

# The Kofu Kai Review

The Monthly Newsletter of the Kofu Kai Bonsai Club



## Meeting Time and Place

November 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Anaheim Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd, Anaheim

## NOVEMBER MEETING

### David Nguy California Juniper Group Demo



I know that many of us have very nice California Junipers which we have dug or otherwise acquired which are sitting around our growing areas waiting for us to begin their bonsai training. This month David Nguy will help four Kofu members with the design of their California Juniper stock and we all get to watch and learn. Each of the four participants will be doing the actual work up in the front of the meeting room as David helps and advises them. Knowing David, there is likely to be some very dramatic bending, splitting and jinning taking place. The members in the workshop will include Mike Viljak, Anthony Chiusolo, Dave Miles and Paul Vasina. These guys were chosen because of their service to the club and because we happen to know that they all have sizable junipers languishing in their yards. I hope you will all take advantage of this opportunity to learn from a master of California Juniper design. If you saw David's masterpiece juniper either at the recent GSBF convention exhibit or earlier this year at the CBS show at the Huntington, you know what I mean. I hope to see everyone there to enjoy the last regular meeting of the year.

By Carol Upston

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## OCTOBER MEETING

At our November meeting Ted Matson critiqued a large variety of members trees, offering detailed analysis and advice on health and cultivation as well as development of the design. As always, it was a great opportunity for members to get very specific help with the care and refinement of our trees. Thanks Ted, for keeping us all on track and thinking about the continuous improvement of our Bonsai.



By Carol Upston

### ***UP COMING EVENTS***

***John Y. Naka Design Award:*** The American Bonsai Society in fellowship and remembrance of our American Grand Master is pleased to announce that the 2012 John Y. Naka award program is now open and accepting photographic entries from across the North American continent. The program is open to both professionals and hobbyists, competing separately, using either Native American plant material or plant material grown entirely in North America. All North American regional associations, local clubs, study groups and professional Bonsai educators are encouraged to enter trees of members or students of their organizations who exhibit the spirit of artistic design taught by John Naka. Entry deadline is April 1, 2012. Visit the ABS website at <http://absbonsai.org> for details.

**April 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 2012**  
**Garden Grove, California**

**California Bonsai Society: 55th Convention and Show at the Crown Plaza Anaheim Resort,** 12021 harbor Blvd. and starring the iron men of Naka, Frank Goya, Harry Hirao, Shig Miya, Ben Oki and Richard Ota. Also featuring Tomohiro Masumi, Ryan Neil, and Cheryl Manning, Kenji Miyata, David Nguy, Kathy Shaner and the members of CBS. There will be workshops, demonstrations, auctions, drawings, a huge vendor area and prizes & awards for early registrations. For registration information contact Elizabeth Partch at [elizabethpartch@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethpartch@yahoo.com)



### **Kofu Kai Christmas Party**

**Christmas is upon us and on December 10th we will be having our annual Christmas party. This year due to some cost cutting and generous donors we have done well. The board has decided to spend a little more than usual on the Christmas party to return some of our good fortune to our membership. As usual the event is a pot luck and we ask those attending to bring a favorite dish that will feed about 10 to 12. The club will provide the Ham, Turkey, soft drinks and wine for the event.**

**This event is one of the best raffles of the year and this one is shaping up to be spectacular. Santa's helpers are already out shopping for a wonderful selection of goodies. We also encourage anyone who wishes to donate to the raffle to do so, which will make it just that much better.**

**Bringing food and donations is not mandatory and no one should feel obligated to do so nor stay away because they can't. We hope that all of our members come and join their fellow Bonsai enthusiasts for a wonderful afternoon of food and socializing.**

**Looking forward to seeing you there.**

**December 10, 2011, Noon till 4pm, St Wilfrid Episcopal Church, 18631 Chapel Ln, Huntington Beach**

**Manuel Martinez, President**

### **KOFU BONSAI KAI - BONSAI IDEAS**

**BY MARTY MANN**

**NOVEMBER, 2011 (#76)**

Fall is generally the climax of the luxurious growth of summer and the last spurt of activity before settling down for winter dormancy.

As leaved begins to drop be sure to remove the trash around your trees and on the surface of your pots. If clean-up is neglected these areas become a refuse for slugs, sow bugs and other undesirable creatures.

Transplanting is permissible at this time of year, specifically Bamboo, Boxwood, Conifers, Hornbeams, Cotoneaster, Podocarpus, Privets, Pyracantha, Wisteria, Willows and most varieties of deciduous trees. The key to safe fall repotting is to minimize root disturbance and severe pruning but trees can be transferred into larger or different containers. If in doubt about the health or condition of a tree, wait until spring to repot.

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Now is the time to anticipate and enjoy better autumn color by reducing watering time as well. As the length of the day's sunshine is shortened, the trees require less water. A balance must be maintained between the minimal watering and the loss of moisture by transpiration during intermittent warm spells.

Once the leaves on Trident Maple, Japanese Maple, Liquid Amber, Gingko, Hornbeam and other colorful deciduous trees begin to lose their vigor and drop, keep the bonsai areas and pot surfaces cleared. Remove trash promptly. Continue to spray benches with an all-purpose insecticide and a final spray of fungicide. Pests seem to make a final effort to destroy and injure trees as they feed heavily prior to moving into the pupa stage.

Light conditions begin to change. Trees that have had full sun exposure find themselves in more shade. So, watch the location of trees at this time of year and rotate them into more favorable light exposures allowing them to continue storing strength and food for the winter.

This is a good time to work on basic training and design. Remove the wire applied this past year. Check for wire cuts. New wire can be applied but avoid the curls and marks of previous efforts. In spite of this period of slow growth, fall and winter training can still be effective. Before spring approaches don't overlook the new wire since new growth quickly causes wire damage. Study improper branch placement – crossing, bars, up and down growth.

There is still time to give bonsai a last good feeding. Evergreen and conifers may be lightly fertilized on a regular basis through the winter months since they continue to grow in our mild climate. Use food with little or no nitrogen--mainly potash and phosphorous, a 0-10-10 fertilizer. Low nitrogen fertilizers build dormant buds and store food in the form of starch used to produce healthy growth in spring. This is especially important for fruiting and flowering trees. Specifically Azaleas, Crabapples, Ume and Pomegranates improve after late feedings.

**HAIKU POEM:  
By Marty Mann**

Wasted years can be renewed  
Awake and aglow  
New seasons will come

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## 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](mailto:bonsaitools@mindspring.com). He will bring them to the meetings. He will not be bringing his entire inventory to the meetings.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

BOB & KIM WARNER, HONG PHAM, RYOKO ONISHI, BOB CUDD

SAY HELLO TO THEM WHEN YOU SEE THEM

### *Special Thank You*

#### October Raffle Donations:

Manuel Martine  
Dave Miles  
Bob White  
Kaz Hosozawa

#### October Refreshments:

Tish Miya  
Marge Blasingame  
Dorothy Cleaveland

### PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

**Beginners, looking to get started!  
Looking to improve your bonsai  
artistry and technique!  
Preparing your trees for  
exhibition! Wondering how to get  
started in Bonsai and have  
questions? Have a tree that is  
"difficult" to style and you may  
not know what to do. Questions  
on preparing your tree or  
displaying it at the Annual Show?  
No matter what your objectives  
are, you can bring your trees to  
work on at the pre-meeting  
workshop were experts like Al  
Nelson, Paul Vasina and Harley  
Newman can assist. Meet from  
4:00pm -6:00pm prior to the  
monthly meeting.**