

The Kofu Kai Review

The Monthly Newsletter of the Kofu Kai Bonsai Club



Meeting Time and Place

August 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Anaheim Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd, Anaheim

AUGUST MEETING

It's Auction Time!!!

This is our chance to not only support our club but to clear out material and trees that we're done with, tired of or just don't want to take care of anymore. The auction is a great opportunity for both newer bonsai enthusiasts and the more experienced to acquire good material at a reasonable price and is also an opportunity for all of us to support our club. The money we raise at the auction goes to pay for the things we enjoy all year long at our meetings, the cost of demonstrators and material as well as the general costs to put on exhibits and events.

Even if you can't attend the auction in person, please consider donating something to the sale, just contact one of the officers listed on the website and we will arrange to get your donation to the auction. Thank you very much for your support.

Carol Upston

[See below for Auction Rules](#)

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July Meeting



Roy Nagatoshi Explains Shimpaku

At our July meeting Roy Nagatoshi gathered us all around him so that everyone could see exactly how to properly trim Shimpaku junipers. The crowd was fascinated and asked many questions as Roy not only taught this technique in great detail but also deftly styled a lovely Shimpaku in the bunjin or literati style. Even though the meeting went on a little later than usual, no one left, we were all so intent on hearing everything Roy had to say. We thank him very much for an entertaining and informative meeting. He has promised to come back next summer and do a hands-on workshop with our own trees, so start thinking about what you might like to do.

Carol Upston

August 18, 2012 Meeting

Annual Auction Rules

There will be no pre meeting workshop or raffle at this meeting.

Our annual auction is one of Kofu Kai's most important fundraisers. This event helps Kofu bring you the excellent speakers and demonstrators that we have throughout the year. It also allows us to purchase the pots and other raffle prizes that you look forward to winning at the meetings.

All the items for the auction are donated, so please go through your bonsai or bonsai related items to make a donation to the raffle. Whether used or not makes no difference. It is through the generosity of our members that all of us continue to learn more about the art of Bonsai.

Here are some of the auction rules:

1. If you are donating items please arrive between 6:00pm and 6:30pm. To place them in the auction.
2. Fill out a tag with your name on it and attach it to the item you're donating. This is necessary in order to give you credit for the donation.
3. If you want to buy, you need to get a bid card from the auction clerks.
4. During the auction if you wish to make a bid on an item raise you bid card so the auctioneer can see it.
5. After the last item is auctioned off the clerks will total the sales for each person bidding. Payments for items will be accepted after the auction is completed and made with cash or check only.
6. After you have paid for you items you will take your receipt to the holding area and present it to the person in charge and obtain you items.

Those that made donations will receive a tax slip indicating what the items sold for at a later time.

KOFU BONSAI KAI - BONSAI IDEAS

BY MARTY MANN

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Summertime, and the living is easy - so goes the song. August brings some respite from the busy spring chores. It is still a period of vigorous growth and greater responsibility. August brings higher temperatures that slows down new growth and reduces pruning requirements. Trimming, repotting and styling is still in order. Continue to pinch the trees that require it, daily.

Be reminded that summer vacationing puts an additional burden on your 'bonsai sitters'. A suggestion would be to let them water your trees for you for a few days before you leave to be sure that they are following your instructions. Trees requiring special care should be grouped together to simplify attention. Don't trust your automatic watering system without the back-up of someone who can check from time to time to audit its functions.

Try forming a mutual watering pact with fellow bonsaiists. You do for them when you can and they will do for you. It's a great working arrangement and considerably safer than trusting your 'babies' to strangers.

With the arrival of summer most of the formal bonsai shows have passed and the bonsaiist has the pleasure of displaying their own trees. The objective of a good hobbyist is pride in the finished tree. This is achieved by maintaining good health, continuing a selective feeding routine and paying attention to weather conditions that set the guidelines for proper watering requirements. Summer maintenance prepares the trees for fall and winter. Plan ahead.

Start with the constant surveillance of fast summer growth. Warm days and cool nights encourage the development of new tip growth, long internodes and lush foliage. Maintenance must include pinching and plucking of the growing tips as well as cutting back the branches. Reducing the branch extensions encourages shorter internodes, tighter evergreen formations and develops desirable twiggyness on deciduous trees. Trim and shape unwanted growth. Maintain form and design.

A regular program of feeding during the summer months is important. Reduction of the nitrogen content of the fertilizer mix inhibits excessive green growth and allows the formation of chemical changes that produces the best fall colors. The basic mix of cottonseed meal (70%) and bone meal (30 %) can be altered to increase the bone meal, thereby providing more potassium and phosphorus to harden the woody growth. It also induces the development of fruit and flower buds for next year. Do not feed plants that appear to be suffering from summer stress due to oppressive heat or moisture deprivation. It's too late and risky to leaf prune in the hot summer months. If you wish, you can do selective pruning of large leaves, burnt leaves and the obvious unwanted elongated branches and crossing branches. Keep your pots from getting too hot. Roots are easily damaged by excessive heat. Be sure your soil stays damp at all times. Keep the humidity high and the air moving around all of your trees.

Watch the wires. You would be surprised how fast spring training wire can cut into growing branches and leave permanent scars. Turn your trees to give them equal light exposure and even growth. Avoid placing trees on display benches next to hot reflecting walls. Be sure to rotate frequently.

Unfortunately, the restful summer period of bonsai enjoyment is also the most active period of pest proliferation. *Bugs* love the combination of warmth and moisture. They grow and attack your trees with relish. Keep up with regular spraying of Malathion, Isotex, Sevin, Orthorix Dormant Spray (Lime Sulfur), etc. You pick what works best for you. Apply under and over the leaf surface but out of the hot sun and not just before you water. Don't apply any chemicals when temperatures are too high.

No transplanting during the summer months. However certain materials such as Pomegranates, Ficus, Buttonwood, Cotoneaster, Pyracantha and most Bamboo can be repotted or transplanted at this time. Trees that were defoliated late in June are vulnerable to damage during the heat of the summer. Keep these trees in partial shade until they start growing again.

HAIKU POEM

A smile brings good thoughts
Of days that are forgotten
But memory stays

By Marty Mann

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Ron Reekers

Demo Prize winner

BADGE WINNER

DEMO WINNER

Ron Reekers

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Michael & Amy Walsh, Sourav Ganguly, Michael Hearst,
Roger Claassen

Say hello to them when you see them

Orange County Fair July 17th - 30th

I believe we have been doing a display at the fair for over 10 years, not sure what year we started. This year we reduced our presence at the fair to two weeks which worked out very nice. We were easily able to get people to display and fill the docent responsibilities. Everyone that worked the fair said that it went smoothly and that we had good interest in the display. We have already had one new member as a result of the fair and hope to get some more interest in our club.

All of this would not be possible without the strong support of our membership. This year we had several new people display trees at the fair. It is always good to see members step forward and show their work. It is because of these efforts that Kofu Kai remains a strong club and successful in the promotion of the art of Bonsai.

I wish to extend a special thanks to the Show chair people, Michael Viljak and Anthony Chiusolo for organizing the event.

I also wish to thank those below for their work in showing trees, being docent and assisting with set up and tear down.

Thank you

Ron Reekers, Wanda Danesi, Dan Danesi, Joyce Battell, Larry Ragle, Nina Ragle, Dave Miles, Tak Nakamura, Ryan Nichols, Kaz Hosozawa, Ryan Cali, Harley Newman, John Kishel, Lynne Kishel, Joe Strubbe, Al Nelson, Howie Kawahara, Jimmy Nguyen, Harry Hirao, Bill Hutchinson, Lois Hutchinson, Joe Szabo, Carol Upston, Anthony Chiusolo, Manuel Martinez, Mike Viljak, Bob White.

UP COMING EVENTS

NANPU-KAI presents BONSAI '12 at Nisei Week Japanese Festival, Aug 18th and 19th from 10am to 5pm at Japanese American Cultural & Community Center 244 South San Pedro St., Los Angeles.

Kofu Bonsai Kai Show at the Bowers Museum September 25th to the 30th
more information to follow

Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention XXXV “California Dreaming”, at the Doubletree Hotel, 2011 West Point Way, October 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2012, Sacramento, California. Additional information forthcoming.

Bonsai Tools and Supplies:

If you need any tools or supplies from Everett Bassin, contact him at 714-827-0661 or 714-392-5149 or email him at bonsaitools@mindspring.com. He will bring them to the meetings. He will not be bringing his entire inventory to the meetings.



Kofu Bonsai Kai is looking for someone who is interested in maintaining and updating our website. Anyone who is interested, please contact Manual Martinez at 949-770-9633 or email manny22816@aol.com.

Special Thank You

June Raffle Donations:

Manuel Martinez
Harry Hirao
Carol Upston
Gary Lai
Dave Miles
Al Nelson
John Deluca

June Refreshments:

Manual Martinez
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Marge Blasingame
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Bob White

PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

NONE IN AUGUST