



## October Meeting

### Special Guest: Jennifer Price Redwood Styling

Instagram: jenniferpricebonsai

Chicago based Jennifer Price aims to make Bonsai accessible to all as she travels extensively around the world leading workshops and demonstrations and representing the US at international conventions.



Jennifer has a love of learning and describes herself as a pro and a student as she continues her 13-year apprenticeship with Walter Pall and ongoing learning with Ryan Neil. She believes in constantly evolving one's techniques and taking every opportunity to learn not only about the art of bonsai, but the horticultural aspect of care as well.

As one of the younger generation of bonsai artists, Jennifer describes bonsai as "... a way for me to express the grace and power of nature...". As a former professional ballet dancer, Jennifer has the eye for the natural flow and movement in trees. She specializes in carving and loves nothing more than working with challenging material.

## Events Notice

### Yamato Bonsai Kai Show

**Oct 14, 10:00 AM – Oct 15, 4:00 PM**

**32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd, Union City, CA**

Exhibition of Bonsai trees, plant sales, and vendors. Free admission. Demonstrations both days at 1:30 pm, with Jonas Dupuich on Saturday and Yamato Bonsai Kai Club demonstrator Howard Correa on Sunday.

### Golden State Bonsai Federation Rendezvous

**Oct 20 10:00 AM – Oct 22, 4:00 PM**

**13070 CA-33, Santa Nella, CA**

Will be packed with bonsai demonstrations, workshops, vendor sales, benefit auctions and even a special exhibit with trees from all three of the California bonsai collections. Go to the GSBF website for more details.

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*"In October, a maple tree before your window  
lights up your room like a great lamp."*

*-John Burroughs, naturalist*

### Last month's Green Elephant was in support of the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt.

650 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA

Opened in Nov 1999 with the support of GSBF, the state-wide association of bonsai clubs, and much local fundraising. Sei Boku Bonsai Kai continues to support the education & preservation of the art of bonsai.





## President's Message

By Steve Iwaki

Fall is here and the days are noticeably getting shorter. Leaves are turning on your deciduous and broadleaf trees. Your watering schedule should be modified, as I'm watering every two to three days depending on daytime temperatures.

The GSBF Convention, "Bonsai Rendezvous" is just around the corner. If you haven't gone, go! Most, if not all, Californian clubs belong to this organization. It's held in Santa Nella and for many of us, just a little over an hour and a half away. This 3-day event, October 20th - 22nd, is packed with bonsai demonstrations, workshops, vendor sales, benefit auctions and even a special exhibit with trees from all three of the California bonsai collections. Go to the GSBF website for more details.

I recently got back from a trip to Bend, Oregon. I was invited to conduct a bonsai workshop for a local nursery that provided the plant material. Twelve participants signed up, most worked on Colorado Blue Spruce. Bonsai is alive and well!



## Calendar

- Oct 25 — Guest: Jennifer Price
- Nov 7 — *First Tuesday Workshop*: Valerie Monroe  
San Mateo Garden Center 7-9 pm
- Nov 22 — Fall Color and Display Stands
- Dec 10 — *Holiday party*- Sunday, 12/10/23 -  
Congregational Church of Belmont  
751 Alameda de Las Pulgas, Belmont, CA

2024:

- Jan 24 — Oaks: "JT" Thompson
- Feb 28 — Repotting: Gordon Deeg

*As the calendar firms up, date changes may occur. Please check accordingly.*

### Editors Special Note:

Consider sharing your projects with the club by submitting some photos and captions for the Snippet. Please send your entries to [jcsf1090@comcast.net](mailto:jcsf1090@comcast.net)

## Refreshment Rotation

### Oct Mtg

Ines Malardino,  
Roy Murakami

### Nov Mtg

Jeremy Foster & Bree Tiura  
Howard & Pam Gallegos

Thanks to BendPineNursery.com 541-977-8733



## Klaus Diederich Bonsai Pot Sale

Klaus' family has generously volunteered to have SBBK sell his pots with the proceeds going to the club. This sale is only for current SBBK and Kusamura members.

DATE: Saturday, November 4, 2023 rain or shine.

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: The Diederich Family Home 415 Bersford Avenue, Redwood City (between Stockbridge and West Selby Lane).

POTS: Approximately 160 pots, mostly Chinese, will be pre-priced and available.

PROCEEDS: 100% of the proceeds go to the SBBK general fund.

PROCEDURE:

At 10:00 AM SBBK and Kusamura members will be let in to inspect and purchase pots. Most pots are of Chinese origin and prices will be clearly marked. No bargaining will occur.

CHECK OUT: Once pots are selected, purchasers may check out by making payment with cash or check payable to Sei Boku Bonsai Kai. No credit cards or electronic payments will be accepted.

Pots not sold will be sold at the SBBK Show and Sale in June.



## Fall Tree Work [re-post Oct 2021]

By Jerry Carpenter

Fall is here and as temperatures cool and leaves change color there are some important care tips for your bonsai.

1. Windy conditions, like we have seen recently, will wick moisture away from the top layers of soil but may not actually remove moisture below. I have found some of my clients keep watering every day because the trees "look dry" but actually are quite wet. Be sure to use a chopstick or finger to move the top level and check moisture levels below the top soil.
2. Leaves and debris are falling from surrounding trees and landing on the bonsai. Many times those leaves bring with them pests and or fungus. Be sure to clean off your trees and remove falling debris. Your trees may be shedding their own leaves and dropping on the soil. Be sure to clean those up regularly.
3. Some of us have very little moss growth on trees this summer but, suddenly as temperatures drop and sun- light penetration has decreased, moss is starting to make a comeback. Monitor moss and ground growth carefully to ensure it stays away from the trunk and bark of your trees.
4. Plan your repotting season. Some fruit trees may need to be repotted in Oct/Nov. I have to force dormancy on some trees to accomplish this task but others will need to plan accordingly. Hope you found soil supplies.

### Preparing for Repotting

- Thanks to Steve Iwaki for coordinating a group order/shipment, and Lynne O'Dell for hosting distribution pick up.
- Preparing for repotting season. Akadama, Black Lava, and Hyuga (pumice).
- Happy repotting.



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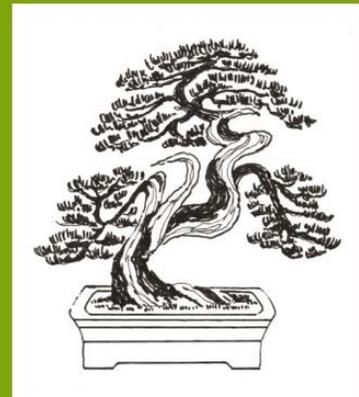
Consultant: Gordon Deeg

## Green Elephant Fundraiser Recap

### Proceeds benefited the San Mateo Garden Center and the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt.

There was great attendance and a festive mood, surrounded by trees, pots, and accessories. Thank you for participating, and to those who brought materials and those who took home some nice material.

Special Thanks to Jeremy for being a grand Auctioneer and entertainer, to Randi and Mike for accounting, and for all the helpful Runners.



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