



THE GSBF COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON

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Message from the Chairman

As I write this, the 2016 Bonsai-A-Thon is almost here. We have a few surprises for everyone; this is a year of *Firsts!* Our *First* year for sponsors, a new GSBF sale's room, a sponsor lecture by Dr. Earth Fertilizer on organic fertilizer, a behind the scenes tour of the bonsai nursery given by the bonsai collection curator, Ted Matson, and you will be able to view the demo trees before the auction on our FaceBook page. Harry's Hirao's family has donated his collection of trees and stones to The Huntington. All of Harry's items will be in our *First- ever* GSBF sale's room.

Believe me when I say Harry had a lot of things. I should know, I drove the 26-foot rental truck that was completely filled. Ted Matson's van and the large Huntington van, driven by Dave MacLaren, were both also filled. There were some very nice things in those trucks! The GSBF sale's room will be restocked twice daily, so plan on coming back throughout the day.

I am very pleased to announce our *First- ever* sponsors for the 2016 Bonsai-A-thon: **Dr. Earth Fertilizer, DeWit Tools, Neptune's Harvest Fertilizers, Bristol Farms, Trader Joe's, Greentisory and Armstrong Garden Centers.** All our sponsors have made very generous donations to The Bonsai-A-Thon. Please support them whenever possible.

Dr. Earth Fertilizer has graciously agreed to give a lecture on organic fertilizer. The presenter will be Melody Funk, the West Coast Sales Manager for **Dr. Earth.** The presentation will be a Saturday only event and take place in the downstairs auditorium of the Brody Botanical Center at 2:00 p.m.

A special tour of the bonsai nursery will be given by The Huntington Bonsai Curator, Ted Matson on Sunday only at 9:30 a.m. This is your chance to walk through the bonsai nursery and get a behind the scenes look on how things run. As an added plus, you can ask Ted all the questions you want!

Another *First* for the Bonsai-A-thon will be posting photographs of the demo trees on our Facebook page (**GSBF Collection at The Huntington**). You will now be able to view the trees from wherever you are before the auction begins. Our website address is www.gsbfhuntington.com.



Bill Wawrychuk, Chairman

You'll find more about the Bonsai-A-Thon on the following pages. See you there!

GSBF Sales at the Bonsai-A-Thon

This is a year of firsts for the Bonsai-a-Thon, the biggest of which is the GSBF sale's room. The room will be downstairs in the Brody Botanical Center Auditorium. Along with our sponsor products, we will have decommissioned items from The Huntington Collection; pots, bonsai stock, and finished trees from two collections donated to The Huntington last year.

As a special kick off of our first ever sale's room, we will be selling stones from Harry Hirao's estate. As of this writing, we have approximately 700 stones from Harry's estate in The Huntington bonsai nursery. We plan to go back to Harry's house before the Bonsai-A-Thon and pick up another load of stones, no telling how many more we will find! In any event, they will be in the sale's room. We will restock the sale's area at least one or twice a day, so plan on checking back in throughout the day to see what new items are available.

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Fundraiser for THE GSBF COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON Saturday February 27th & Sunday February 28th, 2016

GSBF Early Bird Passes & Bonsai Club Members 8:00am - 4:30pm
General Public 10:30am - 4:30pm

The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens
Brody Botanical Center, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, California

2016 Bonsai-A-Thon Hosts
Orange County Bonsai Society and Orange Empire Bonsai Society

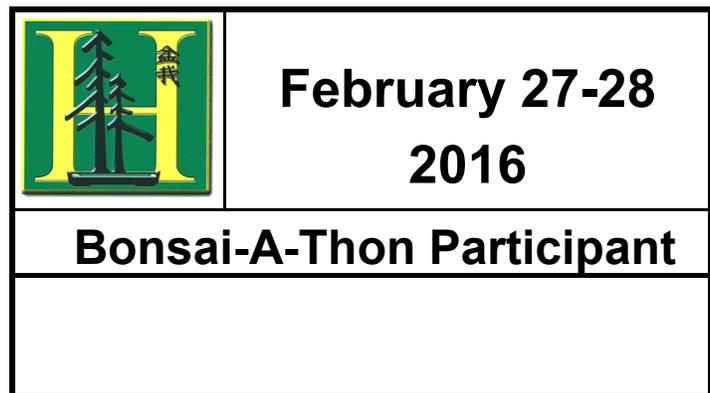
8:00-9:30	Early Bird Registration for Bonsai Club Members Only: Pancake breakfast available.
8:00-5:00	Extensive Bazaar Area: Select vendors selling top-quality tools, pots and trees (raw material to display-ready); masterpiece trees on display.
8:00-5:00	Bonsai Exhibit: By the Orange County Bonsai Society and Orange Empire Bonsai Society.
10:00-11:30	Guided Tours: Led by Jim Folsom, Director of the Huntington Botanical Gardens.
10:00-2:45	Demonstrations: Initial training and advanced styling by experts: Tak Shamizu - Jason Chan - Tom Vuong - Ken Fuentes - Michael Sykes - Peter Macasieb Charles Mashburn-OCBS - Paul Minerich-OEBS
11:30-1:30	Lunch: Hotdogs and Hamburgers available.
2:00-2:45 Saturday	Organic Fertilizer Seminar – Presented by Dr. Earth - Saturday Only.
3:00-4:30	Daily Benefit Drawing & Live Auction: Demonstration and donated trees, pots, tools and more. Please bring your donations of bonsai related items for the drawing and auction!
9:30-Sunday	Behind the Scenes Tour of Huntington Bonsai Nursery – Led by Ted Matson, Curator of the GSBF Collection at The Huntington - <i>Sunday only.</i>

PLEASE DO NOT POST THIS BONSAI-A-THON BADGE TO FACEBOOK OR ANY OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA SITE.

THIS BADGE IS FOR BONSAI CLUB MEMBERS ONLY! THANK YOU!

Attending the Bonsai-A-Thon is free, but does require registration at the Brody Botanical Center. You can speed up the process by cutting out and writing your name on the badge "ticket" to the right and showing it to the Bonsai-A-Thon registrar or to The Huntington security guard.

Please remember to bring your bonsai related items to donate to the daily benefit drawing and live auction.
Thank You!!!



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GSBF Collection News

We've had two volunteer work weekends in January, and more set for coming months. One of our repotting goals is the large Mas Moriguchi CA juniper. It looks like we're well on our way to completing our full collection repotting program on schedule. It began 5 years ago and, as a result, all our trees have benefitted from being grown in better soil. This past weekend, we repotted one of the largest California junipers in the collection, a job that took 5 guys to handle. And, we'll continue this over the next few months.

The Bonsai-A-Thon is going to be huge this year in terms of sales and auction material. We have received multiple gifts this past year, including two complete estate collections, one being the trees, stones, and other items from Harry Hirao, and another being the Jerry Madison collection, which includes many old trees and pots. Most all of these materials will be sold or auctioned this year, so there will be many great opportunities for people to acquire some old bonsai, stock and pots.

Ted E. Matson
January 2016

First Thursday & First Saturday

Please come join us for our First Thursday and First Saturday Programs. It allows GSBF to reach out to the general public and expand knowledge on the art of bonsai. The program allows Huntington patrons interested in bonsai to get information and have their questions answered by an expert. It is also an avenue to obtain new members for local Southern California clubs.

The program is open to everyone in the Southern California bonsai community. **You can volunteer for one, several, or all twelve Thursdays and/or Saturdays in the year!** Parking for the Bonsai Garden Specialists is **INSIDE** the gardens right above the collection. As an added bonus, you get to wear a spiffy GSBF Huntington Collection apron and a really neat Huntington Garden's Volunteer Badge.

If you would like further information on the GSBF First Thursday/Saturday Program, please contact Bill Wawrychuk, (818) 790-9415, b_wawrychuk@yahoo.com

For More Information about The GSBF Collection at The Huntington

Visit our Website:
www.gsbfhuntington.com

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