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President's Message

Get Ready for Holiday Potluck

By Marj Branson

Our October meeting was a busy night with a workshop. Members brought in their own trees to work on. For the newer members who have just joined, I would like to remind you that we have a mentoring program in which more experienced members coach beginners. Should you want help, please ask.

Our November meeting will be a demonstration with Ann Erb working on a Japanese black pine. She is known for her azaleas so this is an opportunity to see her pine trees. Ann is a member of the Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara and I have seen her pine trees at their show. Believe me, this will be a real treat!

Our November meeting is also election night for our officers for 2015. Larry Kimmelman is heading up the nominations committee so please contact him and advise where and how you can pitch in and help. All assistance is appreciated. If you are interested in serving, you can nominate yourself—or if you know someone else who you believe would make a good officer, please nominate them. Four positions are up for election: president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary.

Don't forget the Bonsai-A-Thon is coming up at the Huntington Gardens February 28 – March 1, 2015. As it gets closer we will give more details, but for now see page 9 for times. There will be a large vendor section should you need tools, pots, or material. This is the big



President Marj Branson


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Library

We Have Three Wonderful New DVDs!

Larry Kimmelman

Sincere thanks to Father Tom Davis for generously donating a trilogy of DVDs to our library. All three are part of a video training series from Bonsai teacher Boon Manakitivipart, and are focused on the repotting, decandling, wiring, and styling of Japanese black pine. Take advantage of these and our other excellent resource materials: Books, magazines, and DVDs that cover every aspect of bonsai, and are available to all club members for a month at a time. We only ask that you return the borrowed book, magazine, or DVD at the next club meeting.

We're willing to invest in additional library materials, if club members simply let us know what they'd like to see in our Library. Let me know at the next club meeting, or email me at kimmelm@verizon.net. 

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Westlake Village City Hall
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Westlake Village, CA 91361
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
3RD Thursday of every month

CVBS Programs

2014

If you are interested in the CVBS Mentoring Program, please see Larry Kimmelman for more information & applications to participate.

January 16	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by DEMONSTRATION: Peter Macasieb / Itoigawa/Kishu Juniper Grafting
February 20	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by Workshop— BRING YOUR TREES
March 20	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by Workshop— BRING YOUR TREES
April 17	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by DEMONSTRATION: Bob Pressler / Boxwood. Third of a series from raw material to finished bonsai
May 15	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by Workshop— BRING YOUR TREES
June 19	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by DEMONSTRATION: Ryan Nichols / Bonsai soils and the science of growing bonsai
July 17	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by NOTE CHANGE Workshop and Swap Meet— BRING YOUR TREES
August 21	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by NOTE CHANGE DEMONSTRATION: Roy Nagatoshi / Styling/Critique of Club Members Trees (each member will be allowed to bring in one tree)
September 18	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by Workshop— BRING TREES YOU PLAN TO EXHIBIT
October 4 – 5	11TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION Gardens of the World
October 16	7:30PM : Brief Meeting followed by Workshop— BRING YOUR TREES
November 20	7:30PM : Brief Meeting followed by DEMONSTRATION: Ann Erb / Japanese Black Pine
December 18	HOLIDAY POTLUCK 7:30 PM

Barrett's Bonsai Tips

Plenty To Do for Bonsai in the Fall

By Jim Barrett

Many of the leaves on hornbeam and plum are pretty far gone. Remove old leaves from the soil; scrub the bark on smooth-bark trees with a mild detergent or Safer's insecticide soap.

An early dormant spray treatment would then be a prudent thing to do.

I wouldn't defoliate elms, pomegranate, or other deciduous trees if their foliage is still healthy and strong.

Repotting quince this month is recommended by many of our Japanese experts. Waiting until spring tends to cause heavy thick roots and to stunt the tree's growth. Quince should be given as much sun as you can provide.

No high-nitrogen fertilizers for the rest of this year.

Plants are not taking up water as fast now, so modify your watering schedule accordingly. Pale green or chartreuse

foliage on pines and junipers may indicate their soil is staying too wet. Hold back on the water and try keeping the soil on the dry side (not bone dry).

Black pine and more juniper bonsai can still be repotted now.

The trees that have dropped their leaves and the ones you have defoliated can be pruned and wired for detail. It's easier with the foliage gone. Also, remove old wire that appears to have done its job.

If you decide to defoliate any of your deciduous trees, check for branches that need redirecting, pruning or

removal. Many things happen unnoticed behind a canopy of leaves. Now is the time to take care of them.

If you must remove an overgrown branch in the upper story of your tree, try to root it. It may make an outstanding name. 🌳



Jim Barrett

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annual fundraiser to support the Golden State Bonsai Federation's bonsai collection at the Huntington, so please plan to attend and support our federation.

Our up-coming Holiday Potluck dinner will be Thursday, December 18th. Our potluck dinner is held in place of our normal meeting. In addition to our dinner, we will have an auction and raffle. This is our annual fund raising event for the club, so come prepared with cash or checkbook. 🍽️

Refreshments

We Are Booked for The Rest of the Year

Summer is gone, here comes the falling leaves of fall—but don't fool with fall! Hydrate when it is warm. Relax and keep warm when it's cold. Grab a drink—hot or cold will do.

Thank you for last month's refreshments provided by Jordan Blake and Marj Branson.

For this month drinks and eats and sweets will be provided by Nancy Smeets and Dick and Kazue Winston, thank you!

Next month is our annual Holiday Potluck, so everyone is a refreshments volunteer in December. To those who contributed to our Refreshments from January through November 2014, a big thank you to all of you! Great Team work! Again, a zillion thank yous!

We are done with 2014, but 2015 is just around the corner so please sign up at the next meeting, or you can email Grace Sy at wkhady@yahoo.com, or call (818) 915-8545 to volunteer.

—Grace Sy

2014 Refreshments

	Cold Drinks	Eats / Sweets
Nov.	Nancy Smeets	Dick & Kazue Winston
Dec.	Holiday Potluck	

CVBS Membership

Come Join Us!

By Larry Kimmelman

Please join me in welcoming new members Alenoosh of Westlake Villiage, John Higgins of Thousand Oaks, and Gunilla Karlsson of Oak Park to the society.

Whether you are a visitor to our website, a reader of our newsletter, a guest at a monthly meeting, or have already decided to join our club, there are effectively no barriers to entry. Annual dues are \$25 for one, \$30 for couples.

Our monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month, starting at 7:30 PM, in the Westlake Village City Hall (located at 31200 Oakcrest Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361).

To join our club, please bring your check (made out payable to the Conejo Valley Bonsai Society) to our next monthly meeting, or mail it to: Larry Kimmelman, CVBS Membership Chair, 2727 Autumn Ridge Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. 🌳

Many Great Trees in Our Annual Exhibition

Our 11th Annual Exhibition was held October 4 – 5 at the Gardens of the World in Thousand Oaks. Nearly 40 trees plus many suiseki (viewing stones) were on display over the two days. The smallest trees benefitted from new viewing stands generously made for, and donated to the club by Rick Naber. These stands greatly enhanced the display of shohin bonsai.

As in past years, there was a People's Choice contest in

which visitors voted for their favorite tree. Jill Peter's fine boxwood garnered first place—congratulations, Jill!

This month we are publishing photographs of half of the trees in no particular order. The other half will be published next month. Many thanks to David Williams and his crew of helpers for doing the photography.

—David Whiteside



Boxwood (left) Jill Peters

Crassula Jade Tree (above), Ken Fuentes

Quince (bottom left), Al Espinoza

Liquidambar (below), David Whiteside



Photos by David Williams





Ficus nerifolia (above), Ken Fuentes

Olive (right), David Whiteside

Prostrata juniper (below), Al Espinoza

Shimpaku juniper (bottom right), Ann Lofquist





Boxwood (left), Ann Lofquist

Prostrata juniper (above), Marj Branson

Liquidambar forest (bottom left), Larry Kimmelman

Bougainvillea (below), Nancy Smeets





Foemina juniper (above left), Ann Lofquist

Procumbens nana juniper (above), Richard Winston

Ficus Nerifolia (bottom left), Ken Fuentes

Kingsville boxwood group planting (below), Ken Martin





Procumbens nana juniper (above), Al Espinoza & Grace Sy

Olive (above right), Ken Martin

San Jose juniper raft (right), Robert Pressler



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December

December 6, 2014 Fresno, California

Fresno Bonsai Society: Seventh Annual Bonsai Yard Sale at 736 West Browning. Set up begins at 8 AM. Everyone is welcome to buy, sell or trade. Sales include pre-bonsai, finished trees, pots, supplies, stands, books, suiseki and accent plants. Lunch will be available. Great bargains and great fun! If you need a table or more information, contact Ralph Schroeder at ralSch@sbcglobal.net or Peter Schaffert at peteschaffert@gmail.com.

Dec. 26, 2014 – January 2, 2015 San Marino, Ca.

California Aiseki Kai: 25th Anniversary Exhibition of Viewing Stones Show at the Botanical Center of the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. Hours are 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM each day (Closed New Year's Day). Free parking. For more information see our website: www.aisekikai.com and/or contact hutch@aisekikai.com

2015

January

January 24-25 Oakland, California

Bay Island Bonsai Annual Bonsai Exhibit at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. Hours: 10AM-4PM, Saturday and Sunday. Auction on Saturday, preview at noon and auction at 1pm. Bonsai demonstration by Boon Manakitivipart on Sunday at 1 PM. Guided tours of the exhibit both Saturday and Sunday. Vendor sales, Club sales, Educational bonsai material for sale, A special pots sales this year. Entry to Exhibit is free, donations accepted. For more information (510) 919-5042 or go to <http://bayislandbonsai.com/bib-annual-exhibit/>

February

February 21 – 22, 2015 Oakland, CA

GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: The annual Mammoth Fund Raiser will be held at 666 Bellevue Ave. Saturday: Auction preview at noon with Auction at 1 PM. Sunday: Vendor Sales start at 9 AM, Plant Sales start at 10 AM, and Demonstrations at 1 PM. Also on Sunday help us celebrate our 15th Anniversary! The Bonsai Garden will celebrate the many bonsai clubs who have supported it by inviting clubs from all over Northern California to showcase their best trees. Bonsai Garden will be open 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and Noon to 4 PM on Sunday. For more information or to sell trees, email bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com and visit www.gsbflakemerritt.org.

February 28 – March 1, 2015 San Marino, California

Bonsai-A-Thon XIX at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. This is the annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at The Huntington. Admission to the event is free with Bonsai-A-Thon "early bird" registration between 8 AM – 9:30 AM. Event hours are 8 AM – 4:30 PM both days. Pancake breakfast, tour hosted by Jim Folsom (Director of the Garden), demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle, and auction. Sunday only: "Bring-Your-Own-Tree Bonsai Consulting Clinic." For more information, contact Marge Blasingame, (626) 579-0420 margeblasingame@att.net.

HELP WANTED!

The staff of Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) publication Golden Statements Magazine is in need to fill the following positions:

- Treasurer
- Advertising Manager
- Subscriptions Manager
- Part Time Assistants

For more details on duties and special perks, contact George Haas, Past Editor of Golden Statements, (707) 762-9154 or gwhaas@comcast.net.

CVBS Niche Displays

Our Niche Display Program

In the Niche Program, club members set up a mini exhibition display. Such a display consists of:

- The tree in a nice bonsai pot
- An accent plant
- A stand

All these items are important to create the balance for a good display. We aspire to present the best display possible for everyone's pleasure and edification, so the niche is often assembled by one of the more experienced members. However, it is also our desire to give less experienced bonsai hobbyists an opportunity to learn by

doing. So if any less experienced member feels his/her trees are not ready for a finished display, it is worthwhile to create a display that is a work-in-progress. It will be up to the club member to determine which category his/her display falls into, and then the work-in-progress display can become the talking point of work done, work intended, and suggestions from the floor.

We encourage all members to sign up for the niche display! Please have a look at the 2015 calendar and let us know when you would like to present your display.

—Marj Branson

2014 Niche Displays

Nov.	Grace Sy
Dec.	Holiday Potluck No Display