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MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER - 2019 DUES ARE DUE

Saturday March 16, at 7:00 pm

Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim
Donations to the raffle and refreshment table are always welcome!

JASON CHAN

The Foundation of Bonsai: How to Style a Juniper



Jason discusses the fine points of Juniper styling at a meeting of the Santa Anita Bonsai Society last year.

Jason Chan's experience with bonsai spans over 14 years. In 2004, he along with his wife, Renee, founded Eastern Leaf, a store tailored to bonsai enthusiasts of all levels. Jason serves on the board of the Golden State Bonsai Federation and also served for two years as the editor of their quarterly bonsai magazine, Golden Statements. Jason supports the local bonsai community with workshops at his nursery. He also holds demonstrations at bonsai clubs and botanical gardens throughout Southern California. He enjoys creating awareness of bonsai and hosts several free kids bonsai workshops a year.

When not spending time with his wife and two boys, you can find him at the Eastern Leaf nursery helping visitors learn more about bonsai.



Jason has devoted a lot of time to workshops that help people get into bonsai like this free kids workshop put on by Jason and the San Diego bonsai club last October.

Last Month

Numerous people have contacted me to say how much they enjoyed the critique of Kofu Member's trees by Elsa Boudouri. I saw a few lightbulbs light up over heads as she talked.

I also enjoyed very much her thoughtful and approach to refining trees and i thought her ability to connect with individuals and convey subtle ideas about the trees was outstanding.

I hope she'll be back some day to spend more time seeing California and participating in our bonsai community.



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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 if 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) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

***E-Mail** _____

Mandatory!!!

Paid:

____ Cash, in person only

____ Check # _____ Payable to Kofu Bonsai Kai

Mail-in Address:

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Thanks to all who have helped with your dues, participation, donations and your valuable time.

Friday March 16 at 7 PM

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai

Will Baddeley carving demonstration

Nakaoka Community Center

1700 W. 162nd St.

Gardena 90247

March 23 and 24

California Bonsai Society

62nd Annual Show

Huntington Botanic Gardens, San Marino

Reception Saturday March 23 5:30- 7:30 PM

All members of the bonsai community are

welcome to attend the show and reception.

April 6 and 7

Orange County Bonsai Clubs joint exhibit

at the **Green Scene**

Fullerton Arboretum

1900 Associated Rd.

Fullerton 92831

Sunday April 7

Bowers Museum Spring Festival

11:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Kofu Kai will be exhibiting trees and talking to

visitors about bonsai

April 20

Kofu Bonsai Kai Meeting

We will be in the large church hall this time

Demonstrator to be announced

May 4 and 5

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai

Serenity Through Bonsai

34th annual exhibit and sale

Demonstrations at 1 PM both days

Sales Area

Dinner reception Saturday at 6 PM

SoCal bonsai club members welcome

club auction at 8 PM after reception

May 18

Kofu Kai along with the California

Bonsai Society present

Tomohiro Masumi, shohin master from

Japan

Usually Memorial Day Weekend

Santa Anita Bonsai Society show

Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia

Sometime in June

Descanso Bonsai Society Show

June 15

Kofu Bonsai Kai Meeting

Carol Upston demonstrates tanuki technique

on massive star jasmine.

July 20

Kofu Kai along with the California Bonsai

Society presents Iliana Telli Marcela Ortiz

August 17

Kofu Kai Annual Fundraising Auction

It's not too early to look around your yard for

donations to this important event.

Kofu Kai Annual Show at the Bowers

Date to be Announced

September 21

Kofu Kai meeting

Demonstrator to be Announced

October 19

Kofu Kai meeting

Demonstrator to be Announced

November 16

Kofu Kai along with the California Bonsai

Society present

Todd Schlafer

December

Kofu Kai Christmas Party TBA

January 2020

Kofu Kai Repotting Workshop and

visit to Tom Vuong's collection

February 15, 2020

Sergio Cuan



An Important Bonsai Event

The Golden State Bonsai Federation and The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens will be regaining an important bonsai masterpiece on Saturday, March 23, 2019, as the California Bonsai Society hosts Jack Sustic, former curator of the North American Bonsai Collection at the US National Arboretum in Washington, DC, to lead the replanting of "Goshin III" during the 62nd annual CBS Bonsai Exhibition. The public demonstration will take place from 1 - 4 pm in the Botanical Auditorium on the lower level of the Brody Botanical Center (near the elevator) at The Huntington, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino.

The original "Goshin," or Guardian of the Spirit, is a forest-style bonsai created by John Naka, and is far and away the most famous American bonsai. The planting features 11 foemina junipers (*Juniperus chinensis* 'Foemina'), with training of the oldest starting in 1948. As arranged, the trees represent John's children and grandchildren.

John donated the tree to the National Bonsai Foundation in 1984, and it moved to the US National Arboretum where it remains to this day. However the California bonsai community felt the loss of such an

important masterpiece and requested that John re-create it. At two different convention events in the 1990's, John and a team created replicas. Known as "Goshin II" and "Goshin III," the plantings were subsequently given to each of the GSBF Collection sites, the GSBF Bonsai Museum at Lake Merritt in Oakland, CA, and the GSBF Collection at The Huntington, respectively. "Goshin III" arrived at The Huntington in February, 2001.

Due to various circumstances, including some of the aggressive work during the initial planting and the use of trees that had less developed root systems, "Goshin III" suffered. A couple trees died; others were weakened by degraded soil. In April, 2015, the forest was disassembled and the individual trees were planted in separate pots with good bonsai soil. Over the past few years, they were brought back to health and groomed to build more complete, refined foliage pads. In addition, new trees have been developed as replacements, so the replanted piece will look mature when completed.

Jack Sustic will lead the replanting team. While serving as curator of the US National Bonsai Collection, Jack was responsible for the maintenance and care of the original "Goshin" for many years. However, as a friend and devotee of John's, Jack also participated in the creation of both "Goshin II" and "Goshin III." With the other original team members passed on, Jack is the most qualified of any to ensure a faithful reproduction of the original. Started by John Naka in 1950's, the California Bonsai Society is a club with members predominantly at the advanced level of the art. The 62nd annual exhibit will feature masterpiece quality bonsai with a focus on

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trees that have been in training over a long time-- often decades--so they no longer show evidence of training. The exhibit runs from 10 am - 5 pm both Saturday March 23 and Sunday March 24 in the Ahmanson Classroom and Banta Hall. **There will be an evening reception** on Saturday March 23 beginning around 5:30 pm in the exhibit area. This is a special reception put on by the Huntington not only to celebrate the CBS show but also to thank al of the people in the bonsai community who contribute to the GSBF collection, the Bonsai A Thon and all of the Southern California bonsai activities, so all are welcome.

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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.