



Merciful Rain In Southern Cal

John Naka's Olive at the Huntington



President's Message From Jack Reynolds

First let me explain how we came to be locked out of our meeting location last month. LA County requires that we provide them with a detailed meeting schedule giving date and time for each month we meet. They did not tell me this and so when the New Year came around and they didn't have it they failed to open the garden for us. I found this out when I called them the day after we were to meet. Rest assured they have received a schedule as of this message.

Since we were unable to meet nothing was done about the club election, which should be this month (Feb.). Most of the old board has agreed to stay on but we need a new secretary and a new membership VP. Steve Riley who has been secretary is spending more time in the northern part of the state and cannot make all the meetings. Armando Trinidad our membership VP has to drive long distances for his job and also cannot make meetings. **SO I AM ASKING PEOPLE TO STEP FORWARD TO FILL THESE JOBS.** Don't worry; you will get help and advice from the board. The club really needs to have the support of its members now.

This meeting is a workshop where members will take small trees purchased by the club and create acceptable bonsai to be sold at our show. Other clubs do this and it is a great way to get some bonsai experience and benefit the club at the same time. I hope you all will come and **BRING YOUR TOOLS.** The club will furnish trees, pots, potting mix and wire. If each of us does one or two trees the club will have 30 trees for sale at the show. I hope to see everyone there. Jack

Goings On

Highlights at Winter Silhouettes
Ginko Sarah Guyer



Last Years Demo's at the Bonsai-a-
Thon Included Many Artists You Know.
Don't Miss This Years Show



Above Pomegranate by Jim Barrett
Shown At The Winter Silhouette 2015
At the Arboretum

Right a Hawthorn at GSBF Lake
Merritt Oakland





Announcements

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" (rain?). 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.

Repotting is favorable in February and March. This is a good month to repot California junipers. Repot conifers first deciduous trees second and flowering and fruit bearing bonsai trees last in later spring. Think of tree and pot harmony. Assess your tree for health, soil drainage and coarseness, and soil elevation in the pot. Alter the aggressiveness of repotting with these and other factors in consideration. We all need to get ourselves organized for this part of bonsai.

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 the SHOW.

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8AM TO 4PM

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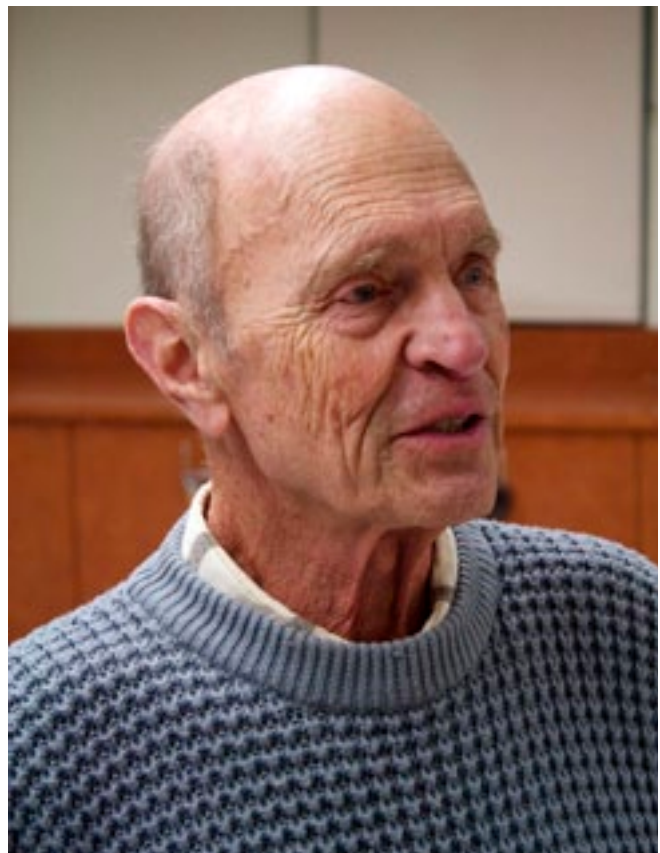
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22 SINGLE 27 FAMILY

COME TO THE FEBRUARY 11TH MEETING
AND POT SMALL TREES FOR THE SALES AT
OUR SPRING SHOW.

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Ted Matson On The Job At the Huntington

From Steve

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