

Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai

It's Showtime!

Saturday, May 21 - 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, May 22 - 10 am - 4 pm

Lake Merritt Garden Center, Oakland

Johnny Uchida demonstration and raffle

Saturday at 1 pm

*Demonstrations by club members
throughout the day Saturday*

Please Note the Date Change for the Demonstration by Johnny Uchida



We need your trees
for the show !

Yes, your trees! Hopefully you have been working on them, diligently primping them for the show. Even if they don't have many flowers at this point Show Chairman Ron Reid would love to have the trees in the show if they have a nice shape and have been cleaned up for display. We will have a trees in training area as well, so your beginner and 'Not Quite Ready for Prime Time' trees will be welcome too. Be sure to bring stands if you have them and if you have the perfect companion plant or suiseki for your tree by all means bring it along.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Everyone, It's showtime again and it is going to be a beautiful flower show. Please come and support your club for our signature event. Everyone is welcome to put a tree in the show if it has flowers. Please clean your pots, oil them, and use fresh top dressing for a professional look. Also be sure all weeds have been removed. If you have a stand for your tree please bring it. There will be vendors at the show selling trees, tools and more.

Set up is Friday at 6:00 pm. Saturday we go from 10-5, and Sunday 10-4. We can use help with the clean up after we close the show Sunday. Many hands make light work. Club member will be working on trees and answering questions throughout both days. Candace and George and consultant Sharon Bone have made good progress on our new website and it is exciting to see it come together. (see more info on page 3)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONTINUED . . .

Looking forward to seeing you all next weekend at the show. Mike

The Prez



IT'S SHOWTIME !

SALE TREES

We need trees! Lots of trees! Azaleas specifically, to **SELL** in our member sale area. Our annual show is a great place to sell your satsuki azaleas if you have too many, are ready to pass them on, or just need the cash.

We can use books and tools and pots as well. The club will take 20% commission and the rest is pure profit for you. Guests get excited by our beautiful trees and do come to buy. We'd love to take advantage of their enthusiasm, so please check around and help us stock the Sales Area.

Thank you!!

Show Set-Up

Bring all trees to the Garden Center on Friday evening May 20, between 6-7:30. Please be prompt. There will be tables in the lobby set up for staging. Please find a place for your trees there and **DO NOT** place your trees in the exhibition area. Show Chairman Ron Reid will evaluate all the trees coming in and direct placement for the show. It is a hectic task and Ron needs the cooperation of all members to make the process run smoothly. He and his helpers thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Pizza and non-alcoholic drinks provided for worker bees.
BYO beer and wine.



Johnny Uchida's Osakazuki from our 2014 show.

Suiseki Always Welcome

Don't forget, your suiseki and viewing stones are great companions to our azalea displays. Bring 'em if you got 'em!



Don't Miss Johnny!

We have moved Johnny Uchida's deconstruction and raffle to Saturday in hopes of attracting an even bigger crowd. Be sure to adjust your schedule to attend, and invite all your friends!

Tree Identification

Please send your tree identification information to Ron and Linda Reid.

DO IT RIGHT NOW!

so you don't forget.

Linda has graciously agreed to type labels for us, but we don't want her to be burning the midnight oil Friday night doing this. Please **Call** or

Email your details to Linda just as soon as you can.

Email: reid46@sbcglobal.net

Phone: 925-831-2500

THANK YOU!

APRIL PROGRAM NOTES

Along with a discussion of getting our trees ready for our Spring Show coming up, the big topic was the new **BASA WEBSITE!** That's right, it is official. We are now at satsukiazaleabonsai.org. After much debate and many suggestions this was voted as the best name for web surfers to find us. Thanks to all who shared their wisdom, concerns and ideas. How great to have the whole club involved in this important step in our growth.

Right now there isn't much to see on the website and we need your help with that too. We would love to have your photos for the seasonal Header for the landing page, as well as the photo gallery we will set up. Take photos of shows you go to, inspiration for your styling or great pots for azaleas. Let us see the good, the bad and the ugly from your garden. We learn lots from our mistakes too.

Even if you aren't a great writer we would love to hear from you if you have gone to a good bonsai show with noteworthy azaleas, or have ideas on topics that would be of interest to our group. If you find a good article on a website let us know and we will link to it, with permission of course. We want to be the place to go for well informed information on satsuki azaleas and an inspiration.

BASA Brochure on the Way

Board member and techno wizard George Haas has been working on a new and much more sophisticated brochure for our club that will be available at the Bonsai Gardens at Lake Merritt for interested parties, and to hand out at our shows and other bonsai events. It is coming along well, but we can use more input. If you missed the preview at the April meeting let Candace or George know and we will send you the latest version for your input.

Thank you George. You are amazing!

Show Hospitality

We will have tea and crackers for our guests.
 BYO lunch.
 Of course if you would like to bring food to share with
 others we won't stop you.

Calendar Upcoming Club Events:

May 21 -22 - Annual Show - No meeting
 this month. Invite all your friends and
 neighbors. They will thank you!

June 23 - TBA

July and August - No meetings.

September 22 - Pot luck dinner and slide
 show of the spring exhibition.

October 27 ? - Club elections

November 19 - Mesuki!

December - No meeting
 Happy Holidays!

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We really use a few more
 people on the Board. Can
 you help? Please contact
 Mike. It is the easiest Board
 in bonsai to be on.

BONSAI EVENTS AROUND THE BAY AREA

May 21– 22, Sacramento, California

Satsuki Aikokai of Sacramento: Annual Bonsai Show will be held at the Shepard Garden Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd. Hours are Saturday 10 AM – 5PM, and 10 AM – 4PM, with demonstrations at 1 PM on both days by Yuzo Maruyama. Satsuki information booth, vendors, raffles, etc. For more information contact satsukiaikokaisac@sbcglobal.net or Ronn Pigram (916) 428-8505.

June 4 and 5, 2016, San Mateo, California

Sei Boku Bonsai Kai: 33rd Annual Show at the San Mateo Garden Center. 605 Parkside Way (next to Beresford Park). Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM both days, with demonstration by Dennis Makishima from Noon – 3 PM on Saturday (tree will be raffled off at the conclusion of demo). Sunday Dennis will lead an open view workshop from Noon – 3 PM. Large club member plant sale, vendors, door prizes and our always popular raffles. Admission is free. Dr. Bonsai will be available to offer styling and care tips. For more information contact Marsha Mekisich at eclectic.gardener@yahoo.com.

June 11 and 12, Oakland, California

California Suiseki Society: 21st Annual Show at the Lakeside Garden Center on Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Ave. Free admission. Hours: 10 AM to 4 PM. Fine viewing stones. The sales area will feature Suiseki books and magazines (many out of print) as well as Suiseki and Viewing Stones from members' collections. For information, contact Henry van der Voort at oldboar3@gmail.com or Bob Gould at rgould@aol.com.

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