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SANSUI-KAI OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

BOB PRESSLER AUGUST 13TH

SSK DEMO CALENDER

JAN. 8th---- Kathy Benson

FEB. 12th----Roy Nagatoshi

March 12th Jim Barrett

APR. 9th---- Member's Workshop

MAY.14th---David Nguy

JUN.11th--- Ben Oki

JULY.9th----Member's Workshop

AUG.13th---BOB PRESSLER

SEP.10th---- Members Workshop

OCT. 8th----Frank Goya

NOV.12th---Travis Goldstein



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FROM JACK REYNOLDS

This month is a busy for the club. We have our regular meeting on the 13th and in addition we have the annual club BBQ at the Berkus' home on the 17th. We have been having our BBQ there for many years and I want to thank Don and Ilene for their hospitality yet again. Please remember to bring a side dish, good bonsai related stuff and money for the auction. The club furnishes the meat and drinks.

There is also a GSBF convention coming up. The dates are Oct. 30 - Nov. 2 at the Doubletree Hotel and Event Center in Sacramento. Registration is under way now and if you get Golden Statements you have already gotten your forms. If not you can register on line at the Golden State Bonsai Federation web site. I urge anyone who can go to do so. Early bird registration will go on till Aug. 15 for a savings of \$20. After that it costs a little more. There will be some great workshops, demonstrations and seminars. Something for everyone. The bazaar and benefit drawings are worth the trip just by themselves. I have sent my registration in already, have you?

AUCTION AND POTLUCK AUGUST 17TH

RSVP RSVP RSVP RSVP

This is a Sunday at 4:30. Auction will begin after dinner around 6PM. Contact Dan Kashinsky for directions at 818 512-7661 or at Kaptankaiser@gmail.com TO RSVP. Don's address is 4111 VALLEY MEADOW RD ENCINO

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NAKA NOTES JACK REYNOLDS



AUGUST REFRESHMENTS

Dan Kashinsky, Steve Riley,
Sonja Kobler

COMING EVENTS

Bob Pressler at Sansui-kai
August 13th Wednesday 7:30

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Yearly Auction at Don and
Ilene Berkus home August
17th Sunday 4:30 at 4111
VALLEY MEADOW RD
Encino. Bring swim gear
money side dishes and auc-
tion items for this fund rais-
er. **RSVP RSVP RSVP**

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GSBF Convention Sacramen-
to October 30th through
November 2nd



Photo to Left upper is Gracie happy about her bonsai
Photo Left lower is Armando getting Zen? over his tree
Photo by ETHO



The bonsai are in their summer slump. By now most of their growth has slowed or stopped completely. What should we be doing? Be very water vigilant. Check everything at least once day and make sure that nothing is going too dry. Water in the morning and spray everything including trees, benches and surrounding walls and ground beneath them. The humidity is good for the trees. Keep your pots from getting hot by covering with shade cloth and perhaps moss. Check again about sunset and water anything that looks too dry.

If you have nerve enough to go on a vacation, make sure that someone reliable will take over the watering. Organize your plants in groups to make it easier for the person to water correctly. Ask them to come before you leave to demonstrate competence. Consider a drip system, but even that needs to be checked daily to see if there are any clogged drippers or if the cat has knocked it out of a pot. John Naka says that automatic sprinklers are not completely accurate because there is a tendency to over-water. In addition, every tree requires different watering.

Pinch trees to shape and contour and cut shoots back but avoid hard cutting, which will promote tender growth. Trees may be trimmed for shape, to remove dead leaves and unwanted (crossing) branches, but no drastic pruning should be done on most trees because it will promote new tender growth that will tend to either burn off in the heat or freeze off this winter.

Rotate trees regularly every two to three weeks to prevent one-sided growth.

Don't transplant or repot anything at this season. Possible exceptions would be olives, pomegranates and bougainvilleas, bamboo and ficus that love the heat. Bougainvillea should be cut back hard after the bloom but do not over water them.

Wiring can also be done. **Look for ingrown wire.** Remove so the green layer (cambium) is not disturbed and the wire falls off.

Fertilize as usual. Why fertilize if growth has stopped? The answer is that growth hasn't really stopped. Everything is pushing its root growth now. And fruits may be growing on the fruiting varieties. To be safe and not "burn the roots" use dilute low nitrogen fertilizer.

Cut pine candles may now be having shoots, which can be limited to two for branch ramification. Those at the top may have the verticals saved.

Be on the alert for infestations. See July Naka Notes for suggestions.

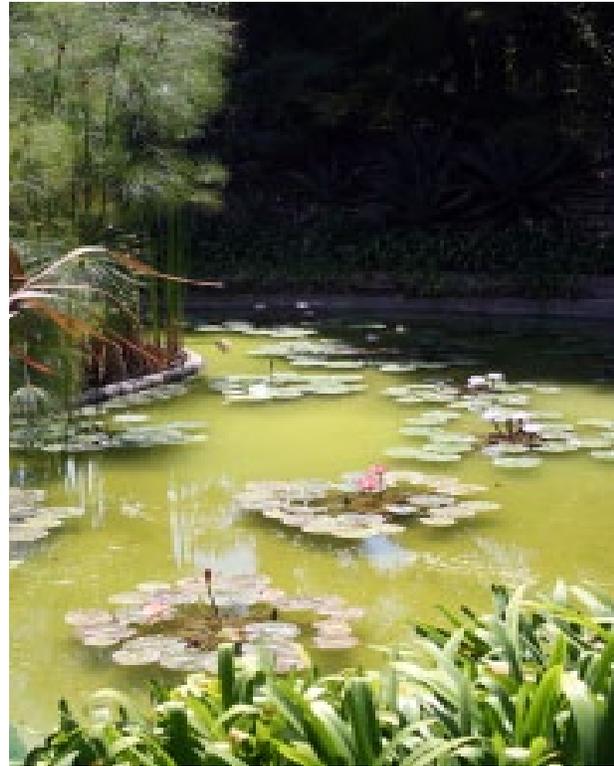


Photo by EYHO

Have you been to LotusLand in Monticito? Quite a story and beautiful in ground tree work of all kinds. The admission is a hefty 40 dollars for a 2 hour tour.



Sansui-Kai is dedicated to the learning, use and teaching of the horticulture techniques and artistic principles needed to grow, design and care for bonsai. Regular membership is \$22 & \$27 for Families.

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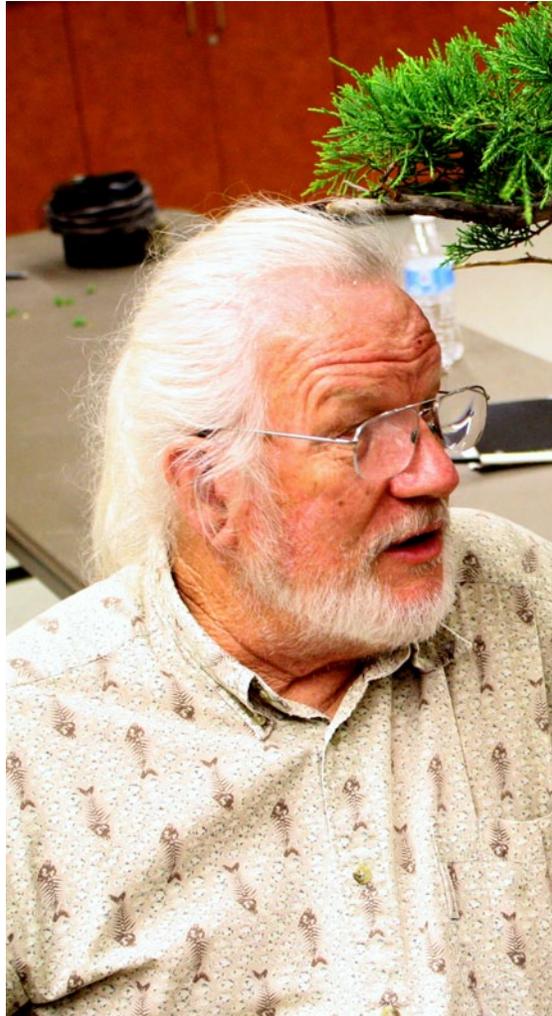
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MEMBER'S WORKSHOP



Club president Jack Reynolds instructing members on bonsai techniques. Emma J. working and instructing those around her. Below new members John and Margaret.
Photos by Dan K.

