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California Bonsai Society

In Person Meeting with Caroline Scott, Wednesday November 16 at 7 PM
Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 1964 W.162nd St.,
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President's Message

Wow! I was astonished this morning when Carol emailed me to remind me it was time to send out a message to you all. I've been so busy I truly lost track of time. As many of you know after 27 years I sold the property where Kimura Bonsai was. I bought a new place in Castaic and am in the process of doing some remodeling in the new house and building what I hope will be one of the premier bonsai gardens and education centers in the state. I'm hoping to have a special open house party sometime early in January 2023 to show off the first phase of the garden and showcase some of our resident instructors and materials. So stay tuned.

Lots going on this month the weekend of the 12th and 13th will be the first ever Pacific Bonsai Expo in Oakland CA. I'm really looking forward to this, the highest quality bonsai exhibition of 70 or so curated trees. It will also have a sales area the likes of which are rarely seen in this country. I know that myself and Michael Roberts are stoked about going because we both have a tree that made it through the judging process and was excepted for display. Hope to see more members at the event. Here's a link for more info <https://www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com/>

Then we have our visiting artist Caroline Scott from the United Kingdom coming over to share with us and our fellow clubs some of her skill, knowledge and passion for bonsai. I think that afterwards everyone will agree this lady knows her stuff!

Our meeting this month will again be held at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute
1964 West 162nd St. Gardena, CA 90247 Meeting will start at 7pm. I hope to see a good sized crowd there taking advantage of the opportunity having such a skilled visiting artist gives.

Of course right after that we have Thanksgiving and I think we all know that the best thing about Thanksgiving is our annual After Thanksgiving members sale at Yamaguchi nursery. We owe Marianne an enormous thank you for once again hosting this much anticipated event. More on the sale elsewhere.

Hope to see many of you at the next meeting.

Bob Pressler

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President, California Bonsai Society

CBS Visiting Artist Program welcomes Caroline Scott



“Most of my life I’ve worked with art in some shape or form. It’s been a large part of who I am. Working with design, photography, print, portraits and as a freelance illustrator has been a joy. But it wasn’t until I discovered the art of bonsai at the age of 21 (now 54) that I realised what true artistic passion really was. Willowbog Bonsai in the North East of England was everything and more I could have asked for at the time. The nursery had, over the years, many top artists holding workshops. I took the opportunity to work with all of them. Marco Invernizzi, Marc Noelanders, Ryan Neil, Kevin Willson, Salvatore Liporace, and Peter Warren to name but a few. I wanted to push myself and learn as much as I could. I also got more involved with the UK clubs and shows doing talks and demos. I became the secretary of the North East Bonsai Society and was the original founder and chairperson of the British Shohin Bonsai Association.

I think all the workshops and club involvement paid off. I started exhibiting at top European shows like the Noelanders Trophy (now the Trophy) and the Ginkgo Awards where I won the BCI (Bonsai Club’s International) Presidents Award for my Shohin composition. I continue to strive to learn more and more and now along with talks and demos, I teach and develop trees for customers across the UK and Ireland.”



CBS Annual Members Sale!

Once again thanks to the generosity of Marianne Yamaguchi we will be having our annual after Thanksgiving members sale at Yamaguchi Nursery Sunday November 27th from 9 am to 1 pm. Last years members sale was one of the biggest and best ever. Both our members who sold and the club turned a profit, and the buyers were thrilled. I hope that this year's sale is even bigger and better.

On Saturday November 26th members are encouraged to bring any bonsai, in pots or not, tools, pots, books, susiseki anything bonsai related. In order to sell dues must be current we'll have a current roster and if not up to date you can pay your dues prior to setting out your sale items. **Any dues paid at sale will be good through the calendar year 2023.** One of our helpers will check you in and see that you're given the proper number of tags for your items and help and instructions on filling out the tags and insuring all your sale items are tagged and listed and that you get a copy of the list of items you're selling. We'll also be taking in trees Sunday morning between 7:30-8am or after 9am.

Pricing is up to the seller, the club can not price your items for you. Nor can we negotiate for you if someone wants to try. If you're willing to consider offers other than your asking price you should either be at the sale in person or leave a phone number and answer it so that an offer can be made. If not willing to consider offers don't leave a number. Members do not need to be at the sale unless they choose to. After the sale is over our treasurer will go over everything and issue checks to the sellers. The breakdown is 80% to seller and 20% to the club so please keep this in mind when setting prices.

If anyone needs help getting their trees to the sale contact me or Doyle and we'll do our best to make arrangements for pick up.



We need lots of help to put on this event - people to help check in trees, set-up tables, schelp stuff from there to here and back there, tag checkers, coffee and donut getters etc... So if you're able to help we really appreciate it and get ahold of either Doyle Saito 310-940-0482 or myself 818-259-8361 and we'll happily find the right slot or slots for you to fill.

There will be no early sales, sales while being unloaded, early sales to helpers etc. Helpers will have to wait until gate opens to make any purchases- though they will have had a chance to see where things are, they will not be able to pick up or purchase anything until official start when gate opens at 8am Sunday morning. This rule is for everyone, no exceptions, so that the event is fair for everyone.

Jose Rodriguez was our July Visiting Artist



At the July CBS meeting our visiting artist was Jose Rodriguez who's topical bonsai skills were very useful and interesting for SoCal bonsai artists. Jose did a complete design on a Brazilian raintree and gave it a natural design. He answered many questions on raintree training and cultivation and had deep knowledge of bougainvilleas, pomegranates, Ixia, buttonwood as well as the more conventional junipers etc.



If you're not coming to meet the visitor artist you're really missing out on an opportunity to learn from very amazing people.

Many of our visiting artists are available for private collection work.



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Seniors 80 and older do not need to reply.

Information about showing in our annual exhibit can be obtained by contacting the show chairman, Lindsay Shiba at shibalindsay@gmail.com or 909-806-0937.

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