

Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai

This month's meeting:
Thursday June 22, 7:30-9:30 pm
Lake Merritt Garden Center, Oakland

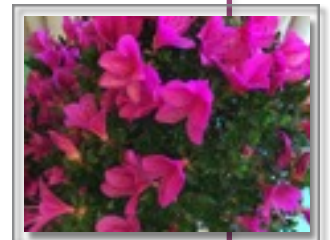


It truly was "all about the Flowers" at this year's Spring Show

June Meeting . . .

June is the month we tackle the all important task of post bloom care on our azaleas. Come learn what to do with your satsuki to set them up for good growth through the summer and lots of flowers next Spring. This is a working meeting so bring your trees and tools and learn from fellow members and our resident experts.

We'll also do a recap of the Spring Show, sharing thoughts on ways to improve. We want to hear from our members.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Club Members, Thank you all for your help in making out 2017 Azalea Show a great success. The trees were truly spectacular and it took a great club effort to it pull off! All the help for clean up and set up made light work of our annual tasks. Thank you for your efforts and good spirits.

The June meeting is our last until September, but there is plenty to do before

then. At our June meeting we will jump into post bloom care to make sure our trees are set up for good growth this summer. It will be hands-on so bring your trees to work on. We will also be talking about this year's show and would love to have your ideas about what worked, what didn't and how we can make it even better for next year. I hope to see you all at the meeting. Mike



Send us you Photos!!

We'd love to see your pictures from the Spring Show. Please email them to Candace via WeTransfer if you have some good ones. We would love to include them in our Slideshow Presentation at our meeting in November.

Darren and Laura Wong with Mike Butler in what has become a Show tradition of jumping right into a post-bloom-care workshop at the end of the day on Sunday.

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 another great exhibition. Mother nature favored us with a wet Winter and mild Spring which provided a bounty of dazzling azaleas in full, gorgeous flower. The trees seemed to glow with color and vibrance. Thank you!!! 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, and extra effort abounded. George Haas once again got the message about our show out on social media and club members did their part in spreading the word. Attendance was robust both days to the point we were shooing people out the door as we closed the show on Sunday. We all have lots to be proud of.

Congratulations!!

A Few Photos from the Spring Show



One of the great pots at the Show



A few of the "Trees in Training" on display



Kinsai!!



The accent plants were amazing too

**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 Candace Key

**Calendar
Upcoming Club Events:**

June 22 - Post Bloom Care and Show Recap

July and August - No meetings.

September 28 - Pest control and discussion on fertilizers

October 19 - Mesuki! and club elections

November 16 - Potluck dinner and slideshow of the Spring Exhibition

Great photos . . . of Japanese azalea gardens are on view at Jonas Dupuich great website bonsaitonight.com. Amazing to see such spectacular trees in all stages of development. Check it out!



A beauty from Ray Moore

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.

(condensed from
 EBBs's revised *San Francisco Bay Area Bonsai Calendar*)

BONSAI EVENTS AROUND THE BAY AREA

June 17 & 18, 2017 Livermore, California

Valley Bonsai Society: 9th annual show at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane. Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM with a demonstration at 1PM on both days. The finished tree will be raffled off at the end of the demonstrations. Admission is free. For additional information contact Charles Harder at bonsainut@comcast.net

June 24 – 25, 2017 Palo Alto, California

Kusamura Bonsai Club: 57th Annual Show will be held at the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road. Hours are Saturday, Noon – 5 PM, and Sunday 11 AM - 5 PM with demonstrations at 1:30 PM each day. Saturday demonstration provided by Jonas Dupuich of Bonsai Tonight. Sunday demonstration provided by club members. Free admission. Bonsai trees, pots, and other bonsai-related items will be for sale. For more information contact Charlene Fischer at charlenerae@mac.com or www.kusamurabonsai.org.

June 24, 2017 Thousand Oaks, California

Conejo Valley Bonsai Society: Bonsai exhibition at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts, - Conejo Recreation & Park District, 403 W. Hillcrest Drive in the HCFA Community Room. This will be a one day exhibition in conjunction with an Art exhibition from 9 AM to 6 PM. We will have hands-on discussions and demonstrations through-out the day. Free Admission. For information, call Marj Branson at 805-373-1330 or visit our web site at www.cvbs-bonsai.org

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