



YAMATO BONSAI KAI

"FRIENDSHIP THROUGH BONSAI"

Since 1968

Newsletter - January 2010



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Tony Hayworth- President

Hello Yamato Club Members. As we begin 2010 I am requesting any and all input that you may have on the Club, your likes and dislikes, things you would like to do, ideas on any topic, etc, etc. Send to me online at bonsaicho@comcast.net or call me any evening at 510-471-9238. Your input will be confidential and valued.

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010

At the last monthly meeting the following members were elected to hold office during 2010:

- President** – Tony Hayworth
- Vice President** – Karen Paulos
- Treasurer** – Dave Barron
- Secretary** – Emiko Rosenberg
- Directors:** Carl Osterholm, and Brad Sheldon (for 2-year term)

### AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING...

On Tuesday, **January 19th**, Sensei Uchida will work on late winter bonsai tasks. Don't miss this club meeting event.

PLACE: Castro Valley Women's Club,  
18330 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, CA  
Note: All Club Meetings start at 7:00 PM.

## CLUB DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE - 2010

To be announced...

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS

At this time we begin our 2010 annual membership renewal. It is a great time to remind prospective friends or neighbors about the bonsai kai (club) and the many benefits and activities of the membership.

At the end of this newsletter is the member renewal form. Dues are \$45 for a single membership and \$55 for a family membership regardless of the number of family members as long as they are living in the same household.

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CLUB EVENTS

Sunday January 24th-Field trip to Deer Meadow Bonsai in Occidental, CA. The bonsai nursery of Jim Gremel. Please contact Lu or see him at the January meeting for more details.



Trident Maple Silhouette- Photo courtesy of Amy Cheong



SENSEI UCHIDA'S NOTES

By Johnny Uchida – Club Sensei

Here is your 6 month schedule for the first part of 2010. I will see you at the meeting.

January

Grafting, pruning and shaping deciduous trees, dormant spray

February

Repotting deciduous trees, especially maples

March

A good time for repotting, repot any evergreen bonsai, continue repotting maple trees, pinching of satsuki azalea

April

Prune any deciduous trees, start shaping any kind of bonsai trees

May

Especially good time to work on black pines. Also a good time for air layering

June

Time to take care of azaleas and satsuki azaleas.

THIS JUST IN

Some exciting news for 2010: Sensei Johnny Uchida will be honored this month in the Bunka Hall of Fame by the Hokka Nichi Bei Kai (also known as the Japanese American Association of Northern California or JAANC).

Hokka Nichi Bei Kai lists one of its goals as promoting “the culture of Japan or bunka as practiced here in America”. The Bunka Hall of Fame is an honor awarded to outstanding personalities of Japanese culture and in addition to the award Sensei’s picture will go up beside other past and future inductees. I have been told this is the first time that this honor has been given to a bonsai artist.

Sensei Uchida will be introduced as a Bunka Hall of Fame inductee at the Hokka Nichi Bei Kai New Year event on January 29 in San Francisco. If you would like more information about this please contact Sensei at Grove Way Nursery.

Bonsai Basic

By Tony Hayworth with Michael Baker

Editor’s note: This month I have decided to reprint a Bonsai Basic classic: the guide to bonsai styles originally put together by Tony with illustrations by Michael Baker. I hope you enjoy it.

BONSAI STYLES

The five typical (and classical) shapes for *individual tree* formations of bonsai are:



Chokkan – Formal Upright

The chokkan bonsai has a strong single, upright trunk that tapers toward the top. Branches are symmetrically balanced, uniform and well spaced.



Moyogi – Curved Informal Upright

Moyogi bonsai have a single trunk like the chokkan, but the trunk is curved. The trunk generally tapers toward the top like the formal upright.



Shakan – Slanting

A single trunk upright, but cultivated with the trunk growing at an angle other than 90 degrees to the ground. Branches are again balanced and well spaced. Somewhat like a windswept style except Shakan has branches growing in all directions. Usually has strong root growing in the direction of the slant.



Kengai – Cascade (or hanging style)

The trunk and branches hang down over the edge of the pot. Most often has one branch as a crown place over the pot. If the main branch hangs drastically downward it is sometimes referred to as Dai-Kengai (or extreme cascade). Cascades are usually planted in deep pots to give balance to its form.



(no illustration yet...)

Han-Kengai – Semi-Cascade

Like the Kengai, the main branch cascades over the side of the pot, but moves outward and horizontally like a branch hanging over a cliff.

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GSBF Calendar of Events

(For a more complete list, please refer to Golden State-ments calendar of events or visit the web site at www.gsbf-bonsai.org).

Some nearby scheduled events are:

January 16-17

Pleasanton, California

Bay Island Bonsai: Annual Bonsai Exhibit. New location, bigger facility. Hall of Commerce, Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, 94566. Admission \$ 5.00. Free Parking. Same great auction on Saturday, with preview at noon and auction at 1 PM. Guided tours of the exhibit both Saturday and Sunday. Bonsai sale and vendors both days. Hours: 10AM - 4PM Saturday and Sunday. For more information: (510) 865-1008 or

www.bayislandbonsai.com

February 27-28, 2010

Oakland, California

GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: Mammoth Fund-raiser, 2010 at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Saturday (Feb 27): Auction of fabulous bonsai 1PM-4PM with preview at 12 Noon. Sunday (Feb 28): Mammoth Fundraiser and Bazaar, 9AM-4PM. Demonstration at 1:30PM by Collection Curator, Kathy Shaner. Silent auction, vendors, benefit drawings, raffles and a large consignment sale of bonsai and bonsai related items. For general information: <http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/lake-merritt/> or Linda Soliven, 925-776-2342.

YAMATO CLASSIFIEDS

Notice: *if you want to advertise something in this space, please compose your text and contact the Newsletter Editor.*



THIS MONTH ...

A very Happy Birthday to:

January

14th - Al Shurtleff

15th - Bruce Crater

21st Evan Robertson

21st – Rick Paulos
23rd - Patrick Corbiere
29th - Winnie DeDora
No Anniversaries this month.

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Director 2010/11 – Brad Sheldon	510-888-1139

CONTACT US

If you need to mail anything to the club in general, please send to:

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P. O. Box 2616
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If there is anything you would like to contribute or comment on regarding the newsletter, contact the editor, Noah Hanna, at noah@invalidargument.com

If you have moved, or changed your email address, please notify Yamato Bonsai Kai, so that we may update our contact and mailing list information. Thank you.

2010 Yamato Bonsai Kai

— MEMBERSHIP REQUEST FORM —

Request Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New
Membership Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Family
First Name(s):	
Last Name:	
* Address:	
* Phone:	
* Email Contact:	
** Birthday mm/dd:	
** Anniversary mm/dd:	(enter spouse name if single membership)

Instructions

Enter appropriate information in the provided form. Return this request form in person to the next club meeting or return by mail to:

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To continue your membership and to receive the newsletter uninterrupted, please respond with your membership request form by 28 February.

Make checks payable to "Yamato Bonsai Kai".

Notes

Single = \$45

Family = \$55 (same household)

Email = requested for Newsletter distribution

*** = Address, Phone & Email Contact** are only required on New Requests or if you have changed your details in the last year

**** = Birthday & Anniversary = Optional.** Used only for newsletter congratulatory announcement

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