

SAN FRANCISCO SECTION THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS



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NEWSLETTER

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1976
LADIES NIGHT
COCKTAILS — 6:00 PM
DINNER — 7:00 PM
SPEAKER — 8:00 PM

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SPENGER'S FISH GROTTO
1919 - 4th STREET
BERKELEY
(University AVENUE EXIT)

MEET MISTER BONSAI NELSON DENNIS, SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA

Bonsai originated in China and then spread to Japan. The objective of growing bonsai is to duplicate in miniature a tree growing in its natural environment where due to climatic conditions and the topography of the land it grows into a picturesque form.

They may be a single tree or in groups, upright or windswept, or even a creation of one's own imagination. The five basic forms of bonsai are cascade, semi-cascade, formal upright, informal upright and slanting and may be referred to as green in a bowl.

Nelson recommends reading "The Japanese Art of Miniature Trees and Landscapes" by Yuji Yoshimura for bonsai enthusiasts as well as going to the library and joining a club for instructions on raising bonsai.

Nelson, manager of a men's clothing store, has actively been pursuing his hobby of growing bonsai since the fall of 1961 "when his wife signed him up in the East Bay Bonsai Society". Since then he has been president of the society twice and wife Lilian has served as secretary.

He has appeared on TV, lectured on bonsai at the Oakland museum and collaborated on designs for the California Spring Garden and Home Show with Henry Matsutani, the foremost Japanese landscape designer in this area. He will demonstrate the techniques of training and trimming the bonsai trees.

Dinner will be sauted Prawns or Veal Parmesan for \$7.50 each.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

TONI WILSON
(415) 261-3341 BY
DECEMBER 6, 1976

JANUARY 13, 1977

(LOCATION TO BE GIVEN LATER)

"NUCLEAR POWER — HOW IT FITS INTO THE OVERALL ENERGY MATRIX"

MR. MILTON LEVINSON, DIRECTOR OF NUCLEAR POWER DIVISION
ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE — PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

FEBRUARY 3, 1977

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OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT

"THE FUTURE OF AUTOMOTIVE PROPULSION TECHNOLOGY"

This is the 23rd Annual San Francisco Bay Area Technical Division's Conference. It is co-sponsored by the San Francisco Section, Santa Clara Valley Section, Mt. Diablo Section and the San Mateo Sub-Section of the Santa Clara Valley Section.

FEBRUARY 17, 1977

(LOCATION TO BE GIVEN LATER)

"A SCRAP TIRE - FIRED BOILER"

SPEAKER: MR. F. MICHAEL LEWIS, STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TOUR OF VICTORIA GARDENS, PALO ALTO

On Tuesday, December 14, the Woman's Auxiliary will informally tour Victoria Gardens. The 2-acre garden center opens at 9 a.m. and offers displays of redwood arbors, hanging plants and flowered walks, as well as a 14-room estate house filled with antiques, indoor plants and cut flowers. At 11 a.m. there will be a basket construction demonstration.

Convene at noon at the nextdoor Cabana Hyatt House for a Buffet Luncheon, \$5.00 per person.

Directions: From Route 101, take the San Antonio Avenue exit and drive north on El Camino Real to #4260. From Route 280, take the Arastradero Road Exit and drive south on El Camino Real.

Reservations: Call Mrs. William Welch in Sunnyvale (408) 739-6540 or Mrs. Albert Roth in Lafayette (415) 284-1288, by Thursday, December 9.

SAN MATEO SUB-SECTION

"ENGINEERING DESIGN OF MODERN AMUSEMENT RIDES"

The Materials Handling Technical Division has arranged for the program to be presented at Holiday Inn, Belmont, on *Thurs. Dec. 9*. This will be a regular meeting of the San Mateo Sub-Section, preceded by Social Hour at 5:30 and buffet dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Ron Toomer, Chief Engineer for Arrow Development Co., will bring us his illustrated talk on some of the mechanical thrillers which have made Disneyland, Great America and other parks what they are today. A REALLY LIVELY EVENING IS PROMISED.

All ASME members interested in Materials Handling are especially welcome and urged to attend, and to make their interest known at this meeting.

NATIONAL MEETING & CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Structures, Structural Dynamics & Materials March 21 - 23
Sheraton Harbor Island; San Diego, CA

Gas Turbine Conference & Products Show March 27 - 31
Hilton-Civic Center, Philadelphia, Pa.

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A. Are you receiving your newsletter on time? If not, please contact Erland Persson, 415-835-3000, Ext. 365.

B. If you know of information that should be included in this newsletter send it to:
Diana L. Brown, Bechtel Corp., P.O. Box 3965, San Francisco, CA 94119

Information for the January newsletter must be in the hands of the publicity chairman not later than December 9 & January 6 for the February edition.

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Merry Christmas