



# Conejo Valley Bonsai Society

A member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation

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**South Coast Bonsai Association**

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## President's Message

# Gains in 2011, More in 2012

By Marj Branson

**W**e find ourselves at the end of 2011 and would like to thank everyone in making the year a bonsai success!

- Our October bonsai exhibition at the Gardens of the World was well represented by our club members with a good show of trees. We had a busy two days with many visitors—both members of the local communities visiting the garden and our fellow bonsai enthusiasts.
- At the Bonsai-A-Thon held at the Huntington Gardens as the fund raiser for the Golden State Bonsai Federation's Southern California collection, our club was well represented by members helping out. The exhibition will again be held in February 2012, and we will again appreciate your help.
- We completed and adopted a Mission Statement and By-Laws for the Conejo Valley Bonsai Society. Thanks to Ken Martin for taking the lead.
- Debbie Ervin had put together a good year for demonstrators for 2011, and she has done the same for 2012. Please check page 2 for the new 2012 schedule and put these dates on your calendar.



President Marj Branson

Throughout each year—and 2012 is no exception—there are numerous bonsai conventions, workshops, and club exhibitions. Members have gone to these activities on their own and as a group. These conventions and exhibitions are a very good learning tool. As these come up they are included in our newsletter. Please mark them on your calendar so you can take advantage of them and see as many as you possibly can.

## Membership dues

Annual dues for the Conejo Valley Bonsai Society have remained unchanged since the formation of the society. In order to cover increasing operational costs and to expand some of our capabilities, programs, and services, the Board agreed in its last meeting to raise dues beginning in 2012. Annual membership dues are now \$25.00 for an individual and \$30.00 for a couple (up from \$20.00 and \$25.00, respectively). An important component of our society's programs is paying our professional demonstrators, who now receive higher fees and no longer donate demonstration material, leaving it to us to provide quality material if we want to keep the demonstration trees.

I look forward to seeing everyone in 2012 when we will introduce a few new bonsai activities we have been discussing! Safe and Peaceful Holidays and Happy New year to all. 🌳

## Bonsai Basics Suspended, Mentoring Program To Launch in January

**A**s noted elsewhere in this issue (see page 2), Bonsai Basics, the series of workshops and classes designed primarily for beginners, has been suspended indefinitely. Attendance was too small to justify the effort.

But a new program will be launched in January: CVBS Mentoring. Membership Chair Larry Kimmelman is heading up this program. He will explain more during the January 2012 business meeting. 🌳 —David Whiteside

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7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

3<sup>RD</sup> Thursday of every month

Note: Bonsai Basics Classes & Workshops have been suspended (see page 1).

## CVBS Programs

2012

Bonsai Basics Classes and Workshops have been suspended indefinitely due to lack of participation.  
A new CVBS Program: Mentoring, will be launched in January during the business meeting.

January 19	7: 30 PM Brief Meeting followed by Workshop— <b>BRING YOUR TREES</b>
February 16	7: 30 PM Brief Meeting followed by <b>DEMONSTRATION: Bob Pressler</b> /Soils & Transplanting
March 15	7: 30 PM Brief Meeting followed by Workshop— <b>BRING YOUR TREES</b>
April 19	7: 30 PM Brief Meeting followed by <b>DEMONSTRATION: Ted Matson</b> / TBD
May 17	7: 30 PM Brief Meeting followed by Workshop— <b>BRING YOUR TREES</b>
June 21	7: 30 PM Brief Meeting followed by Workshop— <b>BRING YOUR TREES</b>
July 19	7: 30 PM Brief Meeting followed by <b>DEMONSTRATION: Kathy Benson</b> / Crapemyrtle
August 16	7: 30 PM Brief Meeting followed by Workshop— <b>BRING YOUR TREES</b>
September 20	7: 30 PM Brief Meeting followed by <b>DEMONSTRATION: Roy Nagatoshi</b> / Critique for Show <b>BRING TREES YOU PLAN TO EXHIBIT</b>
October 6 - 7	<b>9TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION</b> Gardens of the World
October 18	7: 30 PM Brief Meeting followed by Workshop— <b>BRING YOUR TREES</b>
November 15	7: 30 PM Brief Meeting followed by <b>DEMONSTRATION: Al Nelson</b> / Oaks
December 10	<b>HOLIDAY POTLUCK</b> 7: 30 PM