

Presidents Message

by Jack G. Reynolds

As many of you know, we received the word of mouth news of Al Loman's passing at the last meeting. It was a shock to me as when I saw him last he seemed to be holding his own and was his usual cheerful self. I guess none of us can be sure of when our time is up. Al was a long time member who helped the club in many ways behind the scenes, running the library for years and helping with the raffle and working at our shows. Even though he was not an elected board member he attended board meetings regularly and made constructive suggestions many times. He will be missed by me and also by the general membership. In keeping with a long standing tradition of Sansui Kai a donation to the GSBF Collection South at the Huntington will be made in his name.

I would like to thank all the members who made the BBQ auction a success. The David Nguy demo tree went for over \$100 and there were many hotly contested items, something for everyone, all of which benefited the club greatly. The slant juniper which I got has already been styled into a rather nice bunjin.

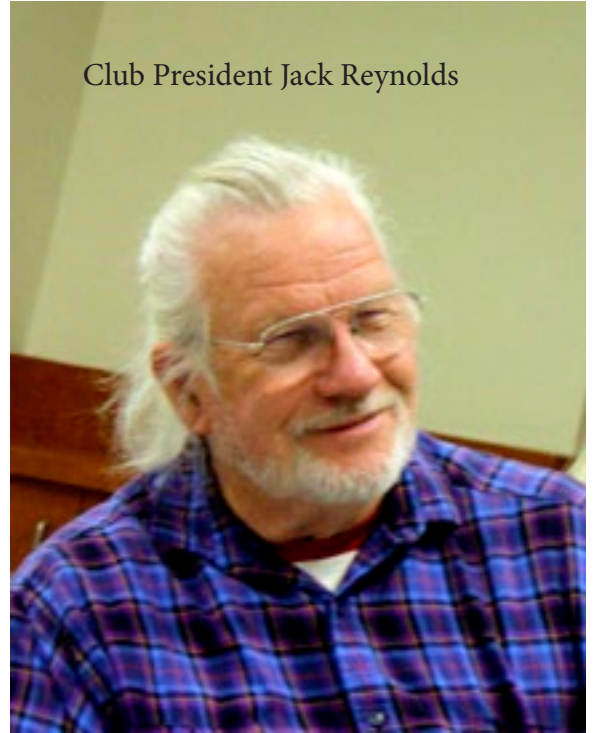
The food was excellent as always. Somehow we always seem to have a good mix of side dishes and desserts and with no planning.

I cannot speak for the rest of you but this year has been a very bad spider mite year for me. I have had to spray my junipers and quinces with Volk Oil and Malathion several times over the summer. If any of your trees are looking a little grey and sickly check them out. If you ignore the little devils they can kill a tree in a few weeks.

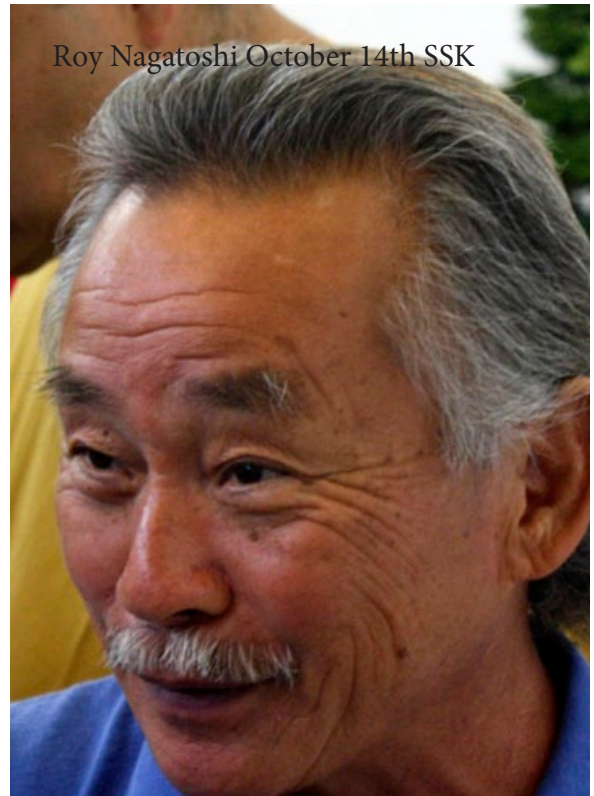
May I recommend that we begin storing rainwater as a conservation matter as well as a way to improve tree health and pot appearance. I have been storing up to 600 gal. at a time and use it on my trees that are sensitive to salt build up and chlorine from tap water. When my rainwater ran out a month ago I added a reverse osmosis filter to the greenhouse and am using that at present. The trees that seem to need the best water are flowering quince and pines. I use about 5 gal. per day. Everything else gets tap water although I prefer to condition it in large tubs for a day to get rid of the chlorine.

I'll see you all at the next meeting. Jack

Club President Jack Reynolds



Roy Nagatoshi October 14th SSK





Dashing Jim Barrett scheduled for a tree critique in November on the 11th. Be brave and bring your bonsai.

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October 29 – November 1, 2015 Riverside, California. Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) presents 2015 Convention “Bonsai Fusion: Where Tradition Meets Innovation” at the Riverside Convention Center, 3637 Fifth Street near Main.

Headliners: Bjorn BJORHOLM and John Wang. Guest artists: David NGUY and Tak SHIMAZU. Demonstrations, seminars, critiques, workshops, benefit drawings, vendors, and much more. More information available at www.GSBF2015.com.

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Roy Nagatoshi at Sansui-kai October 14th

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Jim Barrett at Sansui-kai November 11th for a tree critique

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You can volunteer to be a docent at the Huntington Huntington Library Volunteers

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Mauro Sternberger will be teaching at House of Bonsai October Friday 16, Saturday 17, Friday 23 and Saturday 24 this month.

Besides helping you with your trees, he will be delving more into power tool carving. If you have any materials to carve on make sure to bring them along.

Contact Michael Jonas 818-489-8205

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Ted Matson will be teaching an introductory bonsai classes at HG over the next two weekends. If you know of anyone who wants or could use a good introduction to the art, let them know they can sign up through “Brown Paper Tickets” on the HG website. Or they can contact me directly.

*Naka Notes - Lessons from a Master is Jack Reynolds's collection of guidelines primarily from Sansui-Kai founder and master John Naka's texts, **Bonsai Techniques I and II** monthly care of your bonsai.*

Naka Notes

Lessons from a Master

by Jack Reynolds
Contributing Editor

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. Fin-

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.

DON'T OVERWATER

WATCH THOSE WIRES

BRANCHES ARE BRITTLE

FALL CLEANOUT JUNIPERS

LOW NITROGEN FERTILIZER

REPOT BLACK PINE AND JUNIPER

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

Refreshments

Rick Gloria Albert





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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ALAN LOMAN
from Marshall Winer

Alan Loman passed away on September 8, 2015, at age 82.

He was born in Chicago in 1933. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering and worked for several aerospace firms, retiring from Lockheed in 1988. He then worked for the U.S. Forestry Dept. and wore the Smokey the Bear costume in their annual parades.

He will be greatly missed by his loving wife, Sandy, of 44 years. He had 6 children, 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Alan became interested in Bonsai in the early 1970's. Sandy said, "Next to family, Bonsai was his second love." He was active in Sansui Kai as a board member, raffle chairman and librarian. He made the long trip from Frazier Park to meetings and events. Also active in the Shohin Society of California, he attended their conventions over the last 10 years.



Al Loman

"If you want to cut off that branch remember you can't put it back". Good advice for bonsai and life.