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MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

Our next meeting is Saturday March 21 at 7 PM

We meet at the Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim, east classroom. Donations to the Kofu raffle and refreshment table are always welcome!



Will Baddeley

He's ba-aaaak and he's ready to show you how to use power tool carving techniques to turn ordinary plant material into first rate bonsai.

Will Baddeley is continuing his quest to teach the world to carve and to avoid being in the UK during the cold months. We support

him in both quests and welcome him for a carving demonstration at our meeting on Saturday, March 21 at 7 PM.

He will be demonstrating on some fine material owned by Wanda Danesi. You will learn about different power carving tools and bits, techniques, safety tips and much more.

Please join us and learn new advanced carving skills. Highly recommended that you follow his Facebook page, **Wildwood Bonsai**. He posts often and you will learn a lot just by watching his work around Europe and the U.S.A.



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President's Message

Thank You!

Many thanks to all who came to help at the Bonsai-A-Thon and especially the exhibitors; Lindsay Shiba who brought Kofu's Harry Hirao juniper, Tak Nakamura, Jim Pierce, Ton Vuong, Al Nelson and Wanda Danesi for her blooming rosemary which caused a lot of excitement among the visitors. We devoted on table to Manny Martinez and Paul Vasina and it featured viewing stones from each of them as well as photos and biographies.

Also thanks to members who came to the Bowers on March 1 to help at the annual Cherry Blossom Festival; David Melitz, Mike Viljak, Tak Nakamura, and Jim Pierce plus Debra Melitz who did a demo on accent plants. It was cold and windy but they moved us to a more sheltered position and in spite of weather and viruses the event was very well attended and we talked to many people about bonsai.

Special thanks to all who brought deciduous trees to the Sergio Cuan critique and made it a memorable and informative evening. The video of the live stream can be viewed on the Kofu Kai Facebook page. Trees came from Mike Viljak, Gary Lai, Anthony Chiusolo, Wanda Danesi, Ruben Ayala, Doug McGavin and Ian Burke and me.

In other news, we have our dates for our 2020 Bowers Museum exhibit!

They want us from Thursday Sept. 3 through Sunday Sept. 6 so our set up date will be Wednesday September 2.

Please contact Carol Upston now if you want to show a tree.

coming soon

April 4 - 5 - The Green Scene plant sale at the Fullerton Arboretum will again feature an exhibit of bonsai trees from members of the Orange County bonsai clubs including us. Jim Pierce is coordinating the event. He will be contacting some of you to help out or show a tree. This plant sale is worth attending just for the shopping opportunities! Why not help out at the bonsai exhibit as long as you're there!

The Dark Side

Many things have turned around for the better in the last year. We are benefiting from the CBS Visiting Artist program and have more attendance at those meetings. We have had generous donations to the auction and raffle. There has been good response to requests for volunteers and helpers of all sorts. Even though the date of the Christmas party was just a few days before Christmas, we had a good turn out and a very enjoyable party.

The Dark Side is how to pay for it. At the Sergio Cuan meeting we had very few raffle donations and sold exactly zero, 0, tickets. I realize that you may not always see anything you want on the raffle table. It's not about that, it's about paying the bills. You do not have to even put your tickets in the drum! Just buy a few and give them to someone else or toss them. If everyone in the room had bought ten bucks worth of tickets or even five, we would be covering our expenses. I know you like these demonstrations because so many of you show up, so please cough up. Also please bring something for the raffle. We depend on donations. If this continues I may have to start passing the hat at meetings, not kidding.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! - Carol Upston

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Thank you Sergio! You can see the video of the live stream of the February critique on the Kofu Kai Facebook page. Also, Sergio did an interesting lecture and slide presentation at California Bonsai Society and that video can be viewed on their Facebook page as well.



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The Future (2020)

March 21

Will Baddeley Carving Demo
at Kofu Bonsai Kai!

March 21 - 22

California Bonsai Society
Annual Exhibit and reception at the
Huntington

April 4 - 5 2020

The Green Scene

Fullerton Arboretum
Bonsai Exhibit by Kofu Kai and the
other Orange County clubs
Jim Pierce is in charge, contact him
asap if you want to show a tree.

April 18, 2020

Kofu Kai presents our own Tak Nakamura
with a demonstration of thread grafting, a
very useful and easy technique

May 2 - 3

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai annual show
Serenity Through Bonsai
Nakaoka Community Center
Gardena

May 16

Kofu welcomes CBS visiting artist
Marjia Hardic

May 23,24,25

Santa Anita Bonsai Society show and sale
Los Angeles Arboretum
Arcadia

June 20

Kofu meeting TBA

July 18

CBS visiting artist Christopher Sambolin

August 15

Kofu Kai Annual Benefit Auction!!!

**September 3 - 6, set up on
Wednesday Sept. 2**

Kofu Kai Annual show at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana

If you want to show a tree at this
exhibit, please contact Carol
Upston now. This is the time to
start getting a tree and accent
ready, maybe more than one just in
case.

email or text

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310-346-4203

September

Member Workshop to welcome new people
and guests

October

Mel Ikeda

November

CBS visiting artist Nik Rozman

December 12

Kofu Kai Christmas Party!

Dates and programs subject to change!

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What we get up to



The festivities were moved indoors at the Bowers festival due to weather but there was a good crowd and we were sheltered outside the windows.

Debra Melitz did a running demo of accent plants and other members worked on trees and talked to visitors.

Below is Kofu Kai's legacy tree from Harry Hirao seen at our Bonsai A Thon show. After his passing his family gave this tree to us and asked that Lindsay Shiba be its caretaker. He's doing a beautiful job of re-establishing the style of this magnificent California juniper.

