

The Bonsai GAKUSEI

February, 2007

Newsletter of the Modesto Bonsai Club

Program

Date: Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007

Location:

Blue Oak Nursery
784 Albers Road.

Program Schedule:

- 10:00a Executive Board Meeting. All are welcome to attend.
- 11:00a Club Meeting
Sam Adina will discuss pruning and shaping Maples along with repotting and grafting Pines.
- 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

1:00p Linda Soliven, Collection North Presentation

REMINDER:

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

Message from your President...

Our January meeting had a light but enthusiastic attendance. After a short time the sun shone on us and warmed a bit.

Unfortunately the time of year and the recent harsh winter weather created unfavorable conditions for stressing trees with much trimming and styling. Sam said some repotting could be done after the frost season ends, near the end of February.

Many of the Foster Trees need work so February and March will be busy with readying them for the annual sale at our Spring Show.

Brad suggested auctions at the show. Members can donate well-styled, finished Bonsai. Both silent and oral auctions will be used to raise money for the club. We are hoping for 15 or 20 great bonsai for the

auctions Saturday and Sunday. These trees should go for more than \$100.00 each.

George Fujita is donating three of his Bonsai. Michael Bennett is donating the grand prize tree he won. This is an exciting project and I hope the members will contribute to this fund raiser.

Yes, George Fujita visited the club and donated many of his bonsai pots for us to use in our Foster Plant program. He helped Sam with members trees. It was great to see George who seemed in fine health. Darlene was helping her daughter prepare for a wedding so she was unable to attend the meeting with George.

Many of the Spring Show committees gained coordinators and some members. The show coordinators will be having some planning meetings beginning at Bill Hawley's home.

Our Hospitality hostess, Hana, prepared a wonderful luncheon of chicken enchiladas in red and green sauce, beans, salad, and rice. Chips with dip and salsa were presented with cookies for dessert. Other items were brought in for a most enjoyable repast. Good work everyone!

The February meeting will include our visitor, Bob Hilvers from GSBF to discuss the possibility of our club hosting the 2008 GSBF state convention in Modesto. He will outline the requirements for the massive project. It should be a most interesting meeting and your input is needed for the club's decision for or against the proposal.

Linda Soliven will bring her video of the Lake Merritt Bonsai Collection for our enjoyment.

Sam Adina will be discussing Trident and Japanese Maple styling. He will also inform us about grafting and repotting Pines.

Please plan on attending this meeting. There is much to do.

Thank you. Your President, Richard

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学生

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

Club Information

Welcome New Members!

Rogers Curtis
Carolyn Gordon
Chris Hollis
Michael Toomey

Thanks to Lois Jumper for greeting visitors and new members and showing them around!

Please remember to fill out your membership form and submit your dues as soon as possible. This will be your last newsletter if we don't hear from you.

A big thank you to Hana Hodge for the really lovely job she does for us every month on the refreshments!

We will be starting the board meeting at 10 am in Feb. Next month we will go back to 9am.

The club has many foster trees that need to be taken home and potted and styled. Be sure to let Richard know if you can take one or two home. They should be brought back to the meetings for attention so they will be in top shape for the show.

If you can donate a really fine quality bonsai for our new auction to be held during our Spring Show please bring it to the March meeting so we can get an idea of how successful this will be. Keep in mind that your donation is tax deductible!

Web Master Andy Poulo is working diligently to design a new hand out for our club members as well as visitors to the April show. We know it will be beautiful and informative. Just check out his web-site!

Brad will once again be opening Blue Oak for casual evening workshops on the 1st Thursday of each month. The time is 6 – 9pm.
March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th.

Calendar of Events

Feb.24-25

Oakland, CA

Golden State Bonsai Collection-North: Mammoth Fundraiser Event, Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. Auction Sat. Noon-4pm; Sun. 10am-5pm vendors, demonstrations and drawings.

Mar.21-25

San Francisco, CA

Bonsai Society of San Francisco: Exhibit at the SF Flower and Garden Show, Cow Palace. Wed.-Sat. 9am-8pm; Sun. 9am-6pm. Tickets \$20

Mar.31-April 1

Modesto, CA

Modesto Bonsai Club Annual Spring Show at Downey High School on Coffee Rd. Sat. 10am-4pm; Sun. Noon-4. Free admission, demonstrators, vendors, auctions!

2007 Meetings

March 17 – John Uchida

April 21 – John Thompson

May 19 – Roberta Walters

June 16 – Mike Page

July 21 – Sam Adina

August 18 – Seiji Shiba

September 15 – Pat Flynn

October 20 – Rubin Guzman

November 17 – Sam Adina

December – **Holiday Party**

In the News

The Modesto Bee did a great article on one of the founding members of our club, Bill Hawley. Look it up online if you haven't already read it. It was in the Jan. 17 edition.

Brad Coleman was recently spotted on a local cable TV channel discussing Bonsai as well, but this was probably not the only airing. Thanks for spreading the word guys!

Member Tip of the Month

I wanted to share something I found in one of my bonsai books.

“Bonsai allows a pause
in the relentless pace of daily life.”

-Submitted by Mark de St. Jeor

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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