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JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER - **2019 DUES ARE DUE**

**Saturday January 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM**

**Note that we will NOT be at our usual location or on our usual date.**

## **FIELD TRIP; WORKSHOP AND DEMO AT TOM VUONG'S** 117 E SIMMONS AVE, ANAHEIM 92802



### **Happy New Year!**

We are going to travel to Tom Vuong's house for our January meeting. Please note that the date is Saturday January 26. We are skipping our regular date so that everyone can attend the annual Baikoen Silhouettes show at the LA County Arboretum in Arcadia which is on the 19th and 20th. The reception, auction and raffle are on Saturday evening, January 19.

Tom Vuong has generously offered to do a juniper grafting workshop and demo at his home. He is donating his time and the materials so this is a **fund raising event for Kofu Kai**.

This is a bring-your-own juniper workshop. The grafts will be Kiishu Shinpaku juniper. You can bring a Prostrata, San Jose, or California Juniper to be grafted or even Hollywood juniper.

You need to bring a **grafting knife**. Tom will be showing you individually how to graft. He will make sure that you can do it correctly and will do it for you if necessary. He will determine with you the number and placement of scions that will work well on your tree. If you do not have a suitable juniper but want to be in the workshop, Tom can obtain one for you at a reasonable price but contact me right away about this.

This is a really good opportunity to learn to graft correctly. Contact me to reserve a space at [carolupston@icloud.com](mailto:carolupston@icloud.com). There are limited spaces for getting your tree grafted with Tom but everyone can come and watch and learn Tom's technique for simple and successful grafting. There can be unlimited silent observers. Kofu members get first chance at this event, I will open it to others if necessary so contact me right away if you want to participate at [carolupston@icloud.com](mailto:carolupston@icloud.com) or text or call 310-346-4203. You can pay your dues on the day of the workshop too.

The cost of the workshop is \$50.00 per person. The grafts will be Shinpaku juniper. Bring a grafting knife and your juniper. All other supplies are included in the fee. **All the money goes to Kofu Kai.**

Bring a sandwich or other lunch and your coffee. Kofu will provide water and cookies or snacks. Feel free to come and watch the workshop. We don't know exactly when he'll be done with the workshop so come and hang out and there will be a demo after the workshop. Get your rain gear ready. being a SoCal weather weenie is no excuse to miss this!

Tom's house is at  
117 E Simmons Ave.  
Anaheim 92802

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It's time to pay the light bill.

if you haven't already paid your dues, here is a handy form you can print out and mail with your check to Ryan Cali, 52 Dianthus, Rancho Santa Margarita, 92688-1024 Or you paid your dues in September through December of 2018, you are paid up for 2019! Thank you!

## Kofu Bonsai Kai Membership Application

Annual Dues : \$30.00 Single \$35.00 Couple

Please Print Clearly

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Full Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_

State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s)\_\_\_\_\_

**\*E-Mail**\_\_\_\_\_

**Mandatory!!!**

Paid:

\_\_\_\_ Cash, in person only

\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to Kofu Bonsai Kai

Mail-in Address:

Ryan Cali

52 Dianthus

Rancho Santa Margarita

Ca 92688-1024



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Thanks to all who have helped with your dues, participation, donations and your valuable time.  
**IT WAS AN AMAZING YEAR.**





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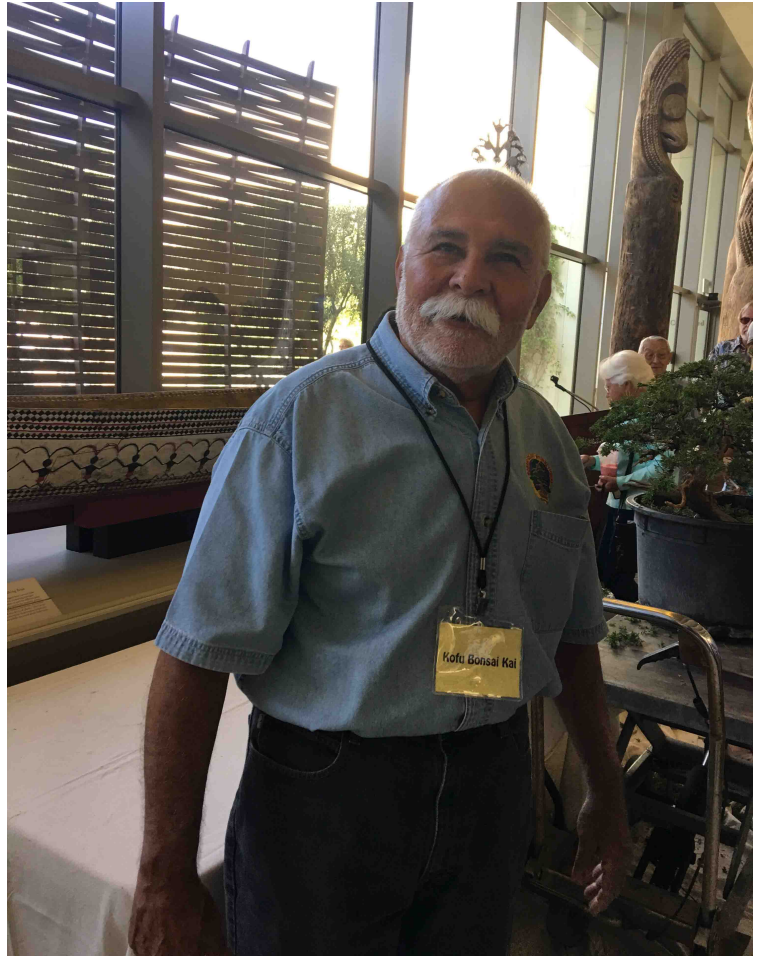


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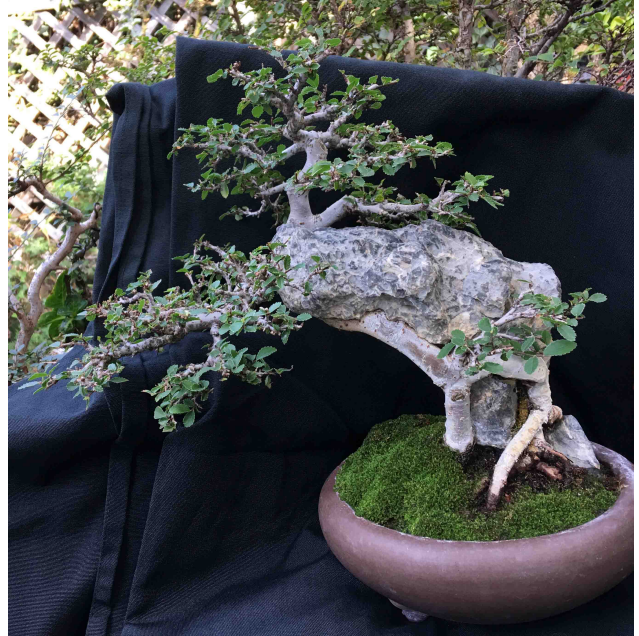


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an amazing year. Although we've yet to solve a couple of long term problems like the cost of storage, there were a lot of big positives in 2018.

Bob Pressler gave a shot of energy to all the SoCal bonsai clubs when he became President of the California Bonsai Society and began booking national and international bonsai demonstrators and sharing them with local clubs. CBS pays their travel and living expenses and the clubs pay a fee for the demo or workshops. With the first demonstrator, Will Baddelley, it was clear that something big was happening. We went from a modest turn out at meetings to standing room only. That continued in August with Pedro Morales. Both of those guys were very well received by members. And the renewed interest continued even with local demonstrators. Al Rivera drew a good crowd in June and the same with Tom Vuong in July.

A few words about the show. It. Was. Great. Manny Martinez put together a beautifully staged event and Tom Vuong graciously did the demonstration. One very good thing that happened was that Manny was able to connect with a reporter from the Los Angeles Times Orange County edition and he did an article on the show. That one thing alone was responsible for boosting the attendance and the number of new members that joined the club after attending the show.

Another big change this year was that at the Ted Matson demo in April, we began live streaming select meetings on social media. This is an ongoing experiment and we have had good feedback with hundreds of folks tuning in around the globe. Early fears that our members would just stay home and watch demos online proved unfounded with only one or two local folks opting to watch remotely.

Thanks are due to Jason Saito for taking on the job of visiting all interested clubs and teaching them how to livestream video. Thank you Jason for somehow making time in your very busy life.

The annual Kofu auction was moved to October due to Pedro Morales being here in August. Again thanks to Robert Pressler and the California Bonsai Society for donating to Kofu many very nice trees and pots which helped a lot to boost the revenue from the auction.

If there was a down note at all, it was the last minute and bizarre cancellation by Harry Harrington of his November trip to California. The less said about that the better.

Special thanks this year to Manny Martinez, friend and nemesis, for his work on the Bowers show; to Marybel Balendonck, Larry and Nina Ragle, Manny Martinez, Anthony Chiusolo, Justine Keller and other anonymous folks for your generous donations; to Debra Mauzy Melitz and her paramour David Melitz for always saying yes to everything and participating to the max; To Shari Religa and Don Martin for helping me set up so many times; to Dan and Wanda Danesi for everything; to Bob and Kim Warner and Michael Walsh for hanging in there always; to Ruben Ayala for transporting and babysitting the Kofu auction trees; to Tom Vuong for more things than I have room to list, you are doing the good work in bonsai; to Anthony Chiusolo and Mike Viljak for your continuing help and support; to Lindsay Shiba, Dave Miles and Peter Macasieb for driving here from far away and to everyone, Thank you!

P.S. Since I have everyone's attention, I really need at least two people to come early to meetings, between 6 and 6:30 pm to help me set up. My regular people are no longer able to make it so please contact me if you can be early.

P.P.S. I will be doing a Tanuki demo this year on an amazing gnarled piece of dead star jasmine. If you can do a demo for free for Kofu, let me or Michael Walsh know.

Carol Upston



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## THE FUTURE

### **Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai**

Silhouettes Show  
Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia  
Saturday January 19 and Sunday January 20  
Reception Saturday evening with entertainment,  
auction and raffle

### **Orange Empire Bonsai Society Show**

Sherman Library and Gardens  
2647 East Coast Highway, Corona Del Mar  
February 2nd and 3rd, 10:30 - 4  
Sat. 11 am workshop by Jason Chan  
\$75 members, 4100 non members  
register at [www.slgardens.org](http://www.slgardens.org)  
free saikei demo at 1pm Sunday  
sale table both days

### **Founding President**

Harry Hirao

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[carolupston@icloud.com](mailto:carolupston@icloud.com)

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Open

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Open

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### **Badges**

Shari Religa

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### **Membership**

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52 Dianthus

Rancho Santa Margarita CA 92688-1024

### **Newsletter Editor**

Carol Upston 310-346-4203

### **Kofu Bonsai Kai and CBS present**

### **Elsa Boudouri**

Saturday February 16 at 7pm

Anaheim United Methodist Church

1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim

### **Bonsai A Thon!**

February 23 and 24

Huntington Botanic Gardens, San Marino

Demonstrations, Vendors, Exhibits, Pancakes!

See Flyer Below



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 or stuffing a few bills into the donation jar. 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.

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



## Bonsai-A-Thon

Fundraiser for  
**THE GOLDEN STATE BONSAI FEDERATION  
COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON**  
**February 23-24, 2019**



*Daily Benefit Drawing & Live Auction*

*Bonsai Styling Demonstrations  
by Noted Bonsai Masters  
Bonsai Show  
Antique Bonsai Pot Exhibit*



*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**