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President's Message

Volunteer for GSBF Convention

By Marj Branson

President Marj Branson

We have just completed our 10th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Gardens of the World in Thousand Oaks. I would like to thank everyone for your help and participation. We had many compliments on the show. It could not have happened without your help and your trees.

We had a real problem with coming up with enough tables for the show. We did have to buy some. Many thanks to Rick Naber for the use of his truck and for organizing this for us.

The People's Choice award again created a lot of interest. The most difficult part for our guests was to pick only one tree. All the trees were numbered and the visitors selected their favorite, wrote down its number, and put it into a bin. The winner will be announced at our next meeting.

David Williams took photographs of the trees, which will appear in our newsletter in November and December. Thanks to David and his team of helpers!

Our Thursday meeting will have Bob Pressler again working on the boxwood he is developing over several demonstrations. He started on it earlier in the year with a severe prune. This month, he will be shaping and taking it to its next stage.

Don't forget the October 31 – Nov 3 Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention in Burbank. Details are on page 4 of our newsletter. As a club, we are members of GSBF, from which we derive many benefits. We are calling on all members to support the GSBF by volunteering to

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Conejo Valley Bonsai Society Meetings

Westlake Village City Hall Community Room
31200 Oakcrest Drive
Westlake Village, CA 91361
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
3RD Thursday of every month

CVBS Programs

2013	
If you are interested in the CVBS Mentoring Program, please see Larry Kimmelman for more information & applications to participate.	
~~January 17~~	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by **DEMONSTRATION: ALEX MARTINEZ** / Juniper
~~February 21~~	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by Workshop—**BRING YOUR TREES**
~~March 21~~	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by **DEMONSTRATION: Bob Pressler** / Boxwood. First of a series from raw material to finished bonsai.
~~April 18~~	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by Workshop—**BRING YOUR TREES**
~~May 16~~	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by **DEMONSTRATION: Kathy Benson** / Olive critique. Members bring one olive tree each for Kathy's review.
~~June 20~~	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by Workshop—**BRING YOUR TREES**
~~July 18~~	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by **DEMONSTRATION: Ken Fuentes** / Ficus nerifolia
~~August 15~~	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by Workshop—**BRING TREES YOU PLAN TO EXHIBIT**
~~September 19~~	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by **DEMONSTRATION: Jim Barrett** / Critique for Show **BRING TREES YOU PLAN TO EXHIBIT**
~~October 5 – 6~~	**10TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION** Gardens of the World
October 17	7:30PM : Brief Meeting followed by **DEMONSTRATION: Bob Pressler** / Boxwood. Second of a series from raw material to finished bonsai.
November 21	7:30PM : Brief Meeting followed by **DEMONSTRATION: Ted Matson** / Shohin bonsai
December TBA	**HOLIDAY POTLUCK** 7:30 PM

Barrett's Bonsai Tips

Clean Up Black Pine and Juniper

By Jim Barrett

Jim Barrett

October is a very good month to clean up Japanese black pine and junipers.

If you have black pine bonsai, finish pruning the unwanted new growth leaving one, two, or three new candles on the tips of each branch or twig that was pruned earlier this summer. How many candles you leave is determined by your design goals for the tree. Whether the new growth is on the outer limits of the tree or in the interior.

Old needles (discolored) should be removed. New or fresh needles should remain until December or January. Leaving these new healthy needles on through the fall should keep the tree at its best. Cutting long needles shorter will allow sunlight to penetrate into the interior of the trees, and help to build stronger growth on the weak and stunted interior candles and twigs.

Junipers may be cleaned of all dead or discolored foliage. Prune the "hanger downers" and the "pointer uppers" unless you plan to wire them into a more horizontal position.

October is also a good time to remove old wire and rewire for detail.

You should be able to prune quince, apple, and ume for shape now and place them into their show pots, if this is a practice you follow.

Fertilize azaleas and most flowering and fruiting bonsai with a low nitrogen, high phosphorous fertilizer. A 0-10-10 should work well.

[If you plan to show a tree in one of the spring exhibitions such as the Descanso Bonsai Society's June show], remember to start choosing those show trees [now]. Keep your eyes open for quality pots you may wish to use for these trees.

Repotting and potting (from nursery container to bonsai pot) can be safely done at this time for black pine and most junipers. Repotting flowering and fruiting bonsai from bonsai pot to bonsai pot can be done, provided the root ball is not drastically disturbed and the tree is reasonably healthy.

Pay attention to watering schedules this month and next. Keeping plants too wet may promote root rot, especially if the tree is not actively growing. Watch for fungus, spider mites, and scale.

Refreshments

We Are Covered!

By Jill Peters

2013 Refreshments

	Cold Drinks	Eats / Sweets
Oct.	Al Espinoza	Nancy Smeets
Nov.	Fr. Tom Davis	Mike Mulhern
Dec.	**HOLIDAY POTLUCK**	

President's Message (Continued from page 1)

help. I have emailed the entire work schedule to all members. Please work out the time and day you can help. GSBF is depending on our club to contribute to the volunteer effort.

Time is creeping by so don't forget to check these dates and put them on your calendar.

With 2014 around the corner, don't forget we will be addressing the board positions. Four officers will be elected for a one-year term. (The officers appoint our committee chairs.) If you can help, please let us know.

See you Thursday the 17th.

CVBS Membership

Come Join Us!

By Larry Kimmelman

Please welcome Alla Shields of Thousand Oaks to our club.

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.

Coming Events (click on the hyperlinks to visit Web sites or send e-mails)

2013

October / November

October 19 – 20, 2013 Union City, California

Yamato Bonsai Kai: Annual Show at Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Road. Hours: Noon to 7 PM Saturday & 10 AM to 5 PM Sunday. Demonstration each day at 2 PM by Johnny Uchida. Special guest David Nguy will join in the demonstration on Saturday (only)! Free admission and parking. Benefit raffle drawing each day after the demo, dinner Saturday evening from 5 PM to 6 PM and Sunday Morning workshop available. Large Vendor and Plant Sale area. For more information call Tony Hayworth at 510-289-5731 or yamatobonsai.org.

October 31 – November 3, 2013: Burbank, California

Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) Convention XXXVI "Bonsai Artist Studio: Outside the Box" will be held at Marriott Hotel Los Angeles Burbank Airport. Headliners David DeGroot, Suthin Sukosolvisit and Peter Warren. Wonderful offsite field trips on Wednesday, October 30. Convention to be held Friday, October 31 through Sunday, November 3, 2013. Be sure to watch for pre-convention tours and activities. Visit our convention website http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/convention.

2014

January / February

January 31– February 2, 2014 / Santa Nella, California

California Shohin Seminar at the Hotel Mission de Oro, Santa Nella California. Friday (Jan 31): Registration, Demonstrations, and Exhibit and Vendor areas Set Up. Everyone is invited to share their treasured Shohin Bonsai in the Exhibit Saturday (Feb 1): Exhibit Opens for Viewing, Vendor Sales Critiques, Workshops, Bazaar & Benefit Drawing Sunday (Feb 2): Exhibit Open 10:30 – Noon. Critique and Demonstration, Business Meeting Registration Forms available on the website on November 1st 2013. For general information email: calshohin@yahoo.com, website: http://www.calshohin.org/ or phone: Randi Keppeler 650-598-0127

February 22 & 23, 2014 / San Marino, California

Bonsai-A-Thon XVIII at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino; annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at The Huntington Botanical Gardens. 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. Sunday morning: bring-your-own-tree workshop led by Ted Matson – limit 10 people (for details contact Ted, tmatson@earthlink.net). Pancake breakfast, tour hosted by Jim Folsom (Director of the Garden), demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle, and auction. For more information, contact Marge Blasingame, (626) 579-0420 margeblasingame@att.net.

Workshop Offered

CVBS Member Shig Hayashi has organized a monthly workshop open to all interested parties, meeting the 2nd Wednesday of each month, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. This is an informal gathering with no teacher, no fee. For an opinion/help/advice/hint ask any participant. Food and drink donations will be accepted. Location, California Bonsai Studio, 4015 N. Moorpark Rd., Thousand Oaks, CA.

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 calendar and let us know when you would like to present your display.

—Marj Branson

2013 Niche Displays	
Oct.	Ken Fuentes
Nov.	Yoko & Walter Zipush
Dec.	Holiday Potluck, No niche