

# The Kofu Kai Review

The Monthly Newsletter of the Kofu Kai Bonsai Club



## DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY



Christmas is upon us and on December 14th we will be having our annual Christmas party. As usual the event is pot luck and we ask those attending to bring a favorite dish that will feed about 10 to 12 people. 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 14, 2013, Noon till 4pm, St Wilfrid Episcopal Church,**

**18631 Chapel Ln, Huntington Beach**

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# November Meeting

At the November meeting we were informed and entertained by two different presenters.

## **Stuart Shim and Ron Reekers**

Stuart Shim did a short presentation on fertilizers. Prior to the presentation he had asked that two pieces of information be sent out to the club members on some research dealing with the subject, that was sent the week prior to the meeting. Stuart's presentation was informative and we appreciate his generous donation of Neptune fertilizer to the raffle.

Ron Reekers entertained us with a slide presentation and monologue on his recent trip to Japan. Ron visited several well-known sites and Bonsai nurseries of Japanese masters. The presentation was both entertaining and informative. Should this inspire anyone to make a similar trip I am sure Ron will be more than happy to share information with you at one of the club meetings.

Thank you Stuart and Ron!

***NEW MEMBERS WELCOME***

***Michael Kline and Denise Salvucci***

***Say hello to them when you see them***

## *Presidents Message*

Hi everyone

I hope that all have enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast with family and friends which for most marks the start of the holiday season. Christmas is just weeks away and it now becomes a busy time for those planning trips and getting ready for family coming in from out of town. So, **I wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, safe and prosperous New Year.**

Winter, as it is for Southern California, appears to finally be arriving. For most of us this means a quiet time in the garden and with our trees. Take care to do some disease control for spring and pay close attention to watering should we get a rainy season this year.

I am writing this message as my time as President is coming to a close. At the Christmas party I will be turning over the Presidency to Carol Upston Who was nominated to the position and had no opposition. The remainder of the board will remain as is with one vacancy, Vice president.

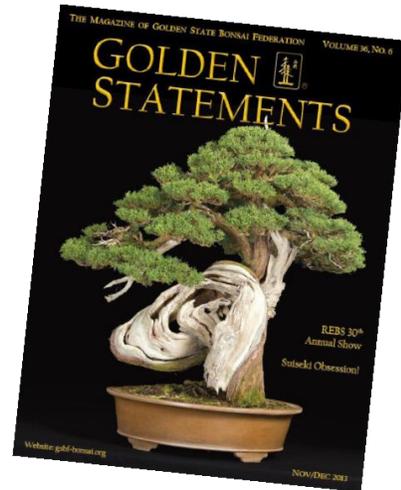
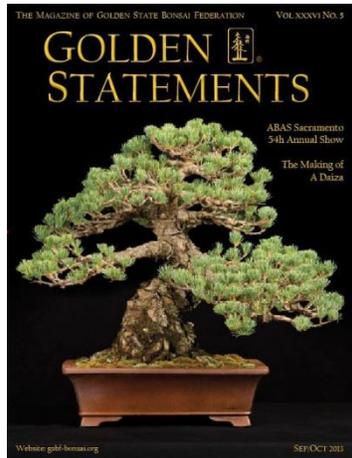
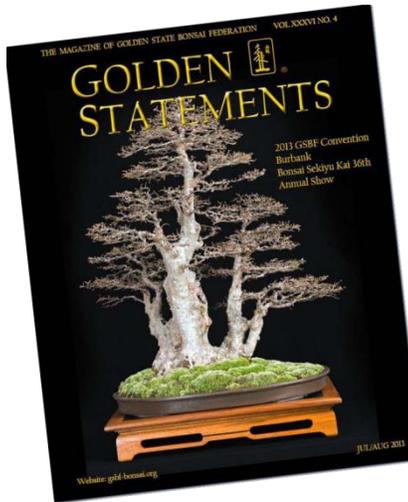
I wish to thank the Board members for their support over the several years I have served as president. Without that support and trust I would not have been able to enjoy the freedom to accomplish a number of things over the years. I also want to say thank you to those of you who have attended the meetings and helped with set up and clean up. The support of the general membership makes those chores less of a chore and allows some of us to get home at a more reasonable time.

These 4 years have been filled with some very nice accomplishments. I was able to obtain some donations from people which lowered our monthly meeting costs. Back in the 80s I was able to get an introduction to the curator of the Bowers Museum. That meeting resulted in Kofu Kai having several shows at the museum. Due to a change of staff and reconstruction we lost that relationship. I was able to reestablish that relationship and we have now had several shows there and are already working on the 2014 event. I was also introduced to a wonderful photographer, Eric Stoner, whose work has been enjoyed by all who have seen our annual calendar and participated in our show. I took the news letter from a cumbersome task to digital format and the response has been very positive. This month, with the help of Bob Warner Kofu will have a new website which I believe will be more in line with our desire to have Bonsai viewed as an art form. I was also able to recruit several new board members, younger too, to carry on the tradition. While I cannot make everyone happy I believe that for the most part that the direction I decided to take the club has been a positive one, and I appreciate those who have commented to that.

It is my hope that you will continue to support the club and the board so that Kofu Bonsai Kai will prosper and be one of the more respected organizations in the Bonsai community while delivering meaningful programs to you the membership.

Thank you all, for your support and friendship!  
Manuel Martinez

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### December 26, 2013 – January 2, 2014: San Marino, CA

**California Aiseki Kai: 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition of Viewing Stones Show**, located in Friends Hall at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. Hours are 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM each day. Closed on New Year's Day. Free parking and free entry into the exhibit. For more information see our website: [www.aisekikai.com](http://www.aisekikai.com) and/or contact [hutch@aisekikai.com](mailto:hutch@aisekikai.com)

### January 18 to 19, 2014 San Marino, California

**Winter Silhouettes** at the Los Angeles Arboretum. Call the Arboretum for times.

### February 22 & 23, 2014: San Marino, California

**Bonsai-A-Thon XVII** at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. This is the annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at The Huntington. Admission to the event and to the Huntington Gardens is free with Bonsai-A-Thon "Early Bird" Registration. Hours are 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM both days. Pancake breakfast, tour hosted by Jim Folsom (Director of the Garden), demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle, and auction. For more information, contact Marge Blasingame, 626-579-0420 or [margeblasingame@att.net](mailto:margeblasingame@att.net).

#### Special Thank You

#### November Refreshments:

Tish Miya  
Bob White  
Harry Hirao  
Dr. Walt Johnson  
Tom Culton

#### October Donations:

Paul Vasina  
Harry Hirao  
Dave Miles  
Bill & Lois Hutchinson  
Manuel Martinez  
Joe Szabo  
Dee Fann  
Larry Ragle  
Vince Nguyen

#### PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

NO WORKSHOP IN DECEMBER