



Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara

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TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013

Goleta Community Center, 5679 Hollister Avenue, Goleta

Coffee and book exchange from 7:00 P.M.

Program at 7:30 P.M.

PROGRAM: TOM POST CREATES A POMEGRANATE FOREST



Pomegranates make great bonsai. Older specimens have interesting trunks, even young ones have beautiful flowers in spring which may be followed by fruit. Autumn brings golden yellow to the leaves before they fall, revealing the branch structure. Long-time member, and Club President, Tom Post has never seen a cut branch that couldn't be stuck in a pot to see if it will grow. As it turns out, pomegranates are easily grown from cuttings and so Tom has a backyard full of them. For this month's program he will create a forest from several of them.

And, don't forget our pre-meeting bonsai monthly clinic. If you have a question of any sort about any tree, please bring your questions and trees in between 7:00 and 7:30 for advice from club members.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

A big thanks to Ann, Andrew and Joe for assisting with the Beginner Workshop. I am pleased to announce that we have 8 new members (and very enthusiastic ones) to add to the Club.

I would also like to add a belated thanks to John Bleck for his participation in the afternoon session of gathering our stored items for our show at the Garden. I inadvertently forgot to include him in last month's newsletter. Not only was he there helping load our vans at the start, but he was busy throughout the show.

As a follow-up to our beginner workshop and as our plan to further the wellbeing of the club in general, the board has adopted a plan to help those just starting as well as you "old timers" (don't take that literally), to advance the quality of your collection. To this end, the following list will give each of you the opportunity to visit several nurseries and or attend special workshops concerning some of the fundamental basics on the Art of bonsai.

If you plan to attend any of the sessions, please call or email me so that I can notify the nurseries of our numbers. tompostart@yahoo.com.

If you have other ideas that you think would be interesting to have a session on, please notify me.

Tom

P.S. The GSBF show and convention in November should be a great one also.

LAST MONTH: SUSANNE BARRYMORE ON DEFOLIATION



Susanne, pictured at left with her defoliated maple, said that in her research for her presentation the most common reason given for defoliation was to reduce leaf size. While reduced leaf size is indeed one beneficial result of defoliation it is by no means the only reason to remove all the leaves from healthy deciduous trees during the growing season. The biggest benefit of defoliation is that it encourages ramification, the growth of those desirable small side branches, and it allows you to see the structure of the tree and prune judiciously, which greatly benefits your tree. You can also repot your tree outside the normal repotting season after defoliation. To defoliate, either clip each leaf individually or pull the leaves off with your fingers. In either case be

careful not to damage small branches or new buds from which new leaves will start to emerge in a couple of weeks. Hackberries, zelkovas, and maples are commonly defoliated, and those of you with lots of patience can also remove all those tiny leaves on your elms, but almost any deciduous tree can benefit from defoliation.

BONSAI BASIC TOPICS and NURSERY VISITS

Following is the list of special events Tom mentioned above in his President's Message. While ostensibly created for our new, newer, and newest members, all members are invited to participate in any or all of them. The Tuesday events will take place before our regular monthly meetings; if you can let Tom know you'd like to be there, but by all means come even if you don't have the opportunity to let him know in advance. Do let Tom know in advance if you would like to participate in any or all of the field trips so he can notify the nurseries that we are coming and he can organize carpools.

July 9 - Tuesday 6:45: Discussion on styles and ideas for picking out a tree

July 13 – Saturday: Trip to Roy Nagatoshi's Fuji Nursery, Sylmar

July 14 – Sunday: Workshop on wiring

August 6 - Tuesday 6:45: Meeting on soil mixtures, fertilizers, insecticides

August 17 – Saturday: Trip to Bob Pressler's Kimura Nursery, Northridge.

Sep. 10 - Tuesday 6:45: How to keep your tree compact

Sep. 14 – Saturday: Trip to Muranaka Nursery, Nipomo

October ? - Bring trees in for beginner workshop

COMING EVENTS:

JULY 20: BONSAI CLUB OF SANTA BARBARA: SATURDAY WORKSHOP

9 AM until noon or 1 to 4 PM., at the Goleta Valley Community Center. The second semester of 2013 begins, \$100 fee for the semester. Wally Kunimoto reports that the morning sessions are fully subscribed but there are still openings in the afternoon. Wally has excellent instructors lined up, so let him know if you would like to attend. Here are the scheduled instructors: July 20 - Ted Matson; Sept. 21 - Mel Ikeda; Oct. 19 - Lindsay Shiba; Nov. 16 - Jim Barrett.

AUGUST (date to be confirmed): ANNUAL SUMMER POTLUCK AND RAFFLE

Cami Segna has graciously offered to host the party at her house this year. More info and directions in next month's newsletter (Your on-the-ball newsletter staff neglected to confirm the date with her before press time and it's way too late in the evening to call her now. I'll send out a confirmation of the date as soon as I have it.)

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. Be sure to watch for pre-convention tours and activities. Visit the convention website <http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/convention>

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