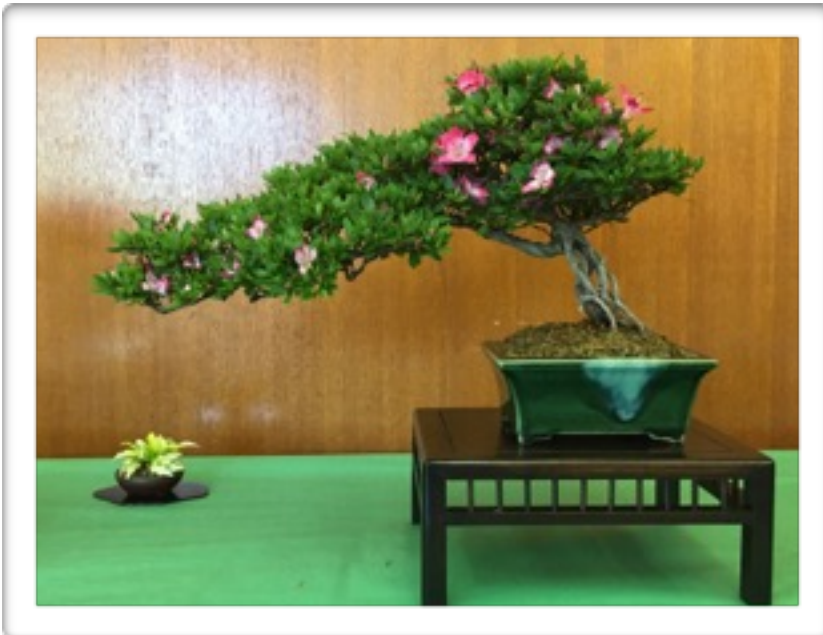


# Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai

## This Month's Meeting:

Thursday September 28, 7:30 - 9:30 pm,  
Lake Merritt Garden Center, Oakland



Darren Wong's Suze-no-homare at our Spring Show.

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Everyone, I hope you have had a good summer and your azaleas survived our numerous heat waves.

We are back with Fall programs starting in September. Bob Gould will be talking about pest control and fertilizer at our meeting. He'll discuss the differences between using organic and chemical fertilizers and how to identify the pests that prey on our trees.

In October we will have club elections and all members should be thinking about volunteering for board positions because all will be open. We need new voices and ideas to keep the club vibrant, so please give some thought to how you can contribute.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting on the 28th. Mike

### September Meeting - did your trees survive the Summer of 2017?

It was a very tough year for some of our bonsai and it seems the azaleas were particularly bothered by the frequent heat spells this summer. Hopefully your trees made it through OK.

Join us on the 28th for a talk by one of our club founders, Bob Gould about the pests that attack our azaleas, and how to keep the trees healthy and growing well with the right fertilizer, administered at the right time. We have all admired Bob's trees over the years, so he definitely knows what he is talking about.

The September meeting will be an excellent opportunity to bring your trees for review by our resident experts, get advice on development and care, and to share your experiences. If you have trees to work on or discuss please bring them. See you there!



JUNE MEETING

Our June meeting on post-bloom care was lead by bonsai professional Johnny Uchida. Johnny illustrated the technique of removing the spent flowers and reducing the branches to two shoots on a tree he brought from his nursery. Using his patented “Johnny Scissorhands” technique he made quick work on his tree and then assisted members who had brought their trees to work on. Everyone left with their azaleas in good shape for Fall growth, and we decided to wait until our November meeting to raffle the demo tree when more members would have a chance to win it. Thank you very much Johnny!



Johnny and his ‘plucked’ demo tree - to be raffled in November!

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Have You Checked Out the New BASA Website Yet?

Our beautiful and informative website site at [satsukiazaleabonsai.org](http://satsukiazaleabonsai.org), has been up and running for over a year now and gets better all the time with more posts about our club activities, member’s adventures in bonsai development and new resources we find that add to our knowledge and enjoyment of satsuki azalea bonsai. BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP to keep the site active and vibrant. Do you have photos of your time in Japan, working on

azaleas? Have your found an interesting website with good photos and information? Do you have a story to tell about how you came to acquire your trees, or how you managed to save them from a certain death, or not? We would love to hear all these stories and see any photos you can send us. Editing is provided so you don’t need to be a Pulitzer Prize winning writer or adept at Photoshop. We can help you out. Please send any and everything you have to George Haas at [gwhass@comcast.net](mailto:gwhass@comcast.net). Don’t be shy. This website represents all of us and we want everyone to have a voice.



PHOTOS WANTED

If you have pictures from our Spring Show please send them to Candace via WeTransfer so we can include them in the slideshow we’ll be presenting in November. We’d love to showcase our members photography skills as well as their bonsai mastery.



Shohin display at the 2017 Show

**Calendar**  
**Upcoming Club Events:**

October 26 - Mesuki + Elections for 2018 + Board Meeting at 6:00 pm

November 16 - Potluck Dinner + Slide Show of Spring Exhibit + Raffle of Johnny Uchida demo tree (note this is the third Thursday to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving)

December - No meeting - Happy Holidays!

**Annual Potluck Dinner**  
**(not this month)**

. . . last year we moved to our Potluck Dinner to November to end the year on a festive note.

This will be on the 3rd Thursday to miss Thanksgiving.

Save your best recipes for November 16.

We will also have the slideshow of our Spring Show at that time and raffle Johnny's demo tree. Guests are welcome so everyone save the date!



Ray Moore's One-No-Na-Me from the Spring Show

Refreshments for our September meeting will be provided by . . . whoever would like to bring something!!!

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 Candace Key

## AUTUMN SATSUKI CARE

## September

- Mist leaves in the afternoon to enhance fall color and leaf retention; do not foliar-feed
- Rotate plants twice a month
- Resume fertilizing after set of next year's flower buds (detected by squeezing terminals)
- Do not allow trees to dry out; ensure that trees are not over- or under-watered by a drip system
- Mist leaves during hot spells
- Watch for leaf rollers; if found, spray with Thuricide
- Look for wire that may be cutting into bark
- Do not wire or prune

## October

- Rotate plants twice a month
- Leaves produced last summer begin to show fall color; note stripes and sectors of darker pigments that parallel coloration of flowers on each branch or branchlet
- Fertilize using low nitrogen fertilizer
- Watering: a necessary chore during the Bay Area's "summer"
- Adjust automatic, programmed watering system for fall to ensure that trees are not over- or under-watered
- Spray with insecticide to control chewing and sucking insects and leaf curlers
- Do not prune or wire

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

## Officers for 2017

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## BONSAI EVENTS AROUND THE BAY AREA

**October 7th, 2017 Cupertino, California**

**Midori Bonsai Club:** 56th Annual Bonsai Show at the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, from 10 AM – 5 PM with a bonsai demonstration by Juan Cruz at 1:30 PM. The demonstration tree will be raffled off at the end of the demonstration. There will be a Beginners Workshop for those new to bonsai at 10 AM for a nominal fee. A tree will be provided along with basic instruction. Members will be available to take a look, and advise you, on any bonsai you'd like to bring in. There will be several bonsai vendors to supply you with plant material, tools, pots, etc, and a club member's plant sale. Admission is free with plenty of parking available.

**October 14 - 15, 2017 Oakland, California**

**East Bay Bonsai Society:** 56th Annual Show will be held at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Lake Merritt.. Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM on Saturday and 11 AM - 4 PM on Sunday. Headliner is bonsai artist, Peter Tea, he will conduct a free styling demonstration on Sunday from 1 - 3:30 PM. The show will feature over 50 tree varieties and ages and will also feature a plant sale and raffle.

**October 21 -22, 2017 Union City, California**

**Yamato Bonsai Kai:** 46th Annual Bonsai Exhibition and Demonstration, featuring Sensei Johnny Uchida will be held at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church, 32975 Alvarado-Niles Rd. Hours are noon - 6 PM Saturday, and 10 AM – 5 PM Sunday. Demonstration will begin each day at 1:30 PM, with the demo tree raffled as the Grand Prize. The exhibition will feature over 80 trees from veteran and new club members. Benefit raffle immediately after each demo will have dozens of bonsai items and trees each day. Free admission and parking. Large Vendor area and Plant Sales events will be onsite. Visit us at [www.yamatobonsai.org](http://www.yamatobonsai.org) for directions and further information.

**October 25 - 29, 2017 Riverside, California**

**Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF):** 2017 Convention 40 "Bonsai New Horizon" at the Riverside Convention Center, 3637 Fifth Street near Main. Headliners: Kunio Kobayashi, David Nguy, Boon Manakitivipart. Guest Artists: Ted Matson, Tak Shimazu, and more. Demonstrations, seminars, critiques, work-shops, benefit drawings, vendors, etc. For more information, please visit [gsbfconvention.org](http://gsbfconvention.org).

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