

# The Bonsai GAKUSEI

September, 2007

Newsletter of the Modesto Bonsai Club

## Program

Date: Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007

### Location:

Blue Oak Nursery  
784 Albers Road.

### Program Schedule:

- 9:00a Executive Board Meeting: All are welcome to attend.  
10:00a Club Meeting  
10:15a Styling advice w/ Sam  
OR  
Basics class w/ Mentors  
11:00a Sam Adina – Shohin with Olive Tree  
1:00p Prize drawings  
1:15p Work on your trees

### **REMINDER:**

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

## Message from your President...

I would like to share with you a letter I received from our last guest speaker Seiji Shiba. I call your attention to the line in which Seiji refers to the art of developing bonsai, etc.

Dear Jerry:

It was great meeting your club and sharing information about the coast redwoods. The interest and enthusiasm shown by members in learning about this species will go a long way in applying it to their own trees. The art of developing bonsai and bringing out the "soul" of the tree in its design is a life long adventure bringing a lot of enjoyment and rewards.

I appreciate your donation of \$225.00 to the Golden State Bonsai Collection-North on my behalf. Your Club bag filled with wine and olive oil is a big treat.

Thank you so very much!

Sincerely, Seiji



I was truly caught up by Seiji's reference to bringing out the soul of the tree and its design is a life long adventure. As a three year beginner of bonsai, I was impressed with Seiji's introspection about bonsai. Seiji was clearly one of the best guest speakers we have had all year, an excellent speaker, his over all knowledge of bonsai, his ability to convey his plan of design to the members, and his quickness in answering questions. He also gave an excellent explanation of the benefits of working with the Collection-North.

It is my personal goal and desire to have the best of the best guest speakers coming to the Modesto Bonsai meetings. Several members have expressed the same desire to bring in better qualified speakers so that we can learn more advanced techniques and design processes.

The guest speaker costs are one of the largest expenditures the club has. As we prepare to contact guest speakers for next year I urge the membership to bring your suggestions to our Guest Speaker Coordinator, Brad Coleman. I would also urge the membership to give your support to the future guest speakers by participating in the presentations, ask questions, and let them know what you are interested in and what you would like to learn.

Your participation is what will make the club grow and we all will benefit sharing the learned knowledge.

Your president, Jerry Jumper

## Club Information

### Welcome to returning club member...

Sam Griffith

### and new members!

Mark Morrison

Christine Wallis

Audrey Wilson

### Thank You!

Anne Camarena, for filling in as greeter at our last meeting.

### 2008 Convention Plans

We are planning an all-domestic group of talented artists for our GSBF convention with a three person headliner. We would like to present a very full program, with perhaps as many as 20 workshops, which will include beginner workshops. We would also like to have some 1 hr. classes on such things as exhibition preparation, Ikebana, pot selection, etc.

In addition to the standard 3 hour workshops, we would like to try 2 – all day workshops (am and pm sessions) and 2 - three-day seminars (three morning sessions). We feel that this will appeal to the largest number of convention attendees.

The facilities at the Doubletree and the Modesto Convention Center can easily support all of this activity. We will get a tour of all of the facilities at our next meeting; 7pm Thursday, September 13.

Bob Hilvers of the Oversight Committee will be contacting the 5 people we thought would be good headliners to see if they are available. We should know by our next meeting.

Please contact our Chairpersons with any suggestions. **Pete Camarena & Richard McKinstry** with support from Sam Adina, exhibit; Brad Coleman, field trips & drawings; Pam Grassmidt, workshops; Mary Miller, registration; Mike Reynolds, publicity & website; Linda Soliven, benefit drawing; Tony Thomas, vendors; and Janet Wakefield, treasurer.

We will need YOUR support.

## Our Instructor

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



**Lacey and Marilyn taking a break**

## Member Tip of the Month

Thinking ahead...

### **Bonsai for Christmas**

One year instead of having a Christmas tree, I used a grove or forest of Pine trees as our Christmas tree. No Christmas decorations were used.

It worked out well. Christmas presents were placed on the rug under the table that held the Bonsai grove.

*~ Joyce Avila*

## Calendar of Events

**Sept.15-16** **San Mateo, CA**  
 San Mateo Bonsai Club: 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Show at Central Park Rec. Center, 50 E 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Sat. Noon-5 and Sun. 10-4  
 Demo 2pm both days. Plant sales & drawings.

**Sept.29** **San Jose, CA**  
 Midori Bonsai Club: Annual Show at St.Edwards Episcopal Church off Hwy.85 at Union Ave exit. 10a-4p. Demo by Larry White at 1:30. Raffle and sales.

**Oct.6-7** **Oakland, CA**  
 East Bay Bonsai Society: 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Show at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue (take Grande Ave. exit off I-580) Sat.10a-5p. Sun. 11a-4:30p. Workshop and demo by Michael Hagedorn. Free admission.

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The sun, with all those planets revolving around it and dependent on it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the universe to do. ~Galileo



**Exhibit from the Redwood Empire Bonsai Society Show**

## Upcoming Guest Speakers

**October 20** – Ruben Guzman

**November 17** – Sam Adina

**December** – Holiday Party

## 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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