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# THE BONSAI GAKUSEI

*Newsletter of the Modesto Bonsai Club  
February 2006*

## PROGRAM

**Date:** Saturday, February 18, 2006

**Location:** Blue Oak Nursery, 784 Albers Road.

### Program Schedule:

10:00a Executive Board Meeting

11:00a Beginning/Intermediate Program – Sam Adina

12:30p Lunch Break/Business Meeting: Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks/snacks available

1:00p - ? Work on show trees w/ George and Sam

**All members are always welcome to attend the board meetings. No extra charge.**

### A Message from your President...

2006 got off to a great start at the January club meeting. The weather cooperated and was quite pleasant at Blue Oak.

Sam and other mentors assisted the members with their Foster Trees and their donation trees in preparation for the Spring show in April. Some of the display bonsai were shaping up nicely.

News presented by Pam was a bit disturbing as the officials at Downey H.S. announced that we didn't qualify for the low rates we had been paying for the last couple of years as we didn't return 100% of our proceeds to education. Our rates will be much higher this year. Pam investigated many other possible venues for our show but many were inadequate or overpriced.

The information was presented to the membership present and a vote was entertained for a choice between Downey and Casa de Modesto. Also voted upon was the duration and hours of the show. The results were to hold the Show on April 1 and 2 with setup on Friday, March 31 from 4 to 7pm. Saturday hours would be from 10 to 4. Sunday hours would be from noon to 4pm with cleanup until 5 pm.

The club will have to work hard setting up and taking down to

avoid overtime paid out at a higher rate. We will have to sign up for committees to make the show as profitable as possible to offset the higher fees. Our donations of at least 2 trees, the finished Foster Trees and other raffle items will ensure our ability to pay our speakers, instructors, and field trip.

Our club is growing and adding new members at almost every meeting. We welcome them and will help them however we can.

There have been other changes. Mary Miller is our new editor of the newsletter. Linda Soliven has assisted Mary in the smooth transition and has been a wonderful editor. Thank you, Linda for all your hard work.

Another change is in the color of our members aprons: they are now hunter green as the manufacturer couldn't get gray anymore. Also, our name badges have been printed with a tree on them. If you wish to order the new items please see Janet Wakefield.

The February meeting will be a time for members to work on their trees to ready them for the show. Mentors will be available for assistance. Please see Pam, your show chairperson to sign up for committees. Also, please see Hana, your hospitality hostess to sign up for potluck items for the show.

This should be an exciting year for our club. We have many great speakers and events planned.

Please remember to pay your annual dues to your Treasurer Janet Wakefield by this meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

Sincerely, President Richard McKinstry

**REMINDER:** Each member is responsible for cleaning his/her work area/table before leaving.

## CLUB INFORMATION

**Membership Dues are now due and payable.** Those members not paid by March 31, 2006 will be dropped from membership. Please complete membership form attached in this newsletter.

**Check Out the Club Library!** See Betty Bennett about all the great books and CDs we have. There are some books out that are overdue. If you think this is you please call our librarian at 632-2958.

**Remember...** Blue Oak Nursery is open on the first Thursday of each month from 6 – 9pm. Sam Adina will be available to help you with your trees. This is a casual workshop, come and go as you please.

**Club Sales, Feb. and March Meetings!** Get ready to show your club pride at the Show this April. See Pam Grassmidt.  
T-Shirts \$12                      Club Pins \$3  
2X or 3X \$15                      Aprons \$12

Please remember to **Support Your Club** buy picking a month or two per year and sign up for the snack table. No one signed up for Feb. at all. Thank you Richard for jumping in to help. And a BIG thank you to Hana for taking care of this for us.

**Welcome New Members!** Glad to meet ya.  
Sylvan&Sandra Braa  
Brian Seay&Crystal Sinclair  
Lee&Gwynn Thoma

Our **January Raffle** was great thanks to donations from Jack Hill and Linda Soliven for plants, and Frank and Betty Bennett for club photo calendars. Thanks to each of you that bought tickets, too. Our raffles, if we have one, are usually at the end of the day. So stick around if you can. Also, donating any of your unwanted plants, etc. for the raffle is a great support to your club.

The Modesto Bonsai Club hands out free booklets to all who come to our show in April at Downey High. If you or anyone you know would like to advertise your business in this fine publication please contact Pam Grassmidt at 529-1434. The rates are very reasonable, just \$ 25 for business card size or \$100 for full page (8.5" x 5.5").

## 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

January: Open

February18: Work on Show trees with George and Sam

March18: Scott Chadd-12 tree Maple in forest style

April15: Doug Philips – Olives

May20: Janet Walters – Satsuki

June17: Sam and Mentors discuss:

- 1.Air-layering
- 2.Trimming Maples
- 3.Trimming Azaleas
- 4How to Buy

July15 and August19: Member Workshop 10AM-1PM

September16: Johnny Uchida-Topic TBA

October21: Ruben Guzman – Juniper

November18: Pick trees for 2007 Show, work on styling.

December: Holiday Social

### ALNUS GLUTINOSA

Grown from seedling found in 1983  
75cm high - 63cm wide  
Pot: David Jones at Walsall Studio



I like the gregariousness of multi-trunked compositions, as well as the challenges of creating them. Purple flame-like buds adorn orange shoots - beautiful sight in winter

## UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

**February 25-26** **Oakland, California**  
**Golden State Bonsai Collection-North** 15th annual **Mammoth Fundraiser Event** at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. Auction -- Saturday (Feb. 25) 1PM-4PM with preview 12Noon-1PM. Mammoth Fundraiser -- Sunday (Feb. 26) 10AM-5PM. Demonstration by Curator, **Kathy Shaner**. Sale of bonsai and pre-bonsai materials, Vendors, Benefit drawings.

**March 15-19** **San Francisco, California**  
**Bonsai Society of San Francisco** Annual Exhibit at the San Francisco Flower and Garden Show, Cow Palace. Show hours are 9AM-8PM on Wednesday through Saturday, and 9AM-6:30PM on Sunday. In addition, there will be a bonsai demonstration in the public presentations area, on-going demos in the exhibit area, and a special children's activity. Bonsai materials are available for sale.



Outdoor Exhibition, Osaka, Japan

The bonsai are displayed outdoors at table height against pale, plain background. Because of the visitors high regard for bonsai no barriers are needed around the exhibit, although it includes some extremely valuable specimens.

**Directions to Meeting Site:** The **Blue Oak Nursery** is on the east side of Albers Road, 1 mile north of Hwy. 132 (Yosemite Blvd.). Watch for the big blue sign with the blue oak silhouette. Turn into the gravel lane and follow it to the end. Park in designated areas.

**Modesto Bonsai Club Mailing Address:**  
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Modesto, CA 95357

### Instructor

Sam Adina

### Board of Directors

**President**

Richard McKinstry

**Vice President**

Pam Grassmidt

**Treasurer**

Janet Wakefield

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**Hostess**

Hanna McKinstry

\*gakusei (gok-say) noun a student or scholar

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2006 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Check one:  Individual \$25  Family \$30 (one mailing address)

Is this a:  Renewal Member since: \_\_\_\_\_

Changes to address/phone number?  Yes  No

or

New Member: *How did you hear about our Club?*

Show  MJC Class  Nursery

Friend  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Send newsletter by e-mail?*  Yes  No

Please indicate any programs/areas of interest you would like covered this year; i.e., field trips, guest lecturers, workshops, specific plant species or style.

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Would you be willing to serve as an officer of the Club?  Yes  No

Check the area(s) where you can assist at the April 1-2, 2006 Spring Show:

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|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Setup (4pm Friday)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle Drawings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Takedown (4 pm Sunday) | <input type="checkbox"/> Reception  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunchroom       |

Make check payable to: Modesto Bonsai Club

Bring to the next meeting or mail to: Janet Wakefield, Treasurer, MBC  
P.O. Box 578518, Modesto 95357-8518