

The Kofu Kai Review

The Monthly Newsletter of the Kofu Bonsai Kai Club

Meeting Time and Place

Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Anaheim Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd, Anaheim, CA



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Talking



Hello everyone and Happy New Year!!

This month lets talk about that thing that is all around us and usually under our feet. But more importantly that which we put our trees in which allows them to thrive, and sometimes causes problems as well. This is usually a subject we give little attention to. It's transplant time and maybe a good time to rethink how you have been approaching your planting medium.

This may be old information for some but it never hurts to revisit some old teachings and possibly some new ideas. Not only will we talk about the soil but how your habits and climate zone may affect your mix.

Areas that I will cover will be aggrate, organic, containers, fertilizers and watering habits.

For those who attend I will bring some soils and items for the raffle.

So bring your concers and maybe I will have an answer for you.

Kofu Kai Christmas Party

For those who attended, Kofu Kai wishes to thank you for your support and hopes you had a wonderful time. We wish to thank those who brought food and goodies for everyone to enjoy and also those who brought items for the raffle. As usual the raffle was a success and a number of our members walked off with some great items to add to their collection's, and supplies.

I do apologize for not listing you names as donors as we usually do, due to some miscommunication and sign up lists not being put out. Nobody caught it until after the party was over.

BOWERS MUSEUM SHOW CALENDARS

The Kofu Kai Calendars will be available at the meeting. The cost is \$8.00 ea. please bring exact change for your purchase

BOWERS MUSEUM



Harry Hirao, California Juniper

January

KOFU BONSAI KAI - BONSAI IDEAS

BY MARTY MANN

If deciduous trees start to sprout, bring them gradually into sunlight. If the tree is kept in a shaded area, new growth will be long, leggy and weak. Be careful to protect this new growth from any surprise cold or frost that causes dieback. When warm weather comes--so does the ever-present insect population. Be prepared to spray early with a good commercial insecticide or miticide. Follow manufacturer's directions for your mixtures.

This is the time to spray deciduous trees with a dormant spray (lime sulfur) before any sign of new growth appear. Avoid the soil surfaces in the pots as well as the pots themselves. Dripping chemicals harm the tender roots and leave unsightly stains on the pots.

Survey the finished trees in bonsai pots. Are they still a proper match in size or color to the tree? Has the maturity and styling of the tree changed it enough to consider repotting into a new pot? Is it taller, wider, fatter? Now is the time to redesign 'completed' trees. Make a list of the trees that will require repotting. Place a marker in the pots that require attention this year for identification. Begin with the conifers, followed by the deciduous trees, then the flowering and fruiting trees. Begin while they are still in a dormant stage or just beginning to emerge. Some of this activity can wait until later in February. Go easy on any pruning that may be required--particularly on the early transplants. Let the branches mature. Wait until the sap begins to flow before you do any serious pruning or pinching of the new growing tips.

Another important activity at this time involves your tools. Sort them out. Sharpen all cutting edges, remove accumulations of rust and tar stains by using the new Japanese erasers, dip into a bleach solution to purify, then oil all surfaces for protection. You're ready to go.

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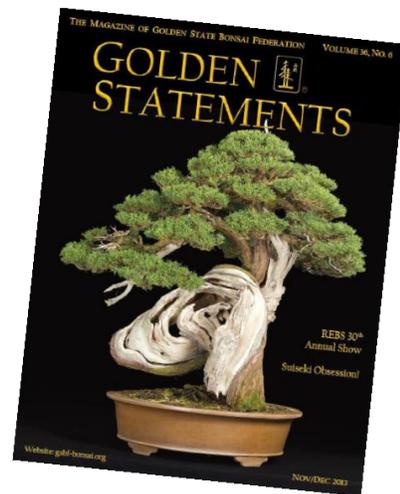
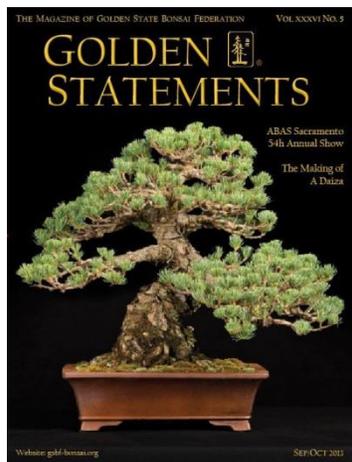
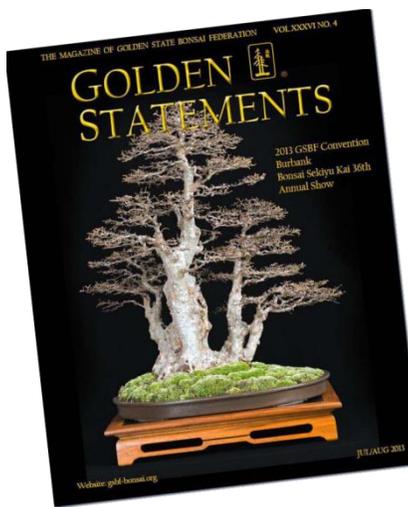
Winter Silhouettes Show, January 17-18, 10am to 4:30pm daily,
L.A. County Arboretum, 310 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA

Bonsai-A-Thon, February 28 to March 1st. 10am to 4:30pm daily,
Huntington Gardens and Library, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino,
CA.

PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

Beginners, looking to get started! Looking to improve your bonsai artistry and technique! Preparing your trees for exhibition! Wondering how to get started in Bonsai and have questions? Have a tree that is "difficult" to style and you may not know what to do. Questions on preparing your tree or displaying it at the Annual Show? No matter what your objectives are, you can bring your trees to work on at the pre-meeting workshop where experts like Ryan Cali, Paul Vasina and Harley Newman can assist. Meet from 4:00pm -6:00pm prior to the monthly meeting.

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