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# Bay Area Satsuki Aikokai

Meeting this month is September 26, 7:30 - 9:30  
Lakeside Garden Center, Oakland, CA



## President's Letter

Welcome to Fall Everyone, We hope you had a good summer and your satsuki azaleas survived the numerous hot spells we endured. We will have just two more meetings this year and the first one comes up on September 26th. To launch us into the Fall maintenance of our plants we will review mesuki techniques and discuss the care of our trees throughout the winter. Now is a goodtime to examine any wire that may have been put on the tree in the

Spring and determine if it can come off. It proved useful at our June meeting to review the seasonal Satsuki Azalea Care recommendations which were recently updated by Darren Wong, and we will be doing that again for Fall/Winter care. If you have questions about any of your trees bring them along for discussion.

### **Special Note:**

We will also take on the very important task of nominating officers for next year. The Treasurer and Secretary will keep their current roles for 2020, but we need to elect a new president and vice president. These jobs aren't nearly as intimidating as you might think. We have a small club with fascinating plant material which requires work at our normal meeting dates, so the meeting subjects are pre-determined and the agenda effort is minimal. It's time again for folks to step up and refresh our club going forward. The club is wonderful at backing the leadership, so please talk to one another and place a name or names in nomination. Whoever is our next president will have my complete backing.

To fill out the September agenda there will be a slideshow by Candace Key and Chris Ross of their trip to Japan last Fall. They travelled with Bill Castellon who led them to many spectacular temple gardens, some in which he had apprenticed, and they all attended Taikan Ten, the second largest bonsai show in Japan. We hear good things about the photos and the stories and we hope you all will join us for this fun and educational meeting.

**Bob**





## Alert! Meeting date changed . . .

- Due to a scheduling conflict with the City of Oakland we will not be having an October meeting. All the more reason to come to the September meeting and get your Fall tree work done.
- Mark your calendar for November 21 when we will have our annual potluck dinner, slideshow of the Spring Exhibition and election of club officers. This meeting will start an hour early, at 6:30.  
Details and food assignments to come later.



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## Photos of our Spring Exhibition

Attention photographers: Did anyone take pictures of trees and people

at our annual Spring show in May? If so please email Candace,  
( mckassoc @ yahoo dot com ), who is putting together the slideshow  
to discuss how to get your photos to her. She needs your help.

Thank you!

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