

Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai

This month's meeting:
Thursday June 23, 7:30-9:30 pm
Lake Merritt Garden Center, Oakland



One of the beauties from this year's Spring Show

June Meeting . . .
 is all about the very
 important task of post-
 bloom care.

June is the month we tackle
 the all important task of
 post bloom care. Come
 learn what to do with your
 satsuki to set them up for
 good growth through the
 summer and lots of flowers
 in the Spring.

This is a working meeting so
 bring your trees and learn
 from fellow members and
 our resident
 experts.

Also on tap,
 the Ward's
 Ruby
 Challenge!
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Everyone, Thank you all for your help in making out 2016 Azalea Show the best ever. With all your help setting up and tearing down seemed easy. Raffle ticket sales were great, but most of all the trees were truly spectacular! Beautiful flowers and lots of good comments. Through everyone's efforts we made it possible. There was so much interest in our trees. People were curious about the moss on top of the soil,

care in hot weather, the soil we use, feeding and more. Wouldn't it be nice if some of these curious people join our club? We have a very special club with members willing to share their ideas and help new members learn and grow with their trees. I'm very proud of our members and the club. See you in June for another instructive meeting.
 Mike



What's wrong with this picture? Is Johnny really the only one working here?

A FABULOUS SHOW

We'll have to wait for the Treasurer's report at the June meeting to hear how financially successful this year's Spring Show was, but artistically it was a smashing success. Mother nature favored us with a mild Spring which provided a bounty of dazzling azaleas in full, gorgeous flower. Many visitors and members felt this was the best show ever in the quality and quantity of trees, and the presentation. Congratulations to all who contributed in large and small ways. BASA is a terrific club for team spirit and it was on full display during the show. No slackers, despite what the above photo suggests. Special thanks to George Haas whose efforts in making our advertising for the show available early and distributed widely resulted in good attendance both days. We all have lots to be proud of.

Congratulations!!

The Ward's Ruby Challenge



Gordon Deeg with a Ward's Ruby azalea at our March meeting.

Many of you will remember the striking foliage of the Ward's Ruby azalea Gordon had with him during his March presentation. We all wanted one. Industrious member Dennis Hawkins tracked them down and bought a couple dozen trees to sell at the show. Popular as they were with Show visitors and members, we had plenty left which we sent home with members to style for what we are calling the **Ward's Ruby Challenge**. The way this works is the trees are styled to your taste and whims, we give them a few months to grow into their new shapes, then vote for our favorites. Winner gets to keep his/her tree and wins free club membership for 2017. The rest of the trees will be kept to sell at the show next year or can be purchased at the meeting.

Bring your Ward's Rubies to play with at the meeting if you have them (don't forget you wire!), or we will have extras for those who missed the distribution. Should be fun and entertaining. Hope you all will play along.

A Few Photos from the Spring Show



Laura and Darren Wong. We couldn't do it without them.



The colors at the show were just dazzling!



One of the Show favorites, by Ron Reid

Calendar Upcoming Club Events:

June 23 - Post Bloom Care and Ward's Ruby Challenge

July and August - No meetings.

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

October 20 ? - Club elections

November 19 - Mesuki!

December - No meeting
Happy Holidays!

Summer Hiatus and care tips

This is our last meeting until September. Take extra care with your trees this summer to make sure they don't dry out, and try to protect them from daily extremes in temperature.

Be sure to come to the June meeting to pick up more tips on keeping your trees healthy this summer.

All photos in this issue by Chris Ross

Refreshments for this month's meeting . . .

Could we have a couple of volunteers to bring refreshments for our June meeting? It doesn't have to be anything grand, just easy and tasty. Otherwise we'll all be too weak to concentrate on the evening's program.

JUNE SATSUKI CARE

- Rotate trees at least twice this month to promote symmetry as canopy continues its period of rapid growth
- Fertilize to thank plant for blooming
- Foliar-feed cascades: apex (= bottom) 3 times, mid 2 X, top 1 X
- Assure trees and growing mix are not drying out
- Adjust automatic, programmed watering system for warm weather
- Water when mulch on growing mix has dried or top of growing mix is dry to your touch; avoid overwatering that fosters rotting of roots
- Control rapidly multiplying insects as soon as possible
- If ants are in a tree, look for aphids, scale, or mealy-bugs; tip pot on its side to observe lower sides of leaves and branches where insects or their black fecal pellets are to be found; if found, apply Malathion or Sevin
- Apply Safer Soap or Othene/Orthenex to control sucking insects and leaf rollers; if unlikely rain is expected, apply Bayleton or Captan to prevent flower blight on late-blooming cultivars
- Sacrifice/escape branches: strip lower leaves and secondary branching to prevent shading of tree
- Remove all flowers, seed pods, and unopened buds when 80% of flower buds have opened; reduce vegetative growth to no more than two shoots at each tip and two leaves on each shoot; remove unwanted smaller branches; seal all wounds
- Root softwood cuttings

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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.

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BONSAI EVENTS AROUND THE BAY AREA

June 12, 2016, Seaside, California

Monterey Bonsai Club: 53rd Annual Exhibition at the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple, 1150 Noche Buena Street. Show hours are from 11 AM – 4 PM with a demonstration at 1:30 PM by Katsumi Kinoshita. There will be a benefit drawing for bonsai trees. Silent auction area will include bonsai trees, pots and pre-bonsai material. For more information contact Rich Guillen at richguillen@sbcglobal.net or Dianne Woods at vinca27@comcast.net.

June 18 – 19, 2016, Livermore, California

Valley Bonsai Society: 8th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane. Show hours are 10 AM – 4 PM on both days with demonstration by an expert bonsai artist at 1 PM. The finished trees will be raffled off at the end of the demonstration. Member's sales table. Admission is free. For additional information contact Charles Harder at bonsainut@comcast.net

August 6 – 7, 2016 San Francisco, CA

San Francisco Suiseki Kai: 35th Annual Suiseki Exhibit at the Union Bank Community Room, Japan Center, 1675 Post Street. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM Saturday and 11 AM – 5 PM Sunday. Show coincides with the 43rd annual **Nihonmachi Street Fair**, so come early and enjoy your day in San Francisco's historic Japantown. Suiseki and stone sales. For more information about our club, contact sfsuisekikai@gmail.com or visit <http://sfsuisekikai.wordpress.com>.

August 20 – 21, 2016 Santa Rosa, California

Redwood Empire Bonsai Society (REBS): 33rd Annual show at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue. Show hours are 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sunday with demonstration by Bonsai Master Artist Kathy Shaner from 1 to 3 PM both days. Demo trees will be raffled. See the largest bonsai exhibition. Large bonsai vendor and member sales. Exciting silent auctions or "buy it now". Free refreshments by the Bonsai café. Free admission and parking. For more information visit our website www.rebsbonsai.org or contact Bob Shimon at (707) 884-4126 or shimon@mcn.org.

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