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MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Meeting again someday, perhaps at the Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim, east classroom

Dues for 2021 are appreciated but optional (2nd PDF)



President's Message

Hello bonsai friends!

I have been fortunate to be fully vaccinated against Covid and it's a big weight lifted off my head for sure. I'm daring to imagine a return to our in-person bonsai community.

The Bowers Museum is eager to have us back and Genevieve Barrios Southgate and others are planning to make a video of a few of our trees to be shown at their

planned virtual April festival. We are working out the details and I've contacted some of you about getting a tree ready. There is reason for genuine optimism but still many uncertainties.

With vaccination availability increasing and the categories of who can get it expanding, I think change may be rapid and I will talk to the church and see what our options might be. The new variants of the virus will continue to arise and that may interrupt things. I have asked the Bowers about scheduling a late summer show but they are reluctant to have us go to all the work just to have to cancel if they are shut down so we will wait and see how that plays out.

Financially we are ok and can wait out this interruption. When we return to meetings we will likely feature a benefit auction to replenish our coffers. We can think about a transition period where we perhaps only meet quarterly for a while on the dates when the California Bonsai Society's visiting artist program resumes. We may want to think about returning to the large church hall if it's available, to give ourselves more breathing room.

I don't see much possibility of returning to in person meetings before June, which could be our auction. The CBS visiting artist program would likely resume in July but nothing's certain.

It's a good idea for those of us who show trees to start making sure we have at least one in readiness for showing from now on because things could change quickly.

I hope to see you soon!
Carol Upston

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The Good Old Days



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