



# Frank Goya October 8th

### 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

SEPTEMBER 10TH- Members Workshop

**OCT. 8th---Frank Goya**

NOV.12th---Mauro Stemberger

*pic by eyho*



Frank Goya Next Wednesday At SSK October 8th  
*Photo By Dave W.*

## President's Message By Jack G. Reynolds

Last month's meeting had a relatively sparse turnout due I suppose, to the last minute cancellation of the demonstration and having a workshop meeting instead. This apparent lack of interest sparked a discussion at the board and we decided to ask the club membership what kind of meetings they want to have. At an upcoming meeting perhaps the next one a brief questionnaire will be provided to the members where you can give us your opinions about the direction the club should take with regard to such things. Be thinking about what you want.

November's meeting will have Mauro Stemberger as our demonstrator. Mauro is one of the top European bonsai artists and we are lucky to get him. He will style a quality California juniper which will be auctioned off to those present at the meeting. Since this demonstration will be advertised among surrounding clubs and non-members may be attending and bidding on the tree that means that the demonstration tree may not go to a club member. The board decided that we should also have a tree that would be available only to club members so what we elected to do is have Stemberger style a second tree at a later time which will be sold at a club auction either in December or the BBQ auction in August of 2015. That has yet to be decided. We are able to put out the money for this high end demonstration because the club got a grant from GSBF in the amount of \$400 to help with the expenses. The auction prices will probably leave us with a positive balance also. This is one of the benefits of membership in the GSBF. They do more than just sell insurance.

# Member Workshop

by DK

Member workshop had the usual suspects. It was fun as always. Working on your trees provides a chance for intimacy with fellow club members that lectures and demos do not. I brought an elm which Jack pointed out should be left alone because of the time of the year (duh). He did point out that it is a natural windswept and would I consider planting it on a slab for a rugged look.

So for the rest of the meeting I schmoozed and worked on one of Rick's shimpakus that he had grown from cuttings started 4 years ago. I was impressed on how nice they are. Sonja delicately worked at her tree and retired early. Mary brought in a cascade that her landlord had unintentionally but carelessly injured. Dr. Jack said it would survive and now has character. Was he speaking of Mary or the tree (or both)? Cascades seem to have a tendency to injury, as do all bonsai I suppose. The Thrones, our new members, showed their computerized photo system for bonsai pictures and text. Impressive. Al had a very well manicured sweet tree as well. The next meeting is Frank Goya! Maybe you can win one of his saikeis.



## October Refreshments Wolfgang Puck

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## Coming Events

Conejo Show

October 5th

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GSBF Convention

October 30th Through

November 2nd

Sacramento

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Mauro Stemberger

November 13th At

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2nd Annual Bonsai Swap

Jesse Owens Park

7100 White Oak

10 AM To 4 PM

Saturday October 4th

# Naka Notes

Lessons From A Master  
by Jack Reynolds



This month is spring in reverse. The weather is variable. If the weather turns hot be ready to water more but not as much as spring because leaves are going into dormancy. Many deciduous trees are browning or dropping leaves. Conifers will also be slowing so water less. Too much water may promote root rot.

Go over your trees for wires that are cutting in and remove them. Branches can be wired but are BRITTLE at this time. Use good wiring technique with proper sized wire and branch bending from the wire and not the wood.

This is a time to give junipers a strong cut back and thinning (fall cleanout). Pinch back as much as possible to promote a compact well ramified bonsai.

Pines need to have last years needles plucked. Old needles (discolored) should be removed. New or fresh needles should remain until December or January. Leaving these new healthy needles on through the fall should keep the tree at its best. Cutting long needles shorter will allow sunlight to penetrate into the interior of the trees, and help to build stronger growth on the weak and stunted interior candles and twigs. Finish pruning the unwanted new growth leaving one, two, or three new candles on the tips of each branch or twig that was pruned earlier this summer. How many candles you leave is determined by your design goals for the tree and whether the new growth is on the outer limits of the tree or in the interior.

Branches and twigs on deciduous (maples elms) trees may be cut back as leaves are lost but wait until the leaves drop. Flowering trees such as quince crabapple or bougainvillea could be cut back severely. Bougainvillea can be cut below the first leaf. Remove all fruit and seedpods. Tropical species such as ficus and bougainvillea should be placed in protected areas in case of cold snaps. Elms and maples should be placed in shade to promote dormancy. Remove their leaves if still present at the end of October.

Fertilize with low nitrogen for dormancy using a 0-10-10. Too much nitrogen will stimulate growth of leaves that will freeze off in the cold.



Fast moving Demo at last years Conejo Bonsai Society Show coming up again October 4th

**DON'T OVERWATER**  
**WATCH THOSE WIRES**  
**BRANCHES ARE BRITTLE**  
**FALL CLEANOUT JUNIPERS**  
**LOW NITROGEN FERTILIZER**  
**REPOT BLACK PINE AND JUNIPER**



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Privet By Mauro Stemberger. See Mauro on November 12 at Sansui-Kai and Win His Demo Tree.

*Photo from Mauro's webpage*



### From Steve

For all club members that have not discovered the new Sansui -Kai website and Sasui-Kai Facebook page, click on the links below. Please save these links so that you can go to these pages for updates on club activities.

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