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# THE BONSAI GAKUSEI

*Newsletter of the Modesto Bonsai Club  
JUNE 2006*

## PROGRAM

**Date:** Saturday, June 17, 2006

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

### Program Schedule:

- 9:00a Executive Board Meeting
- 10:00a Members Arrive/Set-Up
- 11:00a Beginning/Intermediate Program – Sam Adina
- 12:30p Lunch Break/Business Meeting: Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks/Snacks Available.
- 1:00p - ? Sam & Mentors Teach

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

### A Message from your President...

Discussions at the May meeting included the need for volunteers to rotate trees at the Aqua Shi restaurant and form different care groups each month. Rob Ellet, Sue Cloward, and Hana McKinstry signed up for the month of June. Tiffany and Jeremy, of the restaurant, have given gift certificates in appreciation for the care of the trees.

A summer party at Darlene and George Fujita's home in Twain Harte was discussed. The general consensus was to have the party on July 8th. A carpool will leave the Oakdale Oakridge Shopping Center on the north side of Highway 108 at 8 am. We will try to persuade Darlene to guide us up to the Trail of the Ancient Dwarfs so we can view naturally occurring Bonsai growing out of clefts in the granite. This is rough terrain so bring good hiking shoes. Our contribution to this party will be potluck items so bring some of your favorite dishes to share.

It is time to consider locations for the fall field trip. We will

vote on them at this June meeting so we can reserve a bus. This all day trip (7am to 5pm) will be great fun. We can relax through traffic while we increase our collections and experience wonderful scenery. Some possibilities are: Placerville's El Dorado and Lotus nurseries; Petaluma's Sumigawa, Lone Pine, and Miniature Plant Kingdom nurseries; Bay area nurseries; or others that the majority wants. Please let us know at the June meeting so we can reserve a bus.

Scenic Nursery is asking the club for demonstrators. If you are willing to set up a short class please let the board members know. The nursery often gives a gift certificate for club raffle in appreciation.

Janet Wakefield will be ordering club logo carry-all bags. These large fabric carry-alls are priced at \$15.00 each and have so many uses. To order yours pre-pay Janet at the next meeting and she will place the order when she has a minimum number.

If you are interested in being nominated to the GSBF Board of Trustees please let our board know so we can send off the nomination at the June meeting. The duties and responsibilities of this position are available.

Janet Walters, our May speaker on Azaleas, didn't arrive. Fortunately Sam Adina filled in for her by assisting many members with their trees and demonstrating advanced styling on a California Juniper and a Juniper Cascade.

Your President, Richard.

## CLUB INFORMATION

HELLO and welcome to new member...  
Janet Haroldson

**BIG Thanks** to those who signed up to bring a snack this month. Sue Cloward, Pam Gallego, and Hana McKinstry. You ladies are the best!

**ANOTHER BIG Thank you** goes out to Tony Thomas for his contribution to the raffle table in May. He got a little bit more free space at home and we got the benefits. Thanks to all who participated in the raffle.

**Foster Trees** will be available again this month. All of the donated plants still left at Blue Oak Nursery will need to be cared for until our next spring show. Just like in November, pick out as many trees as you can care for and be sure to let Janet or Richard know which ones you took. They will need to be potted and styled at the appropriate times and then returned to the club for raffle or sales at next Aprils Show.

**Club Logo Tote Bags** in green on blue color will be \$15 for pre-paid orders this month.



## BLUE OAK NURSERY NEWS

**Brad Invites You To  
STOP BY THE GARDEN GATE  
(Blue Oaks Retail Store in Oakdale)**

**HUGE SUMMER SALE  
30% OFF  
Everything Inside and Out  
Plants. Merchandise and Bonsai!!!**

### Instructor

Sam Adina

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

## UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

**June 17-18**

**Oakland, CA**

California Suiseki Society 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition. "The Japanese Art of Stone Appreciation", at the Lakeside Park Garden Center. Hours are 10AM-5PM both days. Free admission.

**June 24**

**Oakland, CA**

GSBF Collection-North 10-Year Anniversary Celebration w/ Parks and Rec. Dept. Lake Merritt Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. Event and vendor hours are 10AM- 10PM. Style-A-Thon by 3 bonsai masters 10AM- 5-PM. Dinner at 7:30

**June 30- July 4**

**San Rafael, CA**

Marin Bonsai Club Show at the Marin Veteran's Mem. Auditorium, Marin County Fairgrounds. Highway 101 (exit N. San Pedro Rd.) Hours are 11AM- 10PM. \$11 adults, \$9 seniors over 65 and kids 4 to 12.

For much more subscribe to Golden Statements at <http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org>

## 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

June17: Sam and Mentors discuss:

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

# New Website

**Congratulations to our new webmaster Andy Paulo. He has been working on a really beautiful new website for our club. Please check it out!**

<http://www.modestobonsaiclub.com/>

## MEMBER TIP OF THE MONTH

### Tree Rotation

It's good to rotate your trees so they get even sunlight on all sides; an easy way to do this is to rotate each tree ¼ turn to the left once a week while watering.

Pick a day that you'll remember; Monday for example; and as you water turn each tree ¼ turn; a full circle every 4 weeks... your trees will thank you.

### Clean Tools

Remember to clean your tools after working on your trees. Disease can be spread easily from tree to tree if you're not careful.

After each use clean your tools with rubbing alcohol and wipe dry; it's fast and easy and important!

*- Pam Grassmidt*

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.

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