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**W**ell here it is June already. Things are growing like crazy now especially if you have been fertilizing on a regular basis. Your deciduous trees will need regular trimming. Trim off any new long growth that protrudes out past the trees profile.

Now is a good time to pinch back the new growth on your pines to encourage them to bud back. This should only be done on healthy trees. If you are brave it is a good time to leaf prune your deciduous trees such as maples or elms. This should be done only on strong trees that have been fertilized well and show a lot of strength. Cut the leaves using a sharp pair of scissors, be sure to leave most of the petiole. Trees that have been leaf pruned should be placed in partial shade. Be careful not to over water leaf pruned trees their water needs decrease until new growth starts to appear.

Keep an eye out for those nasty little pests that like to munch your trees. Spray as needed. A good Insecticidal Soap will do the job. Avoid spraying trees on really hot days.

Your trees have been growing strongly all spring which means the branches are

getting thicker so pay close attention to your wires. Remove any wires that may be in danger of cutting into the branches of your trees. Pay special attention to the wire on the outside bend of branches as the wire is usually the tightest here. Also watch those areas where the wire crosses. Continue fertilizing your trees every two weeks with a weak solution of your favorite fertilizer (I use quarter or half strength depending on the tree).

This month John Lust is going to assemble a saikei (Japanese for landscape planting) or penjing in Chinese. He will demonstrate how to incorporate rock with trees and other smallish plants to create a "view".

Next month Jerry Tomeo will host the meeting on Saturday July 17th at his nursery. He is going to help build styling turntables for those interested. The cost will be somewhere in the neighborhood of 12-15 dollars for materials. Let us know this Friday if you are interested. If you won't be at this meeting you and would like to build a table at the July meeting you can email me at [info@evergreenbonsaisociety.com](mailto:info@evergreenbonsaisociety.com). Others are invited to bring a tree to work on. The professionally grown seiju elms with great roots are going to be available for purchase at

this meeting. The diameters range from about an inch to 2 1/2 inches. This is a good opportunity to get some superior material at a reasonable cost.

Dorothy Rasmussen was given a small truckload of plastic bonsai pots. She would like to give the pots to anyone who is interested. These are small, inexpensive pots. Never used, but the black ones have been out in the weather for 2 - 3 years and collected fir needles and some dirt. The black ones are heavier plastic, but not mica, and sort of 'old bathtub' in shape. They are 3 1/2" x 5" x 2".

The brown ones are 4 1/2" x 6 3/4" x 2". These are shaped like training pots and are rigid medium weight plastic. Some of these are still in their wrapper and thus clean.

Dorothy can be contacted at 360-779-3446. She will also bring some to the meeting this Friday.

**See you all Friday!**  
**This month's meeting will be held at Olympic College in the shop area room 114 on Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M.**