



Bonsai Clippings

Mother Lode Bonsai Club Monthly Newsletter

March 2016

- March Meeting -

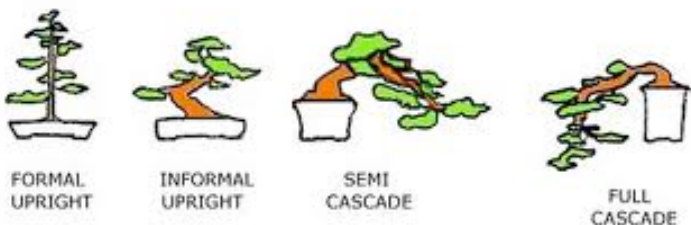
David Anderson presented an informative lecture/demonstration at our March meeting concerning the skill and artistic technique involved in the basic styling of a bonsai tree.

David's demonstration focused on a common misconception that plants used for bonsai are genetically dwarfed plants



however bonsai trees are normal plants propagated like any other then trained using sophisticated techniques to keep them in miniature size. The styling of bonsai trees includes basic methods like regular pruning and wiring, but also more

advanced techniques including the creation of deadwood as David so very nicely demonstrated in his presentation. -



MLBC Members Attend GSBF's Mammoth Sale And Garden Tour



Six MLBC members attended the Golden State Bonsai Federation's Mammoth Bonsai Sale in Oakland on Sunday, February 28 and found that the sale was appropriately named "MAMMOTH". Pictured above left to right are Joan Scroggs, Nikie Hobba, Barbara Grogan and Carol Fairchild. Also in attendance but not picture were Bob Dean and Frank Garcia.



Held at the Bonsai Garden Center at Lake Merritt in Oakland, dozens of vendors filled the hall with many forms of bonsai related sale merchandise.

The day also featured bonsai master Kathy Shaner who's demo started at 1 pm and continued until 3 pm, followed then by a professionally escorted tour of the near-by world famous bonsai garden museum.



Bonsai Master Kathy Shaner worked to a very attentive audience while demonstrating the very fine art of hand carving intricate detail into the old deadwood of a bunjin Monterey Pine to emulate natural age and weathering.



Rick Trumm teamed up with Kathy to wire and fine tune a centuries old Sierra Juniper, a collect specimen donated to the garden museum by Joan Scroggs.

Also on the day's agenda was an entire large room featuring 'one tree' displays from bonsai clubs around the Western United States. A remarkable display and one our club has been invited to participate in next year. This could quite well put the Mother Lode Bonsai Club on the map IF, enough club members were willing to participate, plan ahead and get the ball rolling..... NOW.

- April Meeting -

Mother Lode Bonsai Club holds its usual monthly meetings in San Andreas but will move its Saturday, April 2 meeting to Sonora to encourage Tuolumne County residents to attend. The meeting will be at Sonora High School's Wildcat Ranch, located at the corner of Wards Ferry Road and Tuolumne Road, East Sonora, same official time of 10 am. Check-out the MLBC website for detailed directions. Also on the agenda Frank Garcia will present a short demo on selecting inexpensive simple nursery stock for your next bonsai project followed immediately by a free hands on workshop for all club members and their guests. Those wishing to participate are encouraged to bring their tools, wire and bonsai. Also, for those who may be interested, Immediately following the meeting a club-sponsored tour of the near-by Solomon's Garden Nursery, 18180 Blue Bell RD East, Sonora, will start after lunch at about 1 pm, a meeting day full of wonderful bonsai information, ideas and plant material.

Additional Directions to Wildcat Ranch:

Travel south through downtown Sonora on highway #49, then turn left at the Subway Sandwich Shop. Continue on Mono Way for 2 miles to Tuolumne Rd. then make a right turn toward Tuolumne City, (location of the Black Oak Casino). Continue 2 miles on Tuolumne Rd to a right turn onto Wards Ferry Rd. On the South/East corner of Tuolumne Rd. and Wards Ferry Rd you will see a sign that says SONORA HIGH AGRICULTURE. The ranch gate entrance is on the left about 200 yards down Wards Ferry Road.

The Wildcat Ranch is a community agricultural learning center. Along with students from Sonora High and local elementary schools, several community groups have utilized the 147 acre property since its inception in 2013.

- MLBC Bonsai Chat -

- Questions, Answers, Comments,
Items of Interest -

Annie Dunaway-Costain writes:

I have a question for the newsletter.

With all the transplanting that takes place this time of year, what is the best medium to keep the dug out material in until you are ready to pot the tree?

Annie:

If you are only moving your plant from one area of your garden to another most rooted plant life, when dormant, will generally sustain life for up to 5 days by just soaking in a container of water, perhaps you might like to add a few drops of *SupperThrive* as well.



As for a medium for your collected tree to live in while it is building new life for a someday destined bonsai pot depends greatly on the plant species, I generally use a very good draining non-organic natural material, i.e. pumice, lava, akadama or DG. (no perlite or organic additives). This means that the tree in order to survive while in this medium, must be kept moist on a daily basis and in its' original container, undisturbed preferably in full shade, with perhaps a bit of morning sun until it is well rooted with enough new growth for it to sustain a happy life in a bonsai container... Might take up to two years, again depending on the plant species.

JKS



At our March meeting Frank Garcia shows his young daughter, Miranda, just how it's done when it comes to the fine art of wiring your delicate bonsai tree. -

The space below is yours....

What's going on in your bonsai garden?



All members of the MLBC are invited to participate in this very informal Q & A "Bonsai Chat". Send your correspondence to Joan Scroggs at:

Jscroggsktvu@aol.com

Deadline for publication is the third Monday of the month.



This Month's Bonsai Calendar.....

1 - Watering - Don't be led into a false sense of security with our recent little rain showers and feel that your bonsai have been sufficiently watered. On these warm summer like days plants in small containers or pots can quickly dry out leaving your prized bonsai to wither and die in as little as just one afternoon. Now is the time to take the time to look over your garden on a daily basis and adjust your watering to a springtime schedule. Remember, we are still in a serious drought and close attention to a proper watering schedule is most certainly necessary to keep your plants alive, rain or no rain.

2 - Fertilizing - Start now with spring fertilizing with your favorite all purpose 10.10.10. For azaleas, rhododendrons and acid loving plants use your favorite low nitrogen or 0.10.10. fertilizer.

3 - Repotting - Serious repotting and root pruning is **not advised** at this time of year through early November.

4 - Pruning - As with most all trees in our area, drastic pruning is best accomplished in January, however you may lightly prune excessive small growth as necessary most anytime.

5 - Styling - Better accomplished in the cold winter months however most any time will work. Remove any old wire that has completed its' job or may be starting to cut into tender bark and limbs.

6 - Propagating - Now is the time for rooting some of your favorite cuttings for new spring growth.



Watering Your Bonsai

Watering is crucial to the survival and health of your bonsai. It is so important to bonsai care that apprentices learning the art of bonsai in Japan are given **pruning shears** long before they're given **watering cans**. But don't let that daunt you. You can learn to water your bonsai really quite well.

If a bonsai's leaves are turning yellow and dropping,



it could be a sign of under watering. Just like a person a plant that is not receiving enough water can become dehydrated. There doesn't seem to be a hard and fast rule regarding how frequently you should water your bonsai, it really depends on the type of plant, the type of soil, and the location of the plant.

Mother Lode Bonsai Club Schedule for 2016

Regular Meetings: First Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. (Except July & Sept when the meeting will be held on the **second** Saturday of the month).

Place: April 2nd meeting **only**, Wildcat Ranch, Sonora, CA (See directions on page two).

Regular Meeting Location: Oak Shadows Mobil Home Park Clubhouse, 1330 Calaveritas Rd, San Andreas, CA

Visitors welcome - For more information call: Bob Dean at 209 754 5887.

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Program</u>
April 2 -	Workshop
May 7 -	TBA
June 4 -	TBA
July 9 -	TBA
August 6 -	TBA
September 10 -	TBA
October 1 -	TBA
November 5 -	TBA
December 3 -	TBA

Meeting Refreshments Calendar



<u>Person #1</u>	<u>Backup</u>
Apr - Open	Open
May - Susie Anderson	Juliene Hiatt
Jun - Linda Wise	Shirley Ulm
July - David Anderson	Potluck ?
Aug - Claude Chandler	RayMona Cunha
Sept - Open	Open
Oct - Doug Lau	Barbara Olivier
Nov - Open	Open
Dec - Open	Christmas Party ?

Free Newsletter Ads -

Each household membership may place a five line ad related to bonsai in four newsletters each year free of charge. Send a copy of your ads to Joan Scroggs, your newsletter editor, before the third Monday of the month to appear in the next publication. -

INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED HANDS ON BONSAI INSTRUCTION FOR THE SERIOUS BONSAI STUDENT

All day, once a month, one-on-one bonsai classes. \$50.00 per student per day. Class size limited to five students. Call Joan Scroggs at: 209 532 4880. -

MLBC Dues for 2016

Annual club membership dues are \$25 for a single membership or \$30 for couples. To remain on the club roster please make payment no later than March 31. Checks may be made out to the Mother Lode Bonsai Club and mailed directly to the MLBC Treasurer, Paul Van Natta, Mother Lode Bonsai Club, 10843 Knoll Dr, Valley Springs CA, 95252, or simply hand your check to Paul at our next regular Saturday meeting.



Visit the new MLBC website at:

www.MotherLodeBonsai.org

Webmaster Annie Dunaway-Costain has invited suggestions, questions and comments from club members as well as photos of your best bonsai for publication on our new website. Please...

Events By Others.....



GSBF's Bonsai and Suiseki Garden Lakeside Park, Oakland CA.

Open: Wed., Thurs., Fri. 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Sat. 10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m., Sun. 12:00 noon– 4:00 p.m. Enter at gate across from Boat House.

Now Through April 24th, 2016 Oakland, CA California Suiseki Society and San Francisco Suiseki Kai:

are featured with the work of sculptor Jedediah Caesar at *Unearthed: Found + Made*, a new exhibition at the Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street. The Suiseki, all found in California, share a process with Caesar who imitates geological processes in making his sculptures, sometimes encasing found objects from the urban environment in clear or colored resin. For further information go to <http://museumca.org/exhibit/unearthed-found-made>

Apr. 2 – 3, 2016, Santa Cruz, CA

Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai: 28th Annual Show at the Museum of Art & History, 705 Front Street, 10 AM – 5 PM both days with demonstrations at 2 PM. Saturday's demonstrator is Mike Pistello and Sunday's will be Katsumi Kinoshita. Raffle drawing for demonstration tree and trees especially prepared by club members are part of the raffle each day. Sales area will include quality vendor and member trees, pots, and other related bonsai items both days. Fresh items will be in the vendor area on Sunday. Admission price of \$5.00 to the Museum includes entry to bonsai show/demo and complementary coffee, tea and cookies. For more information contact Ed Lambing at edinbonnydoon@comcast.net.

April 2 – 3, 2016, Sacramento, CA

Bonsai Sekiyu Kai: Annual show will be held at the Sacramento Buddhist Church, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Hours are: Saturday 11 AM – 5 PM and Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM with demonstration at 1 PM both days by Yuzo Maruyama. Amenities include refreshments, light snacks, door prizes, raffles and a silent auction. Member and vendor sales of plants and bonsai-related items will also be available. For more information contact Bonsai Sekiyu Kai at bonsaisekiyukai@gmail.com

April 9 – 10, 2016, Sacramento, CA
American Bonsai Association, Sacramento: 57th Annual Bonsai Show at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Show hours are Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM and Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM, with demonstration each day at 1:30 PM by American bonsai artist, Peter Tea. Beginner's workshop Sunday, 10 AM; daily raffle includes the demonstration tree; large vendor and member sales area. For more information, contact Renee Seely (916) 929-2106, breadcrust@comcast.net or visit our website <http://abasbonsai.org>.

April 9 – 10, 2016 Chico, CA
Chico Bonsai Society: Annual Show at 500 Vallombrosa Ave. Show hours are: 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 9 – 4 PM Sunday. For more information please visit <http://www.chicobonsaisociety.com> or contact Pat Gilmore: gilappl@gmail.com

April 9 & 10, 2016, Phoenix, AZ
The Phoenix Bonsai Society will be holding its 53rd Anniversary Bonsai Show on April 9 & 10, 2016, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM both Saturday and Sunday. The event is free to the public. The show will be opened Saturday morning by a traditional Buddhist Blessing, opening the Valley Garden Center doors to over 50 examples of bonsai trees, as well as viewing stones known as Suiseki, and companion plants known as Kusamono. This year's show will also feature a Bonsai Pot Competition sponsored by the Phoenix Clay Society, a 40+ year old ceramics club based in Phoenix. Phoenix Bonsai Society (PBS, 1962) events, unless otherwise stated, are held at the Valley Garden Center, 1809 N. 15th Ave., one block north of West McDowell Rd. Visitors are always welcome at no charge or obligation. The Phoenix Bonsai Society is entering its 53rd year and is one of the oldest bonsai societies outside of Japan. For more information please visit our web site at www.phoenixbonsai.com and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/PhoenixBonsaiSociety)

April 16 – 17, 2016, Fresno, CA
Kōen-nai no Bonsai (Bonsai in the Park) a fundraiser to benefit the GSBF Clark Bonsai Collection at the Shinzen Friendship Garden in Woodward Park. Hours are Saturday 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM and Sunday 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM with demonstrations by Kenji Miyata, Nippon Bonsai Association certified Bonsai Masters (Saturday), and David Nguy (Sunday) with auction of the tree following each demonstration. Huge bonsai auction on both the 16th and 17th of over 60 trees including the Ray Theime's Bonsai Collection along with Bonsai and pre-Bonsai from local and state wide artists. Sale of plants and Bonsai materials each day. Toko-Kazaru Bonsai Display Competition held during event with prize money awarded. For more information visit clarkbonsaicollection.com or contact Bob Hilvers at bonsaigui@comcast.net or (559) 909-1051.

April 23 – 24, 2016, San Diego, CA
San Diego Bonsai Club: Spring Bonsai Exhibition at the Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM both days with demonstrations at 11 AM and 1 PM. Free admission. Bonsai pots and trees for sale, as well as other bonsai-related items. For more information visit www.sandiegobonsai.com or contact Janice Hale.

April 24, 2016 Watsonville, CA
Watsonville Bonsai Club: 43rd Annual Bonsai Exhibit held at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, 423 Bridge St., Watsonville, California. Over 50 outstanding bonsai, large and small, young and old, will be on display from 10 AM – 4 PM, with a demonstration by award winning Bonsai Master Katsumi Kinoshita at 1:30 PM. A raffle of bonsai items, plants and the demo tree will follow. Tea & cookies will be served. Plenty of parking for vehicles of all sizes; even for group outings. A vendor will be available

April 30 – May 1, 2016, Palo Alto, CA
Kusamura Bonsai Club: 56th Annual Show, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road. Show hours are Saturday, Noon – 5 PM, and Sunday 11 AM – 5 PM with demonstrations at 1:30 PM each day. Free admission. Bonsai pots and trees for sale, as well as other bonsai-related items. For more information Copyright © 2016 visit www.kusamurabonsai.org.

May 7, 2016, Napa, CA
Napa Valley Bonsai: Club 38th Annual Show at Napa Senior Center, 1500 Jefferson St. Show hours are 11 AM to 4 PM, with demonstration by Jonas Dupwuch at 1 PM. Display, Silent auction, Sales, and Vendors areas.

May 7 - 8, 2016, Sacramento, CA
Sacramento Bonsai Club: 70th Annual Bonsai & Suiseki Show at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, 2401 Riverside Blvd. Show hours are Noon – 5 PM on Saturday and 10 AM – 4 PM on Sunday with demonstration at 2 PM each day. Demonstration by the well-known bonsai artist Sam Adina, followed by the demo raffle and more prizes. Free Admission. For more information contact: Gary Judd (916) 622-8048.

May 21-22, 2016, Santa Barbara, CA
Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara: Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1212 Mission Canyon Road. Hours are Saturday 11 AM – 4 PM and Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM. Demonstrations at 1 PM both days. Plant sale by the Club. Native plants suitable for bonsai in the Botanic Garden's nursery. Books and other gifts in the Garden Shop. For more information, contact Tom Post (805) 964-2717, email tompstart@yahoo.com or visit www.santabarbarabonsai.org.

May 21 – 22, 2016, Oakland, CA
Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai (BASA): 21st Annual Satsuki Azalea Bonsai Show at the Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 11 AM – 4 PM Sunday with demonstration by Bonsai Master Artist Johnny Uchida Saturday between 1 and 3 PM. Demonstration tree will be raffled. Sales area with beginner material and imported plants from Japan. Benefit drawing. Free admission. Public parking available. For more information, contact George Haas at gwhaas@comcast.net.

May 14 – 15, Gardena, CA
Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai: Annual Exhibit “Serenity through Bonsai” at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St. Novice to master bonsai exhibited. Hours are 10 AM – 4 PM both days with a demonstration at 1 PM ((Saturday) a round-robin and (Sunday) a Saikei demonstration by Mr. Frank Goya will be held). The demonstration items will be in the benefit drawing, which follows each demonstration. On Saturday a beginner's hands-on workshop at 10:30 AM will be held. For more details about our club and show visit our website <http://daiichibonsaikai.wordpress.com> or contact Doyle Saito at (310) 539-9265.

May 21 – 22, 2016, Van Nuys, CA
Sansui Kai of Southern California: Annual Bonsai Show at the Japanese Garden at Tillman Water Reclamation Center, 6100 Woodley Ave. Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM both days, with demonstration each day. Sale table of Bonsai trees and pots. For more information contact: (818) 756-8166 (Garden) or (760) 379-8292.

May 28 – June 6, 2016, Kanuma City, Japan
45th Kanuma Satsuki Festival is being held at Kanuma City Kaboku Center, 2086-1 Moro, Kanuma, Tochigi, Japan. Show hours are 9 AM – 5 PM. Enjoy beautiful Satsuki Bonsai as well as other tree bonsais. New Satsuki varieties shown. Bonsai Pots available. Bonsai trimming demonstrations. Young Satsuki trees are also available. For more information visit: <http://kaboku.jimdo.com/> or e-mail: t-sanjo@kaboku.or.jp.

June 4 and 5, 2016, San Mateo, CA
Sei Boku Bonsai Kai: 33rd Annual Show at the San Mateo Garden Center. 605 Parkside Way (next to Beresford Park). Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM both

days, with demonstration by Dennis Makishima from Noon – 3 PM on Saturday (tree will be raffled off at the conclusion of demo). Sunday Dennis will lead an open view workshop from Noon – 3 PM. 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 atelectic.gardener@yahoo.com.

June 12, 2016, Seaside, CA
Monterey Bonsai Club: 53rd Annual Exhibition at the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple, 1150 Noche Buena Street. Show hours are from 11 AM – 4 PM with a demonstration at 1:30 PM by Katsumi Kinoshita. There will be a benefit drawing for bonsai trees. Silent auction area will include bonsai trees, pots and pre-bonsai material. For more information contact Rich Guillen at richguillen@sbcglobal.net or Dianne Woods at vinca27@comcast.net.

June 18 – 19, 2016, Livermore, CA
Valley Bonsai Society: 8th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane. Show hours are 10 AM – 4 PM on both days with demonstration by an expert bonsai artist at 1 PM. The finished trees will be raffled off at the end of the demonstration. Member's sales table. Admission is free. For additional information contact Charles Harder at bonsainut@comcast.net

August 6 – 7, 2016 San Francisco, CA
San Francisco Suiseki Kai: 35th Annual Suiseki Exhibit at the Union Bank Community Room, Japan Center, 1675 Post Street. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 11 AM – 5 PM Sunday. Show coincides with the 43rd annual [Nihonmachi Street Fair](#), so come early and enjoy your day in San Francisco's historic Japan Town. Suiseki and stone sales. For more information about our club, contact sfsuisekikai@gmail.com or visit <http://sfsuisekikai.wordpress.com>.

August 20 – 21, 2016 Santa Rosa, CA
Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): 33rd Annual show at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue. Show hours are 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday with demonstration by Bonsai Master Artist Kathy Shaner from 1 to 3 PM both days. Demo trees will be raffled. See the largest bonsai exhibition. Large bonsai vendor and member sales. Exciting silent auctions or "buy it now". Free refreshments by the Bonsai café. Free admission and parking. For more information visit our website www.rebsbonsai.org or contact Bob Shimon at (707) 884-4126 or shimon@mcn.org

September 24 – 25, 2016, Penryn, CA
Sierra Bonsai Club: Annual Show at the Placer Buddhist Church, 3192 Boyington Road, in conjunction with the 52nd Annual Food Bazaar. Show hours are 11 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 11 AM – 4 PM Sunday. Bonsai demonstration will be held in the temple both days, along with other cultural events throughout the day. It is a yearly celebration for the whole family to enjoy. For more information, contact Lucy Sakaishi-Judd (916) 300-8103

October 27-30, 2016 Sacramento, CA
Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention 39 "A Bonsai Convergence: Gather At The Rivers" Convention. Headliners: Ryan Neil and Bjorn Bjornholm. More Workshops and Seminars from: Kathy Shaner, David Nguy, Peter Tea, and others. Where: The Double Tree By Hilton 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815. Hotel phone: 916-924-4900 (ask for the "GSBF Group Rate") For more information, contact: Scott Chadd, GSBF President at: 530-622-9681 or scottchadd@lotusbonsai.com. On-line registration opens on July 1, 2016 Click here: <http://www.gsbfcconvention.org>



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