

BADGER NEWS

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May, 2006

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

Thursday, May 11th, 6:30 PM – Olbrich Gardens

Demo by Roy Nagatoshi styling a large yew

Friday, May 12th, 6:30 PM – Home of Bob

Workshop with Nagatoshi-san

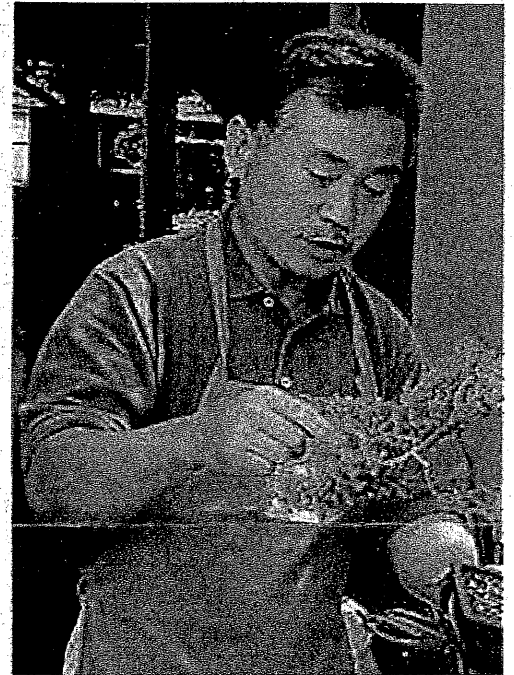
Saturday, May 13th, 11:00 AM – Home of Bob

Workshop with Nagatoshi-san

Note from Bob: Roy will be styling a large yew at the demo, which is free. Workshops are \$50.00 (bring your own tree). At this time, the workshops are full but there may be a chance that someone can't make it. It is a wonderful opportunity to have Roy show you the finer points in styling and designing your tree.

Silent observers fee is \$10.00. You can learn a very lot watching, as various species will be worked on.

I have known Roy for quite a few years and, in my opinion, he is one of the best teachers of bonsai -- a true artist and very knowledgeable in the Art of Bonsai.



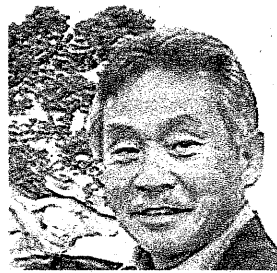
Next Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 6:30 PM

BOB'S HOUSE

The June meeting will be a workshop of cold hardy material (Amur maple) 5 trees on a slab, tray, or pot. This is up to the individual. We will start the workshop at 6:30 PM for members that can make it that early and for the others when they get here. More to come in the next newsletter.

About Roy Nagatoshi



Roy was born in the United States, but spent his early years in Japan - through junior high school - and returned in 1957.

His first encounter with bonsai was in 1959, working side-by-side with his father, Shigeru, learning the techniques of making bonsai. He watched him work with different types of trees, pruning, wiring, shaping and potting. Roy had become homesick for Japan, and the bonsai reminded him of the trees in the mountains, hills, and shorelines of Japan. He thoroughly fell in love with bonsai. His education in bonsai also included attending classes under John Naka.

In 1965, with the encouragement of Mr. Iura, Shigeru's bonsai master, Roy's parents opened the Fuji Bonsai Nursery in Sylmar, California, where Roy and his father conducted bonsai classes. Roy received a Bachelor of Science degree in Ornamental Horticulture from the Cal Poly University in Pomona, California. Also in 1975, Roy received his State Landscape Contractor's License and started a landscape contracting business.

In 1976, Roy gave his first lecture/demonstration to a local bonsai club. Since then, he has toured and conducted workshops and lecture/demonstrations in numerous states in the continental United States.

Major events in which Roy has been featured include the following:

California Bonsai Society Anniversary Conventions	Golden State Bonsai Federation Conventions
Potomac Bonsai Federation Conventions	Pacific Northwest Bonsai Federation Conventions
Texas, Lone Star Bonsai Federation Lecture Tour and Annual Convention	Mid-Atlantic Bonsai Festivals
ABS Convention & IBC Convention	Florida Bonsai Societies Convention
Brussell Nursery Spring Rendezvous	International Bonsai Arboretum, Bonsai Symposium