



ROOTS RUN DEEP

December, 2009

NVBC Happenings

December 7 pm Peter Tea: "Winter Care of Bonsai Trees"

December 21st .. (First Day of Winter) Holiday Party: 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited. **Bring a gift** (bonsai type) for the gift exchange, about \$10 value . Make the wrapping interesting so that your gift will be "stolen" more than once. That's the fun of the "Pirate Gift Exchange". Also, **bring a dish to share** that feeds about 10 people. **Election of Club Officers for 2010 will be held at the party before the wine is flowing. Please consider joining the Board, its a bonsai of fun.**

January 4, 7 pm The Low-down on dirt and repotting with James, bring trees to repot

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Dec 7 Peter Tea: "Winter Care of Bonsai Trees". Bring a tree for the Silhouette Contest (deciduous tree with no leaves). Trees will be judged by Peter Tea to determine the one that is aesthetically the best silhouette. There will be a nice prize for the winner of the contest (you must be present to win).

December 21 NVBC Christmas and Winter Solstice and Holiday Party, 255-6427, 7 pm at Drew and Vic's home, 2981 Laurel Drive.

Bring a gift worth about \$15 for the Pirate gift exchange.

Bring a delectable dish to share with about 10 people

Bring your most festive self.and partner.

Please RSVP to Drew, 255-6427, drewtomasyan@comcast.net to get a sense of the head count.

Vic and Drew live on the west side of Highway 29 behind the Napa Outlets.

Crossing 29, going west, Laurel St is the second left after Freeway Drive. 2981 is on the right just before Laurel St. turns to the left.

See the 2010 NVBC Schedule from Jan to June on page 3

Our President - ARGATO
Kudos to our president for his dedication and tremendous effort. If something needs to be done and no one steps up, our president does it. He opens and closes for each meeting, preparing coffee, bring snacks, setting up and taking down our extensive library, and makes sure the room is clean after the meeting. If you appreciate what he does, please consider telling him and asking the question "What can I do to help you serve our club?"



NVBC Club History By Penny Pawl

The club was formed by the members of the North Bay Bonsai Club in Vallejo in 1980 or 1981. Our first meeting was at the home of David Pyle and there were about a dozen people present. A notice was put into the newspaper and at our next meeting which was held at Silverado Jr. High several additional people came. We started working on the

bylaws, dues and other issues. David Pyle was the first president and I was the 2nd.

We held our first show at the Adult Center in the Senior Complex and our first guest demonstration was Harvey Suseki. Mas Imazumi had been the sensei for the North Bay Club and it was naturally that he also came to our meetings to give lessons and demonstrations

We met for a period of time at the Silverado Jr. High and then moved to the Senior Center in 1987 or 1988. We had waited to move because we wanted to keep the same meeting night.

Frank Takahashi joined our club just a few years after the club began. John Hoffman joined when he entered the bonsai section of the fair and I wrote him a personal note inviting him to try us out. That was around the same time.



We made it a big part of our activities to not only have a show but to enter the fair each year. In fact I wrote the specifications for each class and they were a part of the fair list for many years.

In the late 80s, Jean Kahn and I handled the table decorations for the GSBF convention in Santa Rosa.

Merritt Olds moved to Napa during the early 80s also and he was very good at bonsai and had been growing bonsai for 30 years before he came here.

Way to go, Peter

Peter Tea was just awarded first place at this year's Joshua Roth New Bonsai Talent Competition at the Golden State Bonsai Federation's National Convention. After finishing this next year of training with NVBC Peter plans to begin a bonsai apprenticeship in Japan.

NVBC Board Members

- President: Lonnie Bowling
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ALL MEMBERS PLEASE FILL THIS OUT AND SUBMIT WITH DUES.

Mail address: **NVBC or Napa Valley Bonsai Club** P.O. Box 2622 Napa, CA 94558-0262

DUES 2010 Family** \$35_____ Single \$25_____

Name_____

Email_____

Address_____

Phone#_____

Cell Phone #_____

** Please list all Family Members

From time to time other members request a phone list so they can contact other members related to bonsai subjects. If you would like you name and phone number (not physical address or email address) given out to other club member please check the box below. Note, your personal information will never be given out to any outside person or entity.

Yes, please provide my name and phone number to other club members as requested.

Napa Valley Bonsai Club Calendar of Events -2010

January 4: James will lead an interactive workshop on re-potting. Everyone bring 1-2 trees to re-pot. Hands-on learning is definitely a well-respected and preferred method. James will have bags of bonsai soil to sell. Join us for a fun workshop.

January 18: NO MEETING DUE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY!

February 1: "Group Planting"- James will demonstrate and teach us the ABC's of planting more than one tree in a pot. Bring in a couple pots, several trees that will go well together, soil, tools, and come prepared to get down and dirty.

February 15: NO MEETING DUE TO PRESIDENT'S DAY

March 1: CLUB WORKSHOP. The first Monday of each month, beginning with March, we will have an interactive workshop. Everyone bring at least one tree to work on and we will share our work and ideas together.

March 15: John Thompson "Oak Trees and their Care". Bring your favorite oak tree for John to critique. You will be called up to the demo table where John talks about your tree and gives you suggestions to work on while club members and guests listen and learn.

April 5: In preparation for our Annual Show, Hands-On workshop on preparing our bonsai trees & pots for the show. Bring trees that you would like to put in the show.

April 19: Tonight is the final preparations for our annual show. This will be another hands-on workshop on preparing trees for the show. Be sure to assess all the trees you intend to show, sign up for labels, and pick up your tags.

April 24-25: Annual Show! Everyone please participate! Set up is Saturday morning

May 3: General workshop

May 13-16: HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

May 17: Peter Tea will give a brief presentation on working with Maples, then he will look at member's trees. Bring a tree for Peter to critique.

June 7: General Workshop

June 21: James will speak about a variety of trees and their summer care, he will critique your tree and then, there will be time to work on your tree.

July 5: NO MEETING —INDEPENDENCE DAY---HOLIDAY

July 19: Peter Tea will discuss Maple trees and what to do with your tree at this time of the year. Bring in a tree for Peter to critique.

August 2: General Workshop: Wiring and styling. Bring a tree to work on during the meeting.

August 16: Janet Roth: An Introduction to the Art of Suiseki. An introduction to the Japanese art of suiseki and the suiseki art of Mas Nakajima." There will be suiseki to view and a brief Q & A session.

September 6: NO MEETING—LABOR DAY—Sr. Center closed

September 20: Junipers - Peter Tea will give a brief demonstration of the stages of working on Junipers and then critique our trees. Bring a juniper to the meeting for some expert advice from Peter.

October 4: General Workshop. Bring a couple trees to work on and share discussions with others while you work.

October 18: GREEN ELEPHANT SALE

November 1: General workshop on pines. Pine trees are most popular for working at our general membership meeting this month.

November 15: Peter Tea – Topic/Format TBA

December 6: Winter Silhouette contest

December 20: Holiday Party. All members and guests welcome. Dinner starts at 7:00 pm and ends at ~9:00 pm.

Nice job Rebecca and Lonnie for all your effort in organizing next year's schedule.

Last Chance to Subscribe to the Next Six Month Series of NVBC Bonsai Workshops with Peter Tea.

There are still a few positions available for the next six month series of bonsai workshops with Peter Tea, Each session is four hours You may sign up for a whole day or a half-day, workshop.

The cost \$137.50 for a four hour workshop. All knowledge levels are welcome. This is a great opportunity.

Deadline for signup is 12/15. If you are interested please contact Rebecca at rthompson@sbcglobal.net or 707-224-9039.

2010 Workshop dates are Jan 30-31, Feb 27-28, Mar 27-28, Apr 17-18, May 16-17, Jun 26-27.



Bonsai Happenings around the Bay (from GGBF)

January 16-17 Pleasanton, California

Bay Island Bonsai Annual Bonsai Exhibit. New location. Bigger facility. Hall of Commerce, Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, 94566. Admission \$ 5.00. Free Parking. Same great auction on Saturday, with preview at noon and auction at 1 PM. Guided tours of the exhibit both Saturday and Sunday. Bonsai sale and vendors both days. Hours: 10AM - 4PM Saturday and Sunday. For more information: (510) 865-1008 or www.bayislandbonsai.com (some say this is the best Bonsai Show in the country. James Wagner and Peter Tea and Jim Gremel will have trees on exhibition. Members of the club lead very informative tours of the exhibit. And Jim Gremel will be one of the vendors, mention NVBC and Jim will give you an extra smile.



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