands.

2013 OFFICERS AGAIN

We still need to think seriously about next year's officers. We will devote some time during this month's meeting to the topic. If you can't attend on Tuesday, I recommend that you don't answer your phone on Wednesday. It may be someone calling to say that you have been nominated *in absentia* for a club office, so please come to the meeting to help resolve this issue.

COMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER 6: SANTA BARBARA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION'S ANNUAL ASIAN AMERICAN LIVING HISTORY DAY. 11AM-4PM, El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park, 123 East Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara. Visit <http://www.sbthp.org/events2.htm> . Our club has been invited to participate once again and we will have a small display of trees. Admission is free, so plan to spend a few minutes at this event.



OCTOBER 6-7: CONEJO VALLEY BONSAI SOCIETY: 9TH ANNUAL BONSAI EXHIBITION at the Resource Center, Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks. Hours are 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 our web site at www.cvbs-bonsai.org .

OCTOBER 20: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA. Saturday Workshop, 9:00am to noon, or 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Goleta Valley Community Center. Lindsay Shiba, guest instructor.

OCTOBER 24-28: SACRAMENTO: GSBF CONVENTION XXXV. CALIFORNIA DREAMING!

Double Tree Hotel, 2011 Point West Way, Sacramento. Hotel reservations (916) 929-8855. Honoring Harry Hirao, "Mr. California Juniper". Headliners include Kevin Willson from Spain, David Nguy and Ryan Neil. Demonstrations, seminars, critiques, workshops, excursions, benefit drawings, vendors, and much more. First ever totally California Native Tree bonsai exhibit and "Raising the Bar", our first ever judged bonsai competition for cash awards. More information available at www.gsbconvention.org

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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