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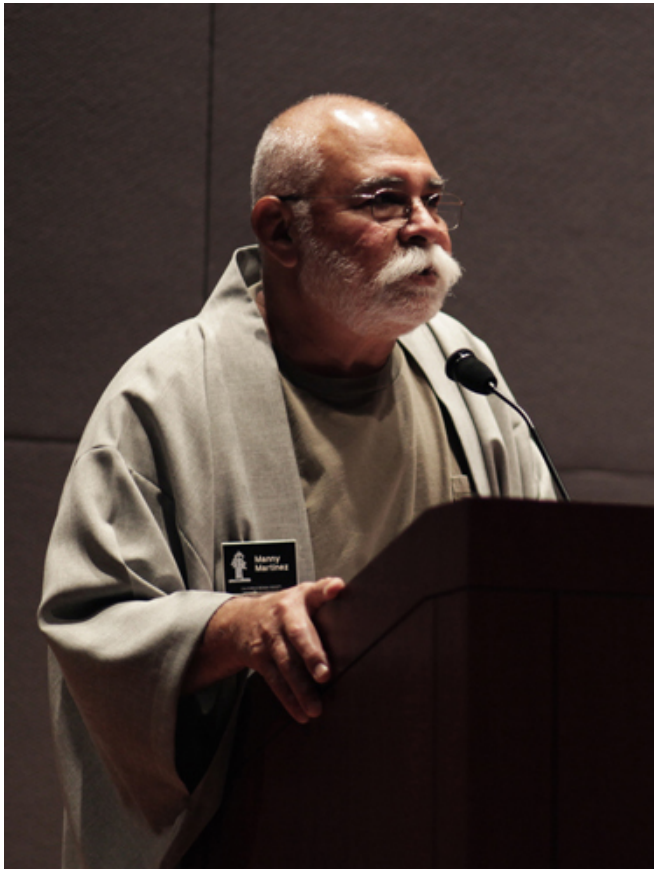
FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

The Bonsai-A-Thon is This Month!

**Saturday February 17, 2018 at 7 pm**

Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd., Anaheim, East Classroom

**There will be a pre-meeting workshop at 4:30pm, bring something to work on.**



KOFU KAI'S OWN

## **MANNY MARTINEZ**

### **Repotting Demo and New Fertilizer Review**

Manny Martinez has been a big part of Kofu Kai almost from its beginning. He's been president twice, has helped in many, many other capacities and is singlehandedly responsible for our current relationship with the Bowers Museum which graciously hosts our annual show. He teaches a group of bonsai students, exhibits in shows around Southern California every year and has served on the board of GSBF.

Like all good bonsai artists, Manny is always trying out new things and looking for innovative and economical ways to

practice this art. The hydroponic industry has expanded rapidly due to the legalization of cannabis cultivation and the interest in growing 'organic' produce. New equipment and fertilizers have become available to everyone and some of them offer interesting options to bonsai growers.

Manny is going to do a repotting demonstration and discuss soils, fertilizers and other aspects of bonsai cultivation. Ask him about his favorite nurseries for finding material.

There will be some special raffle prizes too!

**It's time to pay your dues so that we can continue to offer quality demonstrations.**

**Mail dues to Ryan Cali, 52 Dianthus, Rancho Santa Margarita Ca 92688-1024.**

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Expert Sharpening of Grafting Knife



Fred brought an assortment of plants for grafting including some rare needle juniper varieties from Japan. This is an example of how a fairly ordinary juniper with an interesting base can be enhanced with grafting and the creation of interesting deadwood features.



A close up view of a graft on a juniper showing Fred's use of small grafting bags with a damp cotton ball inside instead of the usual hunk of sphagnum moss.



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## LAST MEETING WITH FRED MIYAHARA



The juniper on the end of the table was a generous raffle donation from Fred and was grafted by him with kiishu shimpaku over 10 years ago. I've totally forgotten who won it in the raffle!

Fred's demo was very detailed and covered everything from choosing the scion, different types of cuts on the scion and the host, his preferred way of matching cambium layers, wrapping and sealing the graft, the use of grafting bags and tape, aftercare and so on.

Grafting allows us to change foliage on a tree, to place branches where we want them to be, and to get closer to the design we're trying to create.

We can read about grafting, watch many demos of grafting, ask questions about it but the only way to learn is by doing it and doing it over and over until we gain enough experience to get the outcome we want.

## Thank you for supporting your club by buying a few raffle tickets and donating to the raffle and refreshments and by paying your annual dues!

It costs a lot to open our doors each month, close to \$500.00 dollars per meeting to provide the quality bonsai experience offered by Kofu Bonsai Kai. That figure includes rent of the church classroom, storage unit rental, demonstrator's fees, insurance, Christmas party expenses, refreshment expenses, donations to other organizations, professional photography and on and on.

Revenues have diminished steadily from the raffles and auction while at the same time, all expenses have been rising.

If you appreciate what we bring to the bonsai community please show it by buying raffle tickets or contributing items to the raffle. We know that money is tight for many members. Even five or ten dollars in raffle tickets helps. If everyone did that the books would begin to balance again.



## Bonsai-A-Thon

Fundraiser for  
**THE GOLDEN STATE BONSAI FEDERATION  
COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON**  
**February 24-25, 2018**



*Daily Benefit Drawing & Live Auction*

*Bonsai Show  
Bonsai Styling Demonstrations  
by Noted Bonsai Masters*



*Select Vendors Selling Top-Quality  
Tools, Pots and Trees*

**GSBF Early Bird Passes  
For Bonsai Club Members  
7:30am - 5:00pm  
General Public  
10:00am - 5:00pm**

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **2018 Bonsai A Thon**

February 24 and 25, 2018

8 am to 5 pm

The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens

Botanical Center

Vendors, Demos, Bonsai Exhibit,

Daily Raffles and Auctions

**January 20 - Fred Miyahara, grafting**

**February 17 - Manny Martinez, secrets of  
successful transplanting PLUS new advances in  
fertilization thanks to the hydroponic industry.**

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