

# KOFU BONSAI KAI KOFUKAI.ORG

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

**Saturday October 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm**

**Please arrive no later than 5:30 if you are donating items and no later than 6 pm if you are bidding.**

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

**Important: calendars are available this year by pre-paid order only - see below**

## KOFU KAI AUCTION

### TIME TO POKE AROUND IN YOUR YARD AND TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOUR BENCHES

It's time again for our main fundraiser of the year. This is the event that pays the light bill and lets us bring you top quality demonstrators. This year we have already received a number of exciting donations, large and small. Some of these were donated to Kofu by the California Bonsai Society and we thank them for their generosity. The more valuable items will carry a reserve and if the reserve is not met they will be sold at a later date. The reserve will be very reasonable considering the quality of these trees and other items.

Kofu Kai accepts cash, cards, and will accept personal checks from members of GSBF clubs who are known to us. Items must be picked up after the auction is finished.



Large bougainvillea from CBS. This photo was taken in August. It's the variety with blooms that start out orange and fade to pink. It probably won't be in bloom again by the auction date. The tree is approximately 28 inches tall and 33 inches wide and the pot is 18 x 23 x 7 3/4.



This California juniper was also donated by CBS. It lost some foliage during the severe day of heat in July but is coming back strong and pushing new buds everywhere. This will be a show stopping tree. It is approximately 32 inches tall and 30 inches wide. The pot is 26 x 19 1/2 x 7.

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This is the other large California juniper donated by CBS. It also dropped some needles in the heat event in July but immediately started to recover and is pushing new growth. We left some of the brown needles because new buds were emerging. I'm not sure which is the front, you'll have to see it in person to decide. The approximate measurements are 38 inches tall and 44 inches wide WITH the pot. The pot is 21 x 16 1/2 x 6.

Remember this beauty? Tom Vuong styled this amazing juniper this summer for Kofu Kai and donated it to the auction. It has at least 25 kiishu shinpaku grafts on a curvy base of prostrata type juniper. Tom has done all the hard work for you here. The tree is completely styled and wired. A little trimming as it grows and this will be a show tree in very short order.



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I've been taking care of this little shohin elm and I'm going to miss it. It's a root 'under' rock Chinese elm with age and nice branch development. It's in good health and measures 10 inches high and 12 inches wide and the round pot is 7 1/2 x 3 inches.

This is also part of the CBS gift.



**MORE PHOTOS COMING SOON!!**

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome new members Richard Dixon, Carol and Dave Hill, Lois Lakis, Michael Schloffer and returning members Paul and Linda Vasina.

## CALENDARS!!

That's right, after numerous requests, calendars will be available by pre-paid order. If you want calendars contact Manny Martinez for details at [manny22816@aol.com](mailto:manny22816@aol.com) or call him at 949-683-0322.

He wants to have all of you paid orders by the early part of November so do this ASAP. The cost will be \$11.00 per calendar.



## LAST MONTH WITH LINDSAY SHIBA

Our September meeting featured Lindsay Shiba demonstrating an amazing rock gluing technique that allows you to very quickly construct a strong and stable rock structure for planting ishizuki or saikei designs.

The basic idea is to use super thin, ultra fast setting cyanoacrylate (super glue) which is dripped into dry portland cement mixed with sand. This forms an instant bond which can be strengthened with additional layers applied from all sides of the join.

Lindsay chose an unusual combination of carpet juniper and scrub oak seedlings for his planting.

This will be in the auction!!!

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## THE FUTURE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NOVEMBER 17, HARRY HARRINGTON FROM THE UK

DECEMBER 1, KOFU KAI CHRISTMAS PARTY, 12

NOON TO 3 PM

MAMMOTH RAFFLE, POT LUCK

18631 CHURCH LANE, HUNTINGTON BEACH

JANUARY 2019, DATE TO BE SET

CLUB VISIT, DEMO AND WORKSHOP AT THE HOME OF  
TOM VUONG

## PLEASE DONATE TO THE AUCTION

The Kofu auction is a great source of bonsai material for beginning, intermediary and advanced bonsai artists and we all have plants sitting around that we have lost interest in or outgrown and I urge you to consider donating something to the auction. Your cast off is another persons new beginning.

IMPORTANT: If you have something that you'd like to donate but you can't get it here to the auction, please contact me, [carolupston@icloud.com](mailto:carolupston@icloud.com) or 310-346-4203 or Manny, [manny22816@aol.com](mailto:manny22816@aol.com) or 949-683-0322 so that we can arrange to have it picked up.

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## Thanks to September Donors:

Raffle: Justine Keller, Tom Vuong, Nina and Larry Ragle, Carol Upston, Mike Viljak, Estate of Ev Bassin

Refreshments: Bob and Kim Warner, Larry and Nina Ragle, Justine Keller, Wendy Tsai

**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.