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THE BONSAI GAKUSEI

*Newsletter of the Modesto Bonsai Club
JULY 2006*

PROGRAM

Date: Saturday, July 15, 2006

Location: Blue Oak Nursery, 784 Albers Road.

Program Schedule:

9:00a Executive Board Meeting
 10:00a Club Business Meeting/ Bonsai Basics
 11:00a Lunch Break: Bring a brown bag lunch. Club provides some drinks and snacks.
 12:00p Instructors Demonstration
 1:30p Workshop

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

A Message from your President...

I regret not being able to attend the June meeting. Pam Grassmidt chaired the board meeting and the membership meeting. She did an admirable job.

Many topics were discussed. The membership decided on the fall field trip. This year we will be touring Placerville's Lotus and El Dorado nurseries. We will be reserving a bus and taking an all-day trip on some Saturday in October. The nurseries are being contacted as to a day where we can visit both on the same day. Our previous trip to Lotus nursery was wonderful and we enjoyed pouring over acres of finished Bonsai and material for potential Bonsai. Scott Chadd and his gracious wife were most helpful in assisting with our many questions.

The board has been responsive to the suggestions from the membership. We will try beginning the summer meetings about 10 am following the board meeting. Following the meeting the mentors will host a bonsai basics discussion group in the demonstration area. Sam will be available in the usual areas to help with other trees. Lunch will be at 11am. Our instructor, Sam, or our

guest instructor will begin their demonstration at noon and will be available for a workshop about 1:30pm.

A schedule of events will be posted on our dry-erase board at the sign-in table. Information on the activities of other clubs will be at the same table. A position of Greeter is being developed to direct members and guests. If you wish to fill this position please let board members know.

The Executive Board is always trying to meet the needs of the members. The club can survive only through the cooperation and contributions of every member. Recently it seems like the club expects the usual 10% of the members to do all the work. No one signs up for snacks in the hospitality area and no one signs up for volunteering displaying and caring for bonsai at the Aqua Shi restaurant. The club voted to support this program and now seems disinterested. The Board needs input from all the membership. Do you want to discontinue displaying trees at this restaurant? Does the club wish to discontinue the hospitality luncheon? Would you prefer to bring your own lunch? Do you want to cancel the fall field trip? Do you wish to end the guest speaker visits? Please let the board know.

If you choose to continue these elements of your club all members need to participate.

It is time to form a program committee to select speakers for next year. Please let the board know if you are willing to help out with this committee.

To be fair to the members who have paid their dues, nametags must be worn at the meetings to receive the 10% discount at the Blue Oak store.

This club has a fine reputation earned by years of members helping each other since the formation over 25 years ago. I am sure that tradition of teamwork will help this artistic group to continue for many years to come.

Thank you, your President Richard McKinstry



Sam Demonstrates Air Layering In June

CLUB INFORMATION

Welcome to our new members...

Erin & James Cross

Club Logo Tote Bags in green on blue color are \$15.

Be sure to visit Blue Oak Nursery on the first Thursday of each month as well. Sam and Brad will be there along with other members working on their trees. Come out between 6 and 9 pm.

July 6
August 3
September 7
October 5

Thanks to Brad, Janet, and Pam for the many nice items that they donated to the June raffle!

The July 8th party at the Fujita's was canceled.

Aqua Shi is now open for lunch on Thurs. and Fri. Those volunteering to care for plants will need to work around this time.

Be prepared to vote at the July meeting on how many guest speakers we should have next year...3, 5 or 7.

Do any members have an alternative site suggestion for our Spring Show?

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



Pam Teaching The Basics



Mentors Sharing Knowledge

2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

July15 and August19: Member Workshop

September16: Johnny Uchida-Topic TBA

October21: Ruben Guzman – Juniper

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

December: Holiday Social

New Website

Andy continues to do a fabulous job on our new website with new pictures and information! Please check it out!

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

MEMBER TIP OF THE MONTH

Help Plants Keep Their Cool

Protect your pots and the trees roots from the hot sun.

Avoid water spots on leaves or they will get sun burn.

Check the soil for moisture and go to two waterings per day as needed.

Skip the fertilizer when the temp. is 95 or hotter.

- Richard McKinstry

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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