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## **Conejo Valley Bonsai Society Meetings**

Westlake Village City Hall  
Community Room  
31200 Oakcrest Drive  
Westlake Village, CA 91361  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month**  
**7:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

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## **President's Message**

# **Spring: A Busy Time**

By Marj Branson

March 20<sup>th</sup> is the first day of spring and time to get back to our trees. There's so much work to do and so little time: repotting, trimming, fertilizing, and more. (See Jim Barrett's Bonsai Tips on page 3 for expert advice on what to do this month.) Meanwhile, don't forget to stop and smell the flowers!

Speaking of busy, we have a very full program of workshops and guest demonstrations coming up for our Conejo Valley Bonsai Society meetings this season and throughout the year. (See page 2 for the details.)

At our meeting on Thursday, March 21, Frank Yee will demonstrate how to create a forest planting with cork-bark jades, Frank's specialty. This species tree is very different from regular jades, so you won't want to miss it.

At the last CVBS monthly meeting, we discussed possible field trips and activities for 2019. At our March meeting, we should finalize a few. Remember that we welcome ideas and suggestions for programs and excursions you would like to see included.

To aid in this effort, we have an opening for a Field Trips and Activities committee chair. Please see me if you would like to get involved.

Later in the year, our own annual bonsai exhibition at Gardens of the World in Thousand Oaks has been confirmed on the weekend of October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Please mark this important event on your calendars. And it's not too early to start planning for the show. Keep this in mind when working on your future display trees.

CVBS isn't the only club with a full schedule this time of year. There are many spring bonsai shows throughout Southern California, so I recommend that you make time to take in as many of them as you can. (There is a list on page 10 of this newsletter.)

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## **CVBS Membership**

# **Really Due: Membership Renewals**

Conejo Valley Bonsai Society memberships expired on February 15<sup>th</sup>, so it's time to pay your dues for 2019. It's still a bargain at \$25 for one person, \$30 for two or more. That gets you a rich program of bonsai demonstrations, workshops, and activities as well as this award-winning newsletter.

Simply bring a check made payable to the Conejo Valley Bonsai Society to our next meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> or mail it to me, CVBS Membership Chair, 2727 Autumn Ridge Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362.

Thanks for your prompt attention and payment.

—Larry Kimmelman



**Marj Branson**

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# CVBS Programs 2019

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 with <b>Club Elections</b> followed by <b>DEMONSTRATION: Roy Nagatoshi</b> / Tree Critiques <b>BRING YOUR TREES</b>
February 21	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by Workshop— <b>BRING YOUR TREES</b>
March 21	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by <b>DEMONSTRATION: Frank Yee</b> / Cork Jade & Forest Planting
April 18	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by <b>DEMONSTRATION: Jim Barrett</b> / Group Planting
May 16	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by <b>DEMONSTRATION: Mel Ikeda</b> / Rock Planting
June 20	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by Workshop— <b>BRING YOUR TREES</b>
July 18	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by <b>DEMONSTRATION: Jason Chan</b> / TBA
August 15	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by Workshop and <b>Swap Meet</b> — <b>BRING YOUR TREES</b>
September 19	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting followed by <b>PEER CRITIQUES</b> — <b>BRING YOUR SHOW TREES</b>
October 5 – 6	<b>16TH ANNUAL CVBS EXHIBITION</b> Gardens of the World
October 17	7:30PM : Brief Meeting followed by <b>DEMONSTRATION: Kathy Benson</b> / TBA
November 21	7:30 PM: Brief Meeting with <b>Club Elections</b> followed by Workshop— <b>BRING YOUR TREES</b>
December 19	7:30 PM <b>HOLIDAY POTLUCK, RAFFLE &amp; AUCTION</b>

# Spring Potting & Repotting

By Jim Barrett

If you plan to transplant wisteria after blooms are gone, don't fertilize for at least one month after repotting. If you have wisteria and do not plan to repot, fertilize right after the blooms are gone. It is said that wisteria require three to four times as much fertilizer as most bonsai. Just make sure the fertilizer you use is slow release.

Fertilize quince, ume, crabapple, and pomegranate this month. Do not fertilize satsuki azaleas until blooms are gone.

If you plan to repot azaleas, you can still trim fairly severely. Azaleas that have not been repotted for two or more years may be repotted this month, especially if the plant is to be heavily pruned. Wash all of the exhausted soil from the roots, making sure that you clean out all of the old soil directly under the base of the tree. Be careful of the fine feeder roots and do not let them dry out.

Several soil mixes are now being used. All provide excellent drainage with the ingredients tending to provide an acid reaction on the pH scale (pH 5 to 6 is recommended by Mr. Richard Ota).

Repotting or potting for the first time:

- Black pine from nursery container to pot or pot-to-pot
- Trident maple from nursery container to pot or pot-to-pot
- Zelkova from nursery container to pot or pot-to-pot
- Beech, hornbeam, juniper, and Atlas cedar may all be potted or repotted now

Most deciduous trees should be in full leaf by now, so wait until the new growth has hardened if you plan to repot maple, elm, hornbeam, and zelkova.

Fertilizers such as cottonseed with bone meal and blood meal may be used. Use four parts cottonseed and one part bone meal to make a good, safe fertilizer for the promotion of blooms and good color. Stop feeding one month before blooms appear.

If your elms, Japanese maples, pomegranates, etc., are leafing out, wait until this new growth hardens before repotting

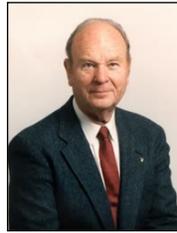
Look out for wooly aphids on apple, quince, and other plants attractive to aphids. Malathion with a little horticultural oil mixed in should do the trick. The oil allows the Malathion to stick and penetrate the white fuzz covering the critter. Spray again in about ten days. This treatment will also take care of regular aphids and spider mites.

Start fine-tuning show trees [for Descanso Bonsai Society's June exhibition—some CVBS members also belong to Descanso]. Trees to be shown should not have large-gauge wire on trunks or visible on large branches. It is, however, permissible to have wire on medium to small branches providing it is neatly applied. Annealed copper or anodized aluminum are preferred wire choices.

If you wish to darken bright copper wire, soak it overnight in Purex or diluted muratic acid (swimming pool acid). Wash it with clear water before using.

Start getting rid of moss growing on trunks and base roots. Be careful not to damage rough bark trees such as black pine and cork bark elm.

Are you planning to change pots before the show? Do it now so the tree will look settled in its show container. This is a common practice in Japan. The show pot is then stored away after the show and the tree is returned to its everyday pot. 🌲



Jim Barrett

## Refreshments

### Ides of March

March brings with it the promise of gardening and warm, sunny days as the earth turns its frostbitten cheek to winter and springs forth from the vernal equinox. Loosely translated it means, "Spring has Sprung."

We celebrate St. Patrick's Day, March Madness, Mardi Gras, International Women's Day, National Ear Muff Day, and the Ides of March (not a popular holiday in the J. Caesar household).

Our next bonsai meeting will be the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. Have a few green beers and volunteer to bring refreshments to the May or June meeting. Or, we still have a number of other months open. So sign up as a refreshment volunteer and avoid the Ides of March. (I hope Mr. Shakespeare will forgive me.)

To sign up you can call me at (818) 865-1034, email me at refreshments@cvbs-bonsai.org, or sign up at the March meeting, and a warm and happy spring to all!

—Denise Snavely

2019 Refreshments		
	Cold Drinks	Eats / Sweets
Mar.	Damon DuBois	Nancy Smeets
April	Mary Welz	Larry Kimmelman
May	Larry Garfinkel	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
June	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

## CVBS Membership

### Interested in CVBS?

CVBS is open to anyone interested in the horticultural art of bonsai. If you are not a member, consider joining now. We meet on the third Thursday of every month at the Westlake Village City Hall (31200 Oakcrest Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91361). Meetings start at 7:30 PM, and include occasional demonstrations by bonsai experts, workshops, critiques, and member swap meets.

It's inexpensive and easy to join. Annual dues are \$25 for one, or \$30 for couples. Simply bring cash or a check (made payable to the Conejo Valley Bonsai Society) to our next monthly meeting. You may also mail a check to: Larry Kimmelman, CVBS Membership Chair, 2727 Autumn Ridge Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362.

—Larry Kimmelman

# Bonsai Meets Amazon in the Spheres

By Mike Blumenberg

While visiting my son in Seattle for the President’s Day weekend, we got to tour the Amazon Spheres, which are located in the heart of the Amazon Corp. complex there.

According to the welcome pamphlet, the Spheres are “home to more than 40,000 plants from the cloud forests around the world. The Spheres are a place where Amazon employees can think and work differently. They are a result of innovative thinking about the character of a workplace and an extended conversation about what is typically missing from urban offices—a direct link to nature.”

The Spheres are reserved for Amazon employees during the work week, but are open to the public on weekends. It was an amazing environment.

A few highlights are the 60-foot-tall living wall and Rubi, a large ficus tree transplanted from Somis, CA. I also loved the 400-gallon freshwater aquarium full of South American fish.



To top it off, the Spheres had a temporary exhibit of bonsai on loan from the Pacific Bonsai Museum, Federal Way, WA. [Weyerhaeuser Co. opened the Collection in 1989, in conjunction with the Washington State Centennial celebration. At the end of 2013, the corporation gifted the entire collection to a new non-profit, The George Weyerhaeuser Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection, known as the Pacific Bonsai Museum.—Editor]

The bonsai exhibit, which ran from February 4 through March 16, 2019, consisted of four tropical bonsai. They included: a bougainvillea (in training since 1988); a Southern Yew (in training since 1987); a Green Island Fig (in training since 1965); and an Elephant Bush (in training since 1960).

All of the trees were impressive, but I especially like the craggy bougainvillea. It was great to see top quality bonsai on display in this awesome environment and being enjoyed and appreciated by the public. 🌳



**The Amazon Spheres on the company’s Seattle, WA campus (top, right).**

**Green Island Fig (upper left), in training since 1965.**

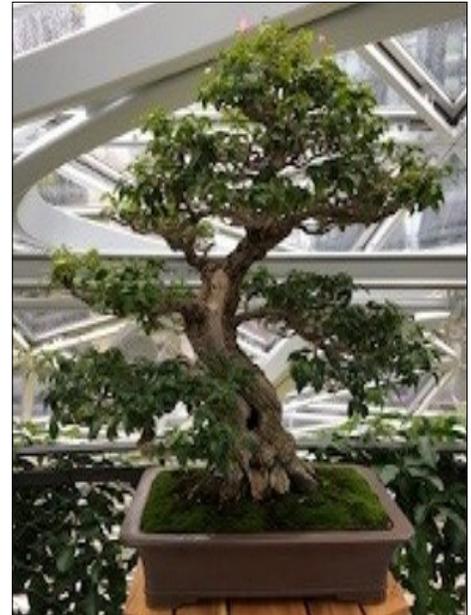
**Bougainvillea (upper right), in training since 1988.**

**Southern Yew (left), in training since 1987.**

**Elephant Bush (right), in training since 1960.**



Photos by Mike Blumenberg



# Ann Lofquist Honored

One day later this spring or summer, a very valuable member of the Conejo Valley Bonsai Society will leave us: Ann Lofquist is moving to New England to pursue her professional painting.

Having failed to change her mind about relocating, the CVBS board voted unanimously at its February 8, 2019 meeting to make her a lifetime member. The board also decided on behalf of the club to give Ann something useful in her bonsai practice: a high quality turntable.

Members might be interested to know that Ann is taking only a few of her bonsai with her. She donated many of the rest of her collection to our annual Holiday Raffle and Auction last December. That generous donation powered the fundraising event to a record high income.

At the club's regular February 21, 2019 meeting, we presented Ann with this token of our appreciation for her many contributions and leadership. We will miss Ann, but wish her well.

—David Whiteside

**Former CVBS vice president Ann Lofquist (right) with the bonsai turntable the club gave her as a going away present in appreciation of her many contributions.**



Photo by David Williams

## President's Message (Continued from page 1)

### Bonsai-A-Thon Recap

The Bonsai-A-Thon weekend February 23 – 24 at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, CA was a great success. I would like to thank all the CVBS members who helped and contributed to its success.

Once again, the Huntington organized a beginners' class for children and adults on Saturday morning. (The students have Huntington memberships.) The class is always full and hopefully inspires upcoming bonsai enthusiasts. As always, CVBS provided several volunteer teachers for this event.

The vendors' marketplace was well stocked, and I of course came away with a few new treasures as did other CVBS mem-

bers. The concurrent bonsai exhibition was hosted by the California Bonsai Society (CBS) and lived up to their reputation.

As a thank you, the Huntington will host a reception for all volunteers who have helped with their many activities including the Bonsai-A-Thon. This year it will be on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

This event intentionally coincides with the California Bonsai Society's 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bonsai Exhibition, which is at the Huntington on both Saturday and Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The CBS's by-invitation-only membership includes experienced bonsai artists as well as some promising new practitioners, so the exhibition is one to not miss.

See you Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. 🌳

## Daylight Savings Time for Spring Volunteer Dates

Daylight savings time is impacting the schedule of volunteer work on the bonsai collections at the Huntington Gardens. "Now that the time has changed, we will start earlier on our work sessions on Wednesdays and weekends," Bonsai Curator Ted Matson said in an email. "Rather than starting at 9 AM, we'll now begin our days at 8 AM. ... [However,] we will continue our Friday schedule of 9 – 11 AM."

Matson also said that he needs even more help. "We've got a ton of work to do right now (including some major repottings)," he said. "The extra hour will help us keep up with all the growth taking off right now. With so many of our trees waking up, we have an even more critical need for Friday volunteers to work the display trees in the courts, especially the elms right now... they're exploding. Any extra bodies available for a couple hours on Friday really make a difference."

Volunteer weekends continue in March – June and are listed at right. "These dates work around the blackout dates as determined by Huntington Gardens, where there are other activities or events and traffic is limited," Matson said.

Work is on bonsai trees in both the Golden State Bonsai Federation's collection and the Huntington's own collection. All levels of bonsai knowledge are welcome and sometimes Ted has mini teaching sessions, so no one feels overextended. CVBS members who have participated uniformly report very positive experiences. If you'd like to participate or carpool to one of the work sessions, please contact Marj Branson at president@cvbs-bonsai.org or (805) 373-1330.

—David Whiteside

<b>2019 Weekend Work Dates</b>
March 16 – 17 / 30 – 31
April 13 – 14
May 11 (Saturday only) / 18 – 19
June 1 – 2 / 22 – 23 / 29 – 30

# Collecting California Junipers

By David Whiteside

On Sunday, March 3, 2019 Ann Lofquist led three Conejo Valley Bonsai Society members on a field trip to collect California junipers in the wild. The group included Nancy Smeets, Mel Carrillo, and Rick Naber. They drove up to the Cuyama Valley, which is along the Cuyama River.

Ann, who is moving to New England later this year (see page 5), was not collecting anything for herself because of her impending relocation. As she said in an email, "I took this group because they asked!"

"There had been a lot of rain up there this month, which is great for the junipers, but not too great for the drivers," Ann reports. "A swollen stream crossed our road, and I got stuck in the mud."

Fortunately, Rick and Mel were able to pull Ann's car out, but because the stream was impassable, the group was unable to reach the ranch where Ann usually does her collecting. "However, I was able to get permission from local landowners to collect near the stream," Ann explains. "The trees didn't have quite as much character as those at the higher elevation, but the terrain was much easier."

While Mel collected a large specimen on his own, Ann helped Nancy dig a tree as she was new to the process. Ann also collected a small specimen for club member and vice president Mike Blumenberg, who couldn't go on the trip. Rick wasn't feel very well, and so did not collect anything. 🌲



Photos by Ann Lofquist, Nancy Smeets, and Mel Carrillo

Ann's car stuck in the muddy stream (top).

Mel 'surfing' the rapid waters (above).

One tree nearly dug out (left).

A root ball ready to be wrapped up (left below).

Wrapped and almost ready for transport (below).





Root balls wrapped in plastic (top left).

Trees loaded to take home (above left).

Mel digging out his specimen (top right).

Mel's tree being potted (above right).

Nancy with her California juniper (left).

Nancy's tree in a bonsai pot (right).



# 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 her/his 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 your 2019 calendar and let us know when you would like to present your display.

—Marj Branson

2019 Niche Displays	
March	Marj Branson
April	Volunteer Needed
May	Volunteer Needed
June	Volunteer Needed

## Library

# Check Out the CVBS Library

The Conejo Valley Bonsai Society has an extensive library of books, magazines, and DVDs available for members to borrow at no charge. The collection is available for your review at each monthly meeting. Material may be borrowed for a month at a time, so take home a book or DVD from our next meeting and return it at the following meeting. If you have any questions regarding the CVBS Library, please contact me at [librarian@cvbs-bonsai.org](mailto:librarian@cvbs-bonsai.org).

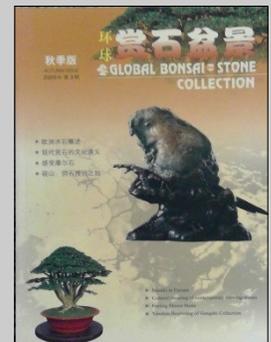
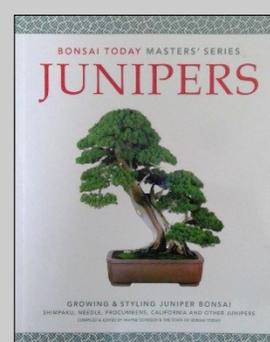
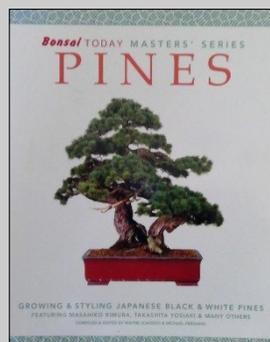
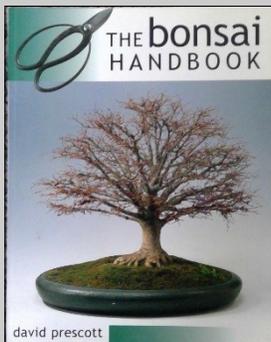
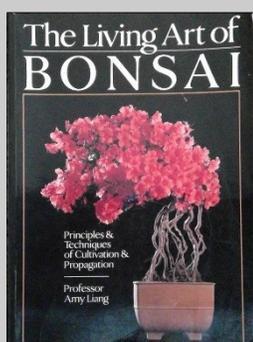
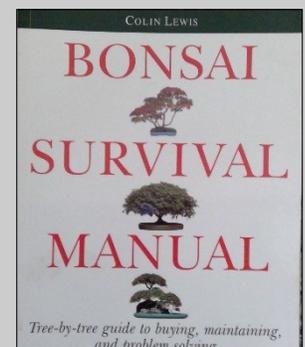
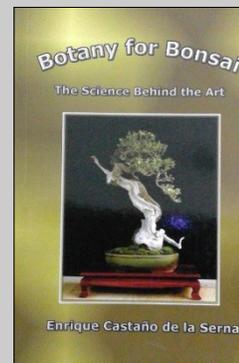
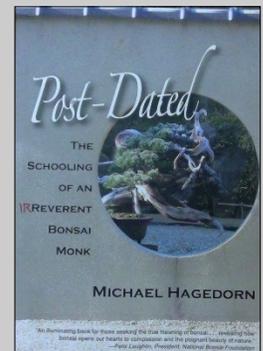
### Books of the Month

The CVBS Library recently received eight new books, courtesy of Greg Greenway, son of late CVBS member Frank Greenway. The new books are:

- *Post-Dated: The Schooling of an Irreverent Bonsai Monk* by Michael Hagedorn.
- *Botany for Bonsai* by Enrique Castano de la Serna
- *Bonsai Survival Manual: Tree-by-tree guide to buying, maintaining and problem solving* by Colin Lewis
- *The Living Art of Bonsai* by Professor Amy Liang
- *The Bonsai Handbook* by David Prescott
- *Bonsai Today Masters Series: Pines*
- *Bonsai Today Masters Series: Junipers*
- The Autumn 2005 issue of the "Global Bonsai and Stone Collection"

Look for reviews of each book in future editions of the newsletter, or check out one of our new books yourself.

—Mike Blumenberg

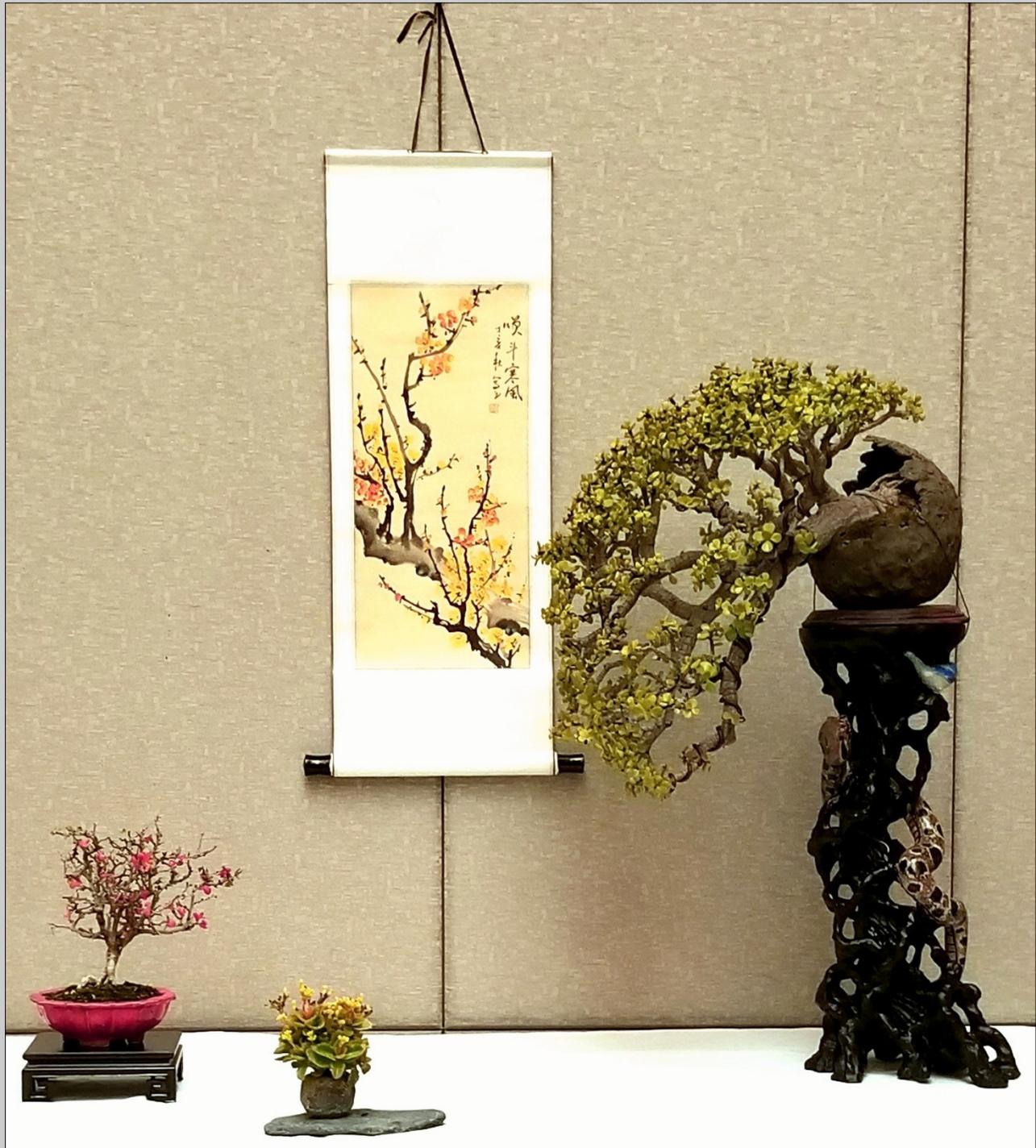


# Mini Jade in a Four-Part Composition

**Editor's Note:** Mel Carrillo provided this four-part niche display at CVBS's February 2019 meeting. It includes two bonsai of different species as well as a scroll and companion plant. Here's what Mel says about this elegant composition.

The display shown includes a cascade *Portulacaria Afra* (Mini Jade) in an unglazed pinch pot, which sits on top of a hand-carved custom root stand that incorporates a snake vs. bird concept in hopes of telling another of Mother Nature's stories. A flowering red Japanese Quince (*Chojubai*) in a red glazed Japanese round pot provides a secondary tree expressing the season with its vibrant blooms. A scroll and smaller accent succulent with yellow flowers add additional interest to the composition.

—Mel Carrillo



**2019**

**March**

**March 23 – 24, 2019 Oakland, California**

Bay Area Bonsai Associates: 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are 5 – 9 PM Saturday and 10 AM – 4 PM Sunday. Light dinner at 5:30 PM Saturday followed by a bonsai demonstration by club members from 6:30 – 9 PM. Benefit drawing of demo tree(s). Winning ticket must be present to win. Sales of plants, bonsai, and other bonsai-related items both days. Admission is free. Parking fee to the Lakeside Park entrance is required during the park hours. For more information, please contact Janice Dilbeck at [janicedilbeck@comcast.net](mailto:janicedilbeck@comcast.net).

**March 23 – 24, 2019 San Marino, California**

California Bonsai Society Show: Annual show at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, Ahmanson Room. Show hours are 10 AM – 4:30 PM both days. Demonstration Saturday at 11 AM will feature the re-constructing of John Naka's Goshin 3. Admission fee to enter Huntington Library and Gardens: Adult: \$29, Senior (65+): \$24, Student (f/t ID): \$24, Youth (4-11): \$13, Child (under 4): free, Groups (15+): \$23, Huntington Library Members free. Parking free.

**April**

**April 6 – April 7, 2019 Sacramento, California**

Bonsai Sekiyu Kai: 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual show will be held at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Hours are 10 AM – 4 PM with a demonstration at 2 PM each day by Yuzo Maruyama. Free Admission. Amenities include refreshments, light snacks, door prizes, raffles, and a silent auction. Member and vendor sales of plants and bonsai-related items, as well as a food vendor will also be available. For more information contact Bonsai Sekiyu Kai at [bonsaisekiyu-kai@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaisekiyu-kai@gmail.com).

**May**

**May 18 – 19, 2019 Santa Barbara, California**

Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara: Annual Bonsai Exhibition and plant sale in Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 N. La Cumbre (Corner of Foothill Rd.). Show hours are 11 AM – 4 PM Saturday and Noon – 4 PM Sunday with demonstrations at 1 PM on both days. Free admission. For more information, contact Joe Olson 805-964-0869, email [joeyuccaseed@verizon.net](mailto:joeyuccaseed@verizon.net), or visit [www.santabarbarbonsai.org](http://www.santabarbarbonsai.org).

**May 19, 2019 Van Nuys, California**

Sansui Kai: Annual Bonsai Show at the beautiful Japanese Garden, 6100 Woodley Ave. Show hours are 10 AM – 4 PM with a demonstration at 1 PM. Come view member trees, members sale table, bonsai demonstration and tour the beautiful Japanese Garden. For more information contact: Steve Riley at [tonapahall1953@gmail.com](mailto:tonapahall1953@gmail.com).

**June**

**June 1, 2019 Las Vegas, Nevada**

Las Vegas Bonsai Society: Annual bonsai show, "Bonsai in the Desert" at the West Charleston Library, 6301 West Charleston Boulevard. Show hours are 10 AM – 4 PM. Headliner is Todd Schlafer of First Branch Bonsai. He will be conducting a lecture at 11 AM followed by a demonstration at 1 PM. For more information please contact Ira Sisson (206) 852-6510 or [irasisson@hotmail.com](mailto:irasisson@hotmail.com).

**June 1 – 2, 2019 San Mateo, California**

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai: 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Show at the San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way (next to Beresford Park). Show hours are 10 AM – 4 PM both days with demonstration from 1 – 3 PM. Demo tree will be raffled. Large club member plant sale, vendors, door prizes and our always popular raffles. Admission is free. Dr. Bonsai will be available to offer styling and care tips. For more information contact Marsha Mekisich at [eclectic.gardener@yahoo.com](mailto:eclectic.gardener@yahoo.com).

**August**

**August 24 – 25, 2019 Santa Rosa, California**

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonsai Show, at the Santa Rosa Veterans Building, 1351 Maple Ave. Featuring Bonsai Master Kathy Shaner. Bonsai demonstrations both days, 1 – 3 PM. Demonstration tree to be raffled. Largest bonsai and suiseki stone exhibition. Large bonsai vendor and plant sales. Exciting silent auctions. Free admission and parking. Relax with the Bonsai Cafe. Contact Bob Shimon at (707) 884-4126 or [shimon@mcn.org](mailto:shimon@mcn.org). Visit our website [www.rebsbonsai.org](http://www.rebsbonsai.org).

**October**

**October 5 – 6, 2019 Thousand Oaks, California**

Conejo Valley Bonsai Society: 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Resource Center at the Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd. Show hours are 9 AM – 4 PM with demonstrations in the Bandstand at 1 PM both days. Free Admission. No sales of bonsai or related items. For information, call Marj Branson at (805) 373-1330 or visit our website at [www.cvbs-bonsai.org](http://www.cvbs-bonsai.org).