

## Officers 2008/2009

President - Susan, 332.7272  
 Vice President - Connie  
 Treasurer - Ken  
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## Calendar of Events

**Jan 17 - Tropicals at Karen's house.**  
**Feb 7 - Meeting, club workshop. Bring a tree.**  
**Mar 7 - Meeting, Meet at Karen's**  
**April 4 - Meeting, club workshop. Bring a tree.**  
**May 2 - Meeting, preparation for Mother's day weekend show.**  
**May 9-10 - Mother's day weekend show at the Bio Park**  
**June 6 - Meeting, club workshop. Bring a tree.**  
**July 11 - Summer potluck. Location to be announced.**

The Albuquerque Bonsai Club meets the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM.

Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
 Room 407. 8600 Academy NE  
 At the corner of Academy and Moon

## Join the Albuquerque Bonsai Club

Anyone interested in Bonsai is welcome to join the Albuquerque Bonsai Club.

Membership dues are \$24.00 per year for individuals or families starting in January.

The benefits of membership in the Albuquerque Bonsai Club include:

- Monthly meetings
- Seminars and Workshops
- Bonsai Shows
- The Albuquerque Bonsai Club's Library

## SOIL SCREENING

On May 21 Roger hosted us at his property to screen and separate an entire pick-up load of crushed lava that he had gone to Santa Fe to get up for us. Those of us who were novices at that job quickly learned to sift and screen and separate into various sizes the additive we need for repotting. Regardless of if we are using organic or inorganic soil mixes the crushed lava is an important component. And as always Judy saw to it that we had food and drink to keep our energy levels up. Thank you both for hosting this and making the drive to get the material as so many of us have neither the space, equipment nor skills to do this on our own. And for all of us the chance to work with one another was a pleasure.



## April 4 Meeting

The meeting on April 4 was devoted to the literati style bonsai and once again Connie had prepared a well researched and thought out program for the Club members. As an added attraction Roger brought plant material so members who didn't have literati in their gardens could work along with Connie and leave with a styled plant. The programs have greatly enhanced the skill level of our members. We become a more accomplished membership with every program from planting a forest to creating a saikei. As Connie said "We should learn something new at each one of our meetings and have fun doing it".

## [www.abqbonsaiclub.com](http://www.abqbonsaiclub.com)

Sean has volunteered his considerable skills to produce for the Club a beautiful website that is current, up to date, professional and a wealth of information. Go to [www.abqbonsaiclub.com](http://www.abqbonsaiclub.com) or [www.abqbonsai.org](http://www.abqbonsai.org) (the old address is now forwarded to the new web site) and enjoy. You will find articles, links, resources, photos, good humor and plenty of information there. And you will no doubt be sending it to friends to check out and visiting it often yourself. There is no Club in the country with a better site than ours and it could only have been done by

someone with a lot of knowledge and willingness to contribute the time. So go to the site and then thank Sean.

## Beginner's Bench

At the Beginner's Bench after the April meeting John talked with members who had never presented a bonsai at a show about how to prepare, present and display work. It is the aim for every member of the Club to have something entered in the Mother's Day show this year. "Refine, refine, refine" was John's advise to novice presenters. Please bring what you think you may be wanting to exhibit to the May 2 meeting and we will try to find appropriate stands, correct identification and ideas to make everything better. It is important that members who may not have worked with bonsai for years to encourage people new to the art to join us and this is not a juried show so we all should participate. As John said "Get over being embarrassed and get in the show".

## May 2, Meeting

The May 2 meeting will be devoted to getting ready for the show which needs to be set up at 5 pm on Friday May 8, arranged at 8 am Sat., May 9 and staffed both Sat. and Sunday until 5.00 both days and then taken down a 5 pm on Sunday. This is very labor intensive so everyone is encouraged to contribute. The Mother's Day show at the Botanic Garden is the only community education and outreach the Club schedules during the year and is a sources of new members. In fact Sean who just finished our new website found us at the show last year.

Please plan on signing up for a time slot to help set up, staff and take down the show. And come to the May meeting with either your entries or the names of what you expect to bring. Once again Anna is going to chair the show and needs all of this information to make up name tags for both us and our trees.

See you May 2 at 9.00 am.

