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# The Bonsai GAKUSEI

January, 2007

Newsletter of  
the Modesto  
Bonsai Club

## Program

**Date:** Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007

**Location:**

Blue Oak Nursery  
784 Albers Road.

**Program Schedule:**

- 10:00a Executive Board Meeting. All are welcome to attend.
- 11:00a Sam Adina will discuss grafting fruit trees and pruning and repotting deciduous trees.
- 12:00p Lunch Break: Club will provide food and drinks. Work on donation or foster trees for 2007 show.

**Special Visit:** Bob Hilvers from GSBF

**REMINDER:**

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

## Message from your President...

2007: a new start. Winter will slowly give way to Spring. Our Bonsai will bud then leaf out showing the awakening and continuation of the verdant radiance we call the cycle of life. The cold season will linger yet awhile so protect those delicate sleeping rootlets so dependant on our care.

Our focus and enjoyment of the passed holidays can be replaced with our focus and enjoyment of our love of the living art of Bonsai. Time to clean pots and guide our trees toward perfection. Time to consider our show Bonsai and develop some trees for club sales and raffles.

We look forward to the months ahead with promises of good times to come. Our instructor, Sam, will guide us toward improved styling and presentation. Wonderful speakers will share their expertise. Our show in March is exciting with possibilities. We will elect a new Executive Board so start considering candidates. Our field trip and possible car-pool trips are open to suggestion. The membership of this Modesto Bonsai Club, with its varied backgrounds and cumulative skills, will surely fill the meetings with Joy and Learning. Carpe diem! (Seize the day).

Your President, Richard.

## Tip of the Month

Make a list of trees that will require repotting in the spring. Place an identifying marker in the pot to get your attention. Begin with deciduous or flowering and fruiting trees still in dormant stage or just beginning to emerge. Follow with pines and junipers. Go easy on pruning that may be required, particularly on early transplants. Wait until the sap begins to flow before you do any serious pruning or pinching of the new growth. Let the tips harden-off. Heavier pruning may be done later.

From GSBF

**-Submitted by Michael Bennett**

## Our Instructor

Sam Adina 209-234-3956

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## Board of Directors

### **President**

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Mary Miller  
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### **Past President/ Membership Chair**

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## Other Support

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gakusei -(gok-say) - noun -  
A student or scholar

## Club Information

**What a yummy** and fun filled time we all had that were able to attend the X-mas party! It is these times together that makes our club so strong and positive!

**Please remember** to fill out your membership form and submit your dues as soon as possible.

**We will be starting** the board meeting one hour later this month and next. Check your program section.

**Linda Soliven** has changed the topic of her Feb. presentation. It will be on the Collection North bonsai garden. Its history, what it can offer members and volunteer opportunities. We look forward to her presentation of Bonsai Gardens of Japan in the future!

**The club has** many foster trees that need to be taken home and potted and styled. Be sure to let Janet know if you are taking a few as she is keeping track of them. They all really need some attention before our Spring Show!

**Don't forget** to ask Brad about prices on the trees and pots near the red barn. You will be pleased.

## 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 area.

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Modesto, CA 95357

**MODESTO BONSAI CLUB  
2007 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 March 31- April 1, 2007 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
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