



On Wednesday February 8th Mr. Vuong (below) will continue his 3 part bonsai creation for Sansui-kai in a grafting class. He asks that you bring in a not too valuable juniper to practice grafting under his guidance.



Left Mr. Tom Vuong

Lower Left Mel Ikeda honored with his trident forest at Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai's Winter Silhouettes

Below Jack Reynolds SSK President brought a Chinese elm grown from a root cutting which was the subject of his discussion (page 2)

Photo by EYHO



Jack Reynold's Demo

January 2017



Jack began with a few words of bonsai philosophy. "I am lazy and hate to wire. So I prefer deciduous trees for bonsai and directional pruning as opposed to wiring".

"If I get seed I must grow it". He displayed bonsai grown from seed from Australia as shown in the picture below.

The topic for this demo was making bonsai from root cuttings. Pictures below of Chinese elm illustrate how the root cuttings progress to bonsai (see last).

A tree shown below with a huge root gave Jack the idea for this demo. He purchased this from Bob Pressler's nursery. The huge root was explored and cut after proximal fine roots were found that would allow the parent plant to survive. The root can be placed in the refrigerator cooler or potted in soil consisting of 1/3 scoria, 1/3 pumice and 1/3 caladama. He adds orchid bark for maples, quince and ficus.

The auxin indoleacetic acid is a hormone to stimulate root growth. Jack uses "Dip and Grow" and carefully measures according to instructions. He feels there is no harm to humans.

The potted roots can be placed in a terrarium or under a large cut plastic bottle to maintain moisture. Look for character in the roots you choose with good movement.

Jack also discussed branch cuttings. "In cutting from the parent tree be careful not to crush the

PHOTOS TOP - the root cutting source

2ND The scientist exactly measuring his root hormone

THIRD- Placing the interestingly curved root in potting soil

LAST- an example of bonsai from a root cutting. Another on the front page

photos by EYHO





In general, February is much like January in terms of bonsai care. You will have to be aware of the dampness of your trees. Sometimes we say, "Let the rain do it". Then we may let the trees get too dry, especially in the wind.

If it gets too cold quickly bring your tropicals inside for 3 days at most. Find a balance of light and warmth. You can also bring your vulnerable trees near the house to absorb heat. There are commercial frost blankets that will protect you up to a sustained temperature of 28 degrees.

This is the month to spray DECIDUOUS trees with DILUTE lime sulfur to ward off leaf curl and other insect pests. Do this before the buds enlarge. Cover the soil. Read the directions before you spray. BE CAREFUL SPRAYING EVERGREENS AS YOUR FOLIAGE MAY SUFFER. Don't spray new tender growth or flowers that have opened with lime sulfur. Always wear EYE PROTECTION as pure lime sulfur which is alkaline can cause big time problems.

Any trees that were set in the shade to promote dormancy need to be watched. When they start new growth move them into the sun. If you leave them in the shade the growth will be spindly and weak.

Pruning of deciduous trees should be done this month. Prune to allow light inside the tree. Be aware that upper branches may be brittle. This is a good month to start cuttings. Grafting of deciduous trees and also conifers can be done this month.

Fertilizing will not be done this month except for conifers, which are not dormant. Get your soil mixtures made up and sharpen tools for the coming repotting season. It is a good time to apply soil amendments such as Ironite and gypsum.

Get ready for:
SHOW TIME. June 3.4



Sansui Kai Club member Hank Fawcett's display at the Winter Silhouettes at the Arboretum. It was as usual a very fine show.



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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Presidents Message

The biggest news this month is ELECTION OF OFFICERS. I am hoping that all the old ones will remain but we must be open to new blood so do not hesitate to volunteer for an office. Also we need a VP of programs since Al Espinoza has resigned the job. Josh Miller has stepped in temporarily but cannot do the programs and also handle the raffle. The club really needs someone to step up and do this job. All that has to be done is to contact potential demonstrators and set up demonstration dates. The club has a list of demonstrators and phone numbers. The board will make suggestions and give support as needed.

We are a small club but we have resources. We have money and expertise. We can have great demonstrators. This month we have Tom Vuong returning to teach us how to graft junipers. He will furnish scion material and graft to a tree that was prepared at a previous meeting (Nov.). Members who want to practice grafting should bring a juniper and their tools. A grafting knife or model building knife would be nice also.

It is my fervent wish that we continue to live up to our purpose. That is to promote the practice and appreciation of bonsai within the club and also in the general public. We need more members however in order to remain a viable club. Does anyone have any ideas about how we can do that? Jack

S'Up

The Huntington Bonsai-A-Thon XXI with displays, huge sales auctions and raffles. www.gsbfhuntington.com February demos. February 26 th and 27 8-4:30

Celebrating the Year of the Rooster Feb. 4-5, Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Huntington's annual Chinese New Year Celebration, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 4-5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Usually an amazing bonsai and stone exhibition. The bonsai exhibition is free.

Below

Oakland Bay Island Bonsai Club
Center Piece

Show was dynamite on January 28th
and 29th. Next year!!

