



YAMATO BONSAI KAI

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Newsletter - May 2014



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Tony Hayworth (bonsaicho@comcast.net)

Hello Yamato Bonsai Club Members.

Cleanup of the EJCC Center

Saturday 31 May, is our mid-year cleanup day for the Eden Japanese Community Center. We give this service in exchange for using the community center for our monthly club meeting. I am requesting a large turnout to support the club and so we can speed through the cleanup. The more hands involved, the sooner we will complete the task.

We will start at 8:00AM and with a great turnout, we should be out of there by 11. If only a partial turnout, it could be much longer. Please show your Yamato spirit and come lend a hand, even if it's a small contribution – everything helps.

Signup at the May 20th meeting, or contact me by email at bonsaicho@comcast.net (or phone 510-289-5731) no later than **noon Friday 30 May** and let me know your attendance status.

What to Bring

We need a few power tools to cut back and trim the Ivy. A heavy duty gas trimmer (if you have one) works well. I have one and am looking for another just in case. (Please bring proper safety equipment for your face and eyes)

Also, if anyone has hedge trimmer (the long teeth type), a couple of these would be helpful also.

If you can bring any of these items, please let me know.

Other essentials are:

- Hand pruners;
- Loppers / by-pass trimmer
- Gloves; Hat; sunscreen
- Push brooms; dustpan
- Rakes
- Pole trimmer
- 8 or 10 foot folding ladder

Bring your work gloves, clippers and your favorite yard tools... and a good disposition!!

Eden Bazaar

Save the dates: June 7th & 8th, 2014

Location: Eden Japanese Community Center

710 Elgin Street San Lorenzo

On June 7th, from 3 to 8pm and June 8th from 11 to 7pm. Yamato will support this event with volunteers each day. Our role is to support the flower boot each day and help setup the booth the morning of the 7th. I will coordinate this event – I need volunteers to help in two or three hour blocks.

Shift	Saturday	Sunday
11 - 2 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setup • (Tony Hayworth) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Hayworth • open
2 - 4 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Hayworth • open • open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • open • open • open
4 - 6 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Hayworth • open • open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • open • open • open
6 - 8 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • open • open • open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Hayworth • open • 7PM Close

We need at least two if not three persons on duty each shift. Contact Tony Hayworth ASAP for further details if you can help.

SF Cherry Blossom Event

Mike Butler graciously led the activities for this event at the end of April. As voted during the March meeting, this yearly event would become a club event. Unfortunately the turnout was less than spectacular. However, the show went on (as they say). Here are a couple of pics:



Pictures by: Sandy Barron

Fall Show Committees

We need a few more volunteers for the following positions with our fall exhibition and show.

Open Committee's

"Tin Can" Raffle Procurement & Execution

- pre-organize & solicit materials
- organize and or collect materials
- Plan detail about actual event (year over year)
- Provide status to Board about committee progress and or obstacles.
- Item set up & administration at Show

Dr. Bonsai (new this Year)

- (committee write up to follow)

Consolation Prize

- organize consolation prizes for give-a-way after demo each day

See additional Show details on page 3

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## SENSEI UCHIDA'S NOTES

By Johnny Uchida

Dear Member – How are you?

I think no one has weather like we have in the Bay Area.

This month it is time to take off candles Black Pines, for Maples a lot of trimming and shaping. Lots of work to do. It is time to fertilize all Bonsai, but don't give it too much at one time. A little bit each time and more often is better. Just watch the weather; you know what you are doing.

Coming up on May 17-18 is our Satsuki Club show at Lakeside Park. I like to have on show day trees blooming nicely. It's not that easy. Watch the weather careful watering control is not that easy. For anyone that has a Satsuki Azalea this is the best time to see it. They are just beautiful.

For those that have Fruit Tree bonsai watering is very important for our fall show. Take good care of those trees for our show, we need to have fall Color.

I see you at the meeting.

Thank You.

## Club Announcements

### NAME BADGES

Anyone wanting a Yamato Club badge with your name on it, please see Sandy Barron at the next club meeting. Cost is \$11.50 per badge. Please show your Yamato spirit and wear your name badge at club functions.

**Holiday Party Chairperson** – I am looking for someone to step forward and lead the selection location and food selection details for the annual Holiday Party. The date is already on our calendar as Saturday December 6th. Contact Tony Hayworth if you are available for this assignment.

**Refreshments** – Sign-up for 2014 (see page 5) We still have open slots for Oct, Nov & Dec.

**Tokonoma** – Interested in displaying your tree as the Tokonoma Tree for the fall show? Express it early to sensei or show committee members (Tony or Mike).

**Pictures** – Anyone wishing to contribute to the Newsletter by taking pictures at the monthly meetings, please do so and send to Tony by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Please provide appropriate captions, dates, names, etc.

**Workshops** – mark your calendar for the remaining Club Workshops this year:

- Saturday **June 21st**, 6 PM to 9:30 PM

**Show & Tell** – Every meeting is a *Show and Tell* opportunity. You are encouraged to bring a tree to ask questions about or to tell us the story about your tree. The goal is to enhance the tree and your knowledge to support it. We also want you to get a tree ready for the Show in October!!

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AT THE NEXT CLUB MEETING...

On Tuesday, **May 20th** ...

- 20th – Club Meeting @ 07:30PM
- **Special Demo** – Sensei Uchida will do a special demo with a Black Pine. The resulting composition will be included in the club raffle at the end of the meeting. Don't miss this event!
- Additionally, we will conduct Q&A with seasonally appropriate topics. Bring a tree for show & tell or assistance.
- Raffle at end of meeting; bring donations if you have something to share.

Note: All Club Meetings start at 7:30 PM.

Fall Show & Exhibition Committee

Here is the current list of committee leads & supporting committee members. We need more than one person per committee assignment.

Committee	Who
Show Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall coordinator for the Fall Show & Exhibition Hall Arrangements Transportation Management (storage & tree pickup/return) Setup and Take Down 	Mike Butler; Tony Hayworth
Vendors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vendor Arrangement & Relationships Contact and secure Vendors wishing to participate 	Jack Ellis, Dennis Hacker
Advertising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create an Advertising Strategy and execute it 	Tony Hayworth; open
Show, Room, Table Design & Layout	Mike Baker; T. Hayworth
Front Desk Provides for "Front Door" logistics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> greeting, literature handouts tickets – for demo tree and consolation prize tickets – for "tin can" raffle security 	Lucky Crist, Carol Campbell, Casey Campbell
Hospitality Plan and run the Yamato kitchen and hospitably room. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> kitchen & serving room signup sheet begin at the August meeting; 	Sandy; Dave; Emiko; Diana; Linda
Yamato Plant Sales Setup and run the annual Yamato Plant Sales event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need a core team of helpers and a schedule for manning the tables each day Need at least three persons active in this area at all times 	Raleigh W; Brian C; Vince M.
Demo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> plans trees for demonstration each day of show conducts the demo at the show 	Johnny Uchida
"Tin Can" Raffle Procurement & Execution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pre-organize & solicit materials organize and or collect materials Plan detail about actual event (year over year) Provide status to Board about committee progress and or obstacles. Item set up & administration at Show 	
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Yamato Bonsai Kai

43rd Annual

Bonsai Exhibition & Demonstration

Saturday, October 18, 2014 Noon to 6:00PM

Sunday, October 19, 2014 10:00AM to 5:00PM

Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church
 32975 Alvarado-Niles Road
 Union City, CA

Demonstrations beginning each day at 2 PM

Show Setup is on Saturday Oct 18th from 06:30AM.

All Show Trees need to be at the Hall no later than 10AM for exhibition setup consideration.



WANTED

By Tony Hayworth

I would like to request a few more empty coffee containers for this year. Please save your 2 pound sized plastic containers like the one pictured below. You can bring them to the meetings any time between now and up to the September meeting and I will take possession of them. They will be used for our raffle again this year.





BONSAI BASIC

By Tony Hayworth (bonsaicho@comcast.net)

It's time again to remind about *Candle Cutting* and *Needle Foliage* balancing with your black pine bonsai. We will cover this topic at the May meeting in detail.

JAPANESE BLACK PINE (Kuro-matsu)

Kuro-matsu bonsai require a specific care cycle for shaping and trimming in order to be great bonsai. They also need controlled watering and fertilizing. If proper care is not administered to a black pine, it will outgrow its shape rather quickly and not mature into a fine specimen.

What is the "Training Cycle" for black pine?

1. Prepare for Candle Cutting
2. **Cut Candles / Balance Foliage**
3. Post Candle Cutting
4. Fall Cleanup / Selecting Laterals
5. Post Fall / Winter Dormancy

In this month's Newsletter, I will discuss item #2 as now is the appropriate time of the year for this activity.

CANDLE CUTTING / BALANCE FOILAGE

- approx. June 1st

Come end of May or 1 June, whatever you believe is "your schedule" to cut candles, the action is to cut every candle on the tree (see option note below).

Cut All Candles

Cut all weak, medium, strong and even the buds that did not grow. Cut all candles at the same time, this is my method (opinion) on this topic. If instead you prefer to cut by *strength zone* with three cut cycles (7 to 10 days apart), please continue this method.

- Do not make your cut so close to the base that you damage new buds at/near the tip.
- New buds will appear at the base of the candle cut. If the candle was pinched or cut back before the needle pairs unfold, the new buds will come in at the base of where the prior candle was attached.
- Always pinch or cutoff candles flat, never on an angle.
- Never pinch back to a base if there are no needles left behind the cut you are about to make at the base. This is really important. If you do this, the branch will completely die.

Option Note: if you are in a redesign of a tree or need to add some length to a branch, consider half or partial candle cutting.

Balance the Needle Foliage

Maintain 10 to 12 (or 6 to 8 if you are confident) pairs of needles on each branch after the candle is cut. Further, (as necessary) pluck needles to maintain energy balance.

- Our goal is to make sure that we end up with an even distribution of remaining needles.

At this point, you enjoy your tree... watching it grow and unfold... for the rest of the summer.

Bonsai Tip:

Q: Why do we cut the candles in the first place?

A: To get shorter needles in the summer growth cycle and shorter internodes. (Side consequence can be back budding).

Remember... keep your eye on Bonsai.

Ask me if you have questions.

Email bonsaicho@comcast.net
 Phone 510-289-5731 evenings

CONTACT US

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

YAMATO BONSAI KAI
P. O. Box 770
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If there is anything you would like to contribute or comment on regarding the newsletter, contact Tony Hayworth, at bonsaicho@comcast.net

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.

Bonsai Events – looking for something bonsai related to do? There are plenty of things happening in and around this area. Check out the GSBF Calendar of events later in this newsletter or online at: <http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/events/>

ABOUT THE YAMATO BONSAI CLUB

The Yamato Bonsai Club has a long and distinguished history in the Bay Area. In 1968, the club was founded with six members including its first Sensei, Mr. Jimmy Inadomi from the Castro Valley area. Its second sensei was Mr. Juzaburo Furuzawa. Since 1976, the Yamato Bonsai Club has been under the guidance of Sensei John Uchida of Hayward.

The Yamato Bonsai Club meets each month at the Eden Japanese Community Center, in San Lorenzo, on the third Tuesday at 07:30 PM.

REFRESHMENTS

The club will have coffee at each meeting. We ask for member volunteers to supply the treats. Below is the list for this year with open positions. Please contact Sandy Barron or Tony Hayworth to add your name to the list. A minimum 3 volunteers each month to bring goodies and snacks of some kind is requested. Thank you.

January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony • Linda • Karth 	May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan M. • Denise • Steve 	September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike/Glenda • Jim Shurr • Emiko
February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol • Gerry • Karth 	June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karth • Brian • Howard 	October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack • Emiko • open
March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad • Al S. • Mike/Glenda 	July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda • Donna • Vern 	November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Hacker • open • open
April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol • Diana • Howard 	August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucky • Carol • A. Hightower 	December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy B • open • open

CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH ...

A very "Happy Birthday" to:

24th – Mohsen Navvab

Happy Anniversary and many more years to come:

29th – Brad and Joyce Sheldon

YAMATO BONSAI KAI – 2014 BOARD

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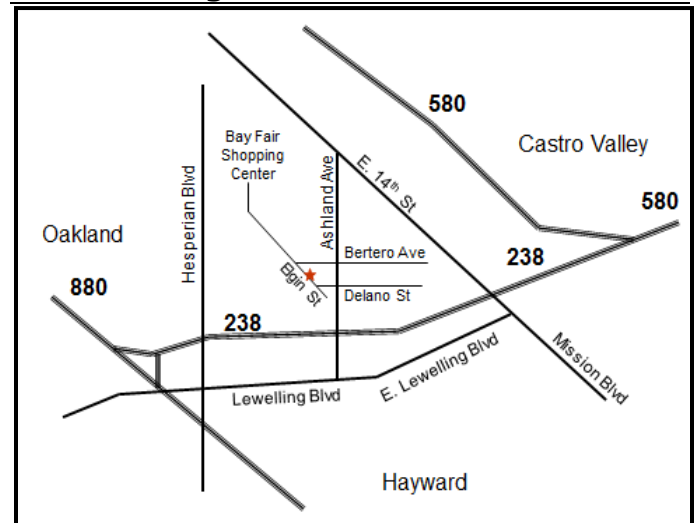
Notice: if you want to advertise something in this space, please contact the Newsletter Committee or Board Member.

Trees for Sale – I have many stock material, pre-bonsai and bonsai for sale. Please contact me early for best selection!!

Tony Hayworth

Phone: 510-289-5731 or bonsaicho@comcast.net

Club Meeting Location



Yamato Bonsai Kai monthly meetings are held at the Eden Japanese Community Center.

Location Address: 710 Elgin Street San Lorenzo, CA.

YAMATO BONSAI KAI

– 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS –

activities for this year

Month	Date – Event Name
MAY	20 th – Club Meeting @ 7:30 PM 31 st – EJCC Garden Cleanup Day
JUNE	7 th & 8 th – EJCC Bazaar (Flower Booth Support) 17 th – Club Meeting @ 7:30 PM 21 st – Workshop @ 6:00 PM
JULY	12 th – Board Meeting @ 09:00AM 15 th – Club Meeting @ 7:30 PM
AUG	19 th – Club Meeting @ 7:30 PM
SEPT	13 th – Board Meeting @ 09:00AM 16 th – Club Meeting @ 7:30 PM
OCT	15 th – Club Meeting @ 7:30 PM 18 th &19 th – 43 rd Annual Fall Show & Exhibition
NOV	18 th – Club Meeting @ 7:30 PM - 2015 Board Nominations
DEC	6 th – Annual Holiday Dinner @ 6:30 PM 16 th – Club Meeting @ 7:30 PM - 2015 Election voting /results



GSBF CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For a complete list, please refer to the Golden State Bonsai Federation **Calendar of Events** at:

<http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/events/>

2014 EVENTS

May 17 – 18, Sacramento, California.

Satsuki Aikokai Association of Sacramento: Annual show of flowering satsuki azalea bonsai at Shepard Garden Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Hours are Saturday 10 AM – 5PM, and 10 AM – 4PM, with demonstrations at 1 PM on both days. Satsuki information booth, vendors, raffles, etc. For more information contact; Ronn Pigram (916) 428-8505 or satsukiaikokaisac@sbcglobal.net.

May 31 – June 1, 2014, San Mateo, California

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai: 31st Annual Show at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, next to Beresford Park. Admission is free. Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM. Peter Tea will be conducting a demonstration Saturday and open viewing workshop Sunday from Noon – 3pm both days. Raffle, door prizes, vendor sales, and member plant sales will be featured.

There will also be Dr. Bonsai to answer questions regarding bonsai care. For additional information contact Marsha Mekisich at 650-477-4761.

June 7 – 8, 2014, Oakland, California

California Suiseki Society: 19th Annual Show at Lakeside Garden Center on Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Ave. Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM. Free admission. Featuring Suiseki collected and mounted by the members from sites in California. Raffle. Sales area offers Suiseki and viewing stones as well as Asian objects and artwork. For information, contact Henry van der Voort at oldboar3@gmail.com or Bob Gould at trgould1003@aol.com.

June 8, 2014, Seaside, California

Monterey Bonsai Club: 51st Annual Exhibition at the Monterey Buddhist Temple, 1150 Noche Buena Street. Show hours are 11 AM – 4 PM. Demonstration at 1:30 PM by Gareth Shepherd. Silent auction area will include bonsai, pots and plants. For more information: email Rich Guillen at richguillen@sbcglobal.net or Dianne Woods at vinca27@comcast.net.

June 14 – 15, 2014 La Cañada Flintridge, California

Descanso Bonsai Society: Annual Show at Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive. Hours are 9 AM – 5 PM, with Demonstrations 11 AM and 1 PM each day. Sales area is open to the public. Admission to the exhibition is free with admission to Descanso Gardens. A Saturday night reception 6 PM – 9 PM includes light refreshments, auction and raffle. For more information go to www.descanso-bonsai.com or contact Michael Jonas at 818-776-0813.

June 14 – 15, 2014 Encino, California

Sansui Kai of Southern California: Annual show in conjunction with the Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society at Sepulveda Garden Center 16633 Magnolia Blvd. Hours are 9 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 9 AM – 4 PM Sunday. This is a family friendly venue with club bonsai sales, amazing vendors from the succulent, iris and native plant community. Admission is free. For more information contact Dan Kashinsky at 818-512-7661 or Kaptankaiser@gmail.com for timing of lectures on bonsai, succulents and native plants as well as entertainment and day end feast.

June 14 – 15, 2014 Livermore, California

Valley Bonsai Society: 6th Annual Show at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane. Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM on both days with demonstrations at noon by Mike Baker on Saturday and Sam Adina on Sunday. The finished trees will be raffled off at the end of the demonstration. Member's sales table, and door prizes. Admission is free. For additional information contact Charles Harder at bonsainut@comcast.net

June 28 – 29, 2014, San Andreas, California

Calaveras Bonsai Club: Club's first indoor show will be held at the Calaveras County Library, 1299 Gold Hunter Road, San Andreas. Free admission; show hours: Saturday 11 AM – 5 PM and Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM. Demos will be presented on both days at 1:30 PM. Members' sale, vendors' tables, beginners' workshop on Saturday at 10 AM for \$25 and an intermediate workshop Sunday at 10 AM for \$30. Call or email contact below before June 15, for \$5 workshop discount. For more information contact: Dan Balsley at (209) 603-1823 or email dbalsley1@gmail.com.

August 23 – 24, 2014 Santa Rosa, California

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): 31th Annual show at the Santa Rosa Veterans building, 1351 Maple Ave. 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 10 AM – 4 PM Sunday with demonstrations both days at 1 PM by club sensei Kathy Shaner. Large exhibit of members' trees, vendors' sales room, members' sales room, raffle and silent auction. Free admission, parking and treats. Contact Bob Shimon @ 707-884-4126 or shimon@mcn.org

October 30 – November 2, 2014 Sacramento, California

GSBF-37: Golden State Bonsai Federation and American Bonsai Society presents **2014 Convention XXXVII "Bonsai Visions of the West"** at the Double Tree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way. Reservations for hotel 916-929-8855. Headliners include Peter Tea, Kathy Shaner and David De Groot, ABS Learning Seminars with Ted Matson and Jack Sustic, Joshua Roth New Talent Bonsai Competition, and Special Tribute to John Naka – 100 years (b. August 16, 1914). Demonstrations, seminars, critiques, workshops, excursions, benefit drawings, vendors, and much more. More information available at www.gsbfcconvention.org.



Satsuki – by Gerry Bundy

WORKSHOP NIGHT – MARCH 22ND

Pictures of our club members enjoying the workshop night in March this year.

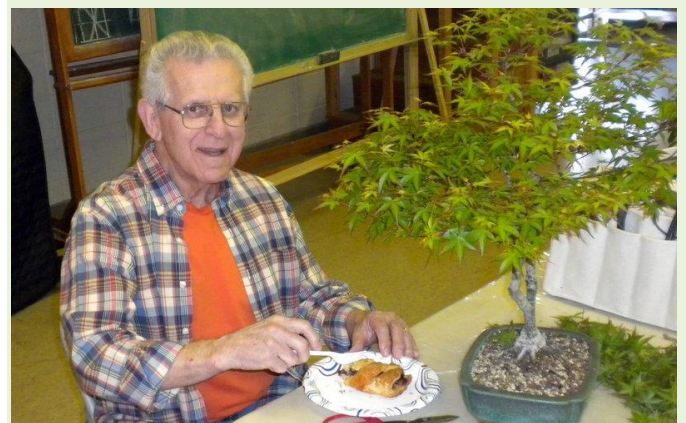
(Pictures by Tony Hayworth)



Black Pine – by Brian Conway



Trident Maple – by Karth Turnage



Trident Maple – by Raleigh Wills

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