



# Descanso Bonsai Society

## NEWSLETTER

## September 2010



### President's Message

by Jim Barrett

It has been a very interesting summer, only some of which has had to do with the mostly coolish weather. And thank goodness that week of over 100 degree temperatures has come and gone.

The reception at our annual show was marred by a misunderstanding with the Descanso Garden staff, forcing us to close early. Really put a damper on our special evening! We're checking our new contract closely to make sure it doesn't happen again.

The Potluck and Auction was a fun evening for all in attendance, even though we were assigned the Maple room instead of the big room. The food was super!

One of the highlights of the evening was the tram ride through the Gardens and a special visit to the Boddy House with the chance to see the fully redecorated interior.

As most of you know, these two events—our show and our Potluck/Auction—are our two fund raising events of the year. We didn't make as much money as we'd hoped at either event, and were substantially down from last year.

Times are tough for everyone, and we understand that. But I'm hoping we can come together and put DBS back on firm financial footing.

In order to meet our financial obligations now, we'll have to dig into our reserve money. Thank goodness we have it! But if anyone has any fundraising ideas, see me!



Jim Barrett – Chinese Elm

### **September Niche**

Ray Blasingame, Sonja Kobler

### **September Demonstrator**

**Kathy Benson**

will work on an olive she bought in our August auction.

Besides designing the future of that tree, she will show us how to create new trees from olive hardwood cuttings.

During this season, this information can also be applied to creating hardwood cutting from elms, maples, pomegranates, etc.

### **September Refreshments**

Kathy Benson, Sonja Kobler, Gloria Clark, Jack Honch

### **Many Thanks to**

**All those who donated to the August Auction and who brought food for the Potluck!**

### **Next Club Meeting September 21, 2010**

Club meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at  
Van de Camp Hall, Descanso Gardens  
1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada Flintridge  
Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

# September Tips

Although fall is approaching, hot, dry days are still a good possibility.

Watering properly should be top priority. If a plant begins to show stress because of lack of water, you may want to place the tree in full shade for 2 or 3 weeks. Return it to partial sun when new growth looks strong and healthy.

September and October are clean-up and pruning months. Fall pruning of quince or crabapples can wait until leaves fall or you can prune for shape now, removing all long summer growth.

Black pines should also be pruned, leaving 1, 2 or 3 of the new candles that have grown from the terminals left when they were pruned in June or July. What candles you choose to keep will be determined by your design goal for each tree. If you have an instructor, have him or her explain the procedure. Remove old needles, especially those hanging down.

Junipers may be trimmed to maintain their shape. Within reason, they may be trimmed rather drastically this month so that the new growth fills in to take the old growth's place---a good practice once or twice a year to keep the bonsai shape we strive for.

Pruning hard will also give you an opportunity to wire the secondary and tertiary branches, a tedious but important task.

However, try not to prune shimpaku too hard. They do not respond well to drastic foliage removal.

The next two months are important ones. What you do to your trees now will reflect favorably or unfavorably on your design next spring.

Watch for elms, zelkova  
Remove thick horizontal  
they have time before the trees

Remember disease and

Start spring exhibition trees, making sure to pick one or two more than you will show. This ensures that you will have what you need when the time comes. Besides, it will make you work harder to improve you best trees.



heavy top growth on and trident maples. vertical and branches now so to start healing go into dormancy. to watch for signs of pests.



Elizabeth Likes – Ginkgo Grove

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## DBS WEBSITE

[www.descanso-bonsai.com](http://www.descanso-bonsai.com)

## SOMETHING NEW

Has been added to our monthly meetings!

## A SALES TABLE

Where members can bring any bonsai related item to sell by silent auction. Another chance to cull through your bonsai stuff and sell anything that's too good to donate but too much to keep. Oh, and the club gets 20% of the proceeds. Only fair.....

# August DBS Auction and Potluck

Article and Photos by Jim Pelling



Almost fifty DBS members attended the August Potluck and Auction this year. Most enjoyed the annual tram ride around Descanso Gardens in the evening, which was a fine relief from the 90 plus temperature during the day.

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As usual, the food was excellent and plentiful. The club supplied both turkey and ham, and the member-made deviled eggs, salads, and scrumptious deserts were standouts!

President Jim Barrett sent us inside to the auction, and we all turned our chairs around to face some half dozen tables laden with bonsai pots and plants.

Ted Matson had donated some lovely Yamaki pots from the 1960's or so, which drew much attention and some fierce bidding. There were also several oval pots, measuring over twenty inches, which many members bid on.

Returning for a command performance was master of ceremonies and master auctioneer Denny Roche. He was ably assisted by Michael Jonas and Mary Morrissey.

Some highlights of the sale included several small but elegant junipers donated by Kathy Benson, and a group of seven foemina junipers in four inch pots brought by Marge Blasingame.

The club itself contributed numerous items, the star of which was an antique bonsai stand that DBS had bought from a Pasadena antique store.

.A good time was had by all!



Photos: Upper Left–auctioneer Denny Roche. Upper Right–Denny and Mary Morrissey. Lower left–Michael Jonas and the antique stand donated by the club. Lower right–Mary Morrissey.

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!**

**DBS IS LOOKING FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEMBERS!**

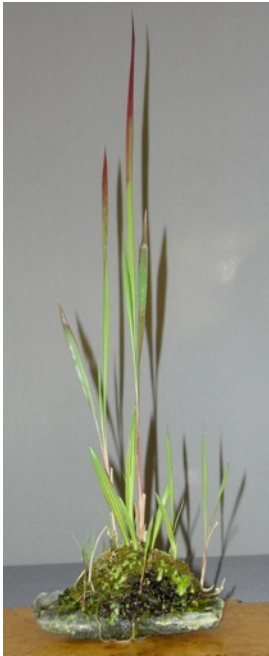
*BEING A BOARD MEMBER IS A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS AND THE WORKINGS OF THE CLUB.*

LET JIM BARRETT KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE BOARD.

***WE NEED YOU!!!!***



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September 25 thru September 26

**San Diego Bonsai Club Fall Show**

Balboa Park, San Diego

Event takes place at Casa Del Prado, Room 101

Hours: Sat 12pm-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Contact:

619-234-8901 (Thurs. 10am-2pm)

<http://www.sdbgf.org/>

October 28-31

**Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention  
XXXIII**

Santa Clara, CA

“New Face of Bonsai.” The New Faces shaping the  
Art of Bonsai for years to come.

For more information visit [www.gsbfcconvention.com](http://www.gsbfcconvention.com)

**DBS Board Meeting**

Open to all club members interested in getting  
involved in club operations & management

**Next meeting: October 25, 2010**

At Elizabeth Likes' s home, 7 p.m.,  
9916 Rancho Caballo, Sunland 91040

**Join the Descanso Bonsai Society**

\$25 - Single \$30 - Couples

Payable to: Descanso Bonsai Society  
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