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MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

Saturday March 17, 2018 at 7 pm

Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd., Anaheim, East Classroom

There will be a pre-meeting workshop at 4:30pm, bring something to work on.



KEN SCHLOTHAN Cork Oaks

Ken Schlothan is a hard guy to pin down. We have been admiring his trees at the Kofu shows and other exhibits for a while now, especially his cork oaks and have been pestering him to come and teach us what he knows about these beautiful trees which are so well adapted to our climate.

Ken has been doing bonsai for more than 25 years. He is the most recent past president of Orange County Bonsai Society, an office he held for ten years. He has studied with Tak Shimazu and Peter Macasieb, but his initial training came from ten years under the tutelage of Mas Ishii. He has shown his trees and taught bonsai classes through OCBS for many years and has shown trees as a guest of Kofu Kai at our annual Bowers Museum Exhibit, including

this beautiful cork oak in the 2013 show.



Ken likes to grow oaks as bonsai and he has a wide variety of oak bonsai in his collection. Ken will be repotting and discussing all aspects of developing, styling and maintaining cork oaks as bonsai.

Donations to the raffle and the refreshment table are always welcome. Thank you to all of you who contribute!

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LAST MEETING WITH MANNY MARTINEZ



At our February meeting Manny Martinez did a repotting demonstration on a very nice piece of material. It was a flowering pear with a big trunk and he described how he found the tree in a nursery growing in a 24 inch box and gave it the big chop. He used a Fein oscillating multi tool to chip away wood from the underside of the pear to allow it to fit into a shallower pot.

Manny also discussed some of his favorite potting mediums and the new developments in fertilization that have come about as a result of the boom in the hydroponic industry.

He generously donated some of his favorites in a grand raffle prize which included worm casings, a fish/ seaweed fertilizer, a silica concentrate and a mineral supplement. I won the prize and have put all of these things to immediate use.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND SHOWS

Here are some events coming soon

California Bonsai Society Show and Reception

March 24 and 25

10:00 AM - 4:30 PM both days
reception March 25 at 6-8 PM
Huntington Botanic Gardens
Botanical Center

First Free Sunday Spring Festival Bowers Museum, Santa Ana

Sunday April 8, 10 AM to 3 PM
I need a few volunteers to bring a tree
and talk to visitors

Fullerton Arboretum Bonsai Show

Combined OC Clubs

Set up Friday April 13

Opens April 13 and includes Green
Scene event on April 21 and 22
continues through May 13

Kofu's weekend is May 12 and 13

**If you want to attend the Green Scene
as a helper or exhibitor in the bonsai
area you must pre register and receive
a badge from Jim Pierce asap**

jb Pierce@gmail.com

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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. 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.

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