

# The Kofu Kai Review

The Monthly Newsletter of the Kofu Bonsai Kai Club

## MEETING TIME and PLACE

April 16th, 2016, 7:00 pm

Anaheim Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Boulevard, Anaheim



## April 16<sup>th</sup> Demonstration

### John Jackson



John Jackson is a former student of John Naka and Harry Hirao who has nearly forty years of experience working in bonsai. He is the current curator of the San Diego Zoo Safari Park's Bonsai Pavilion, in Escondido, which houses an outstanding permanent collection of trees that should be on everyone's must-see list. John has been a member of the San Diego Bonsai Club for 38 years and has shown many excellent bonsai trees at many California bonsai shows. For us this month, John will be sharing a short presentation on the history and content of the Bonsai Pavilion, after which he will demonstrate the technique of making a root-over-rock bonsai using Chinese elm. The root-over-rock style requires one to blend the appeal of an eye-catching rock with carefully chosen and developed exposed draping roots to create an aesthetically pleasing composition below the trunkline. Though not complicated, it involves a number of steps and considerations that don't arise when developing other styles of bonsai

By Mike Walsh

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# Bonsai Exhibit

The following local Bonsai Societies will be hosting  
the Bonsai Trees on display

**Orange Empire Bonsai Society**

**Orange County Bonsai Society**

**Kofu Bonsai Kai**

**Dai Ichi Bonsai Society**

At The

**Fullerton Arboretum**

**1900 Associated Rd.**

**April 16, 2016 to June 19, 2016**

**Saturdays & Sundays**

**10:00am to 4:00pm**

## **KOFU BONSAI KAI – APRIL BONSAI IDEAS**

**BY MARTY MANN**

New candles that have begun to form on older pines can be cut back in April but wait another month before you work on younger trees. Candles generally form twice a year, in April and August. They form in clusters of from 2 to 5. Usually one will dominate. Retain one as leader and another to form the side branch. Always remove the largest candle but don't cut the other candles until needles just begin to open and expand. This timing prevents excessively long internodes between last year's branch tip and the new needle growth. Reduce watering somewhat to slow down the new growth but don't allow the fine rootage to dry. Keep pine needles short and strong.

This is a serious time to seek and destroy plant pests. The prolific aphid has come to life. Chewers, suckers and borers are all back in action. White flies, mealy bugs, spider mites and scale are all out to get us. Use systemic action insecticides, such as Isotex, as well as the reliable Malathion and Seven sprays. Damage cannot always be seen unless you

examine the plant carefully. Sucking causes leaves to change color and drop. Read the pesticide labels to see what is best for your problems.

As spring growth develops, special attention should be given to continued good watering habits. We may face watering restrictions and should be selective as to time and method in order not to waste it's important benefits. Consider minimizing your automated systems in order to apply water more directly to each tree rather than the bench or area in which it is located. Consider watering early in the morning or late in the day in order to minimize evaporation losses. If plants have just been repotted, hold back on excessive watering since the newly developing rootage cannot dispose of moisture through new and sparse leaf growth. Transpiration is minimal. Older, more established trees need more water since they are usually root bound and are always thirsty. Don't overlook drainage. Water usually kills more trees than any other condition.

Bring most trees out into the open. While new growth requires sunlight and warmth it can become unseasonably warm causing new sprouts to grow actively. Then consider moving deciduous trees back into a partially shaded area until the new growth has hardened. Keep trees well spaced to allow free air circulation and light penetration.

Potted trees build up salts due to our more alkaline water. An additive of a soil sulfur or gypsum helps offset this condition by allowing more acidity to service the plants. Alkaline soil tends to reduce the color in the leaves of trees. If rain or your use of dionized water causes too much acidity, apply some wood ash or lime to sweeten the soil.

The love of nature is rewarded by the love of bonsai. Enjoy the fresh colors of spring and the new foliage before the heat of summer arrives.

#### **HAIKU POEM :**

We live in a land of awe  
To see and enjoy  
What pleasures we are given

**By Marty Mann**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 23-24 **San Diego Bonsai Club** Spring Bonsai Exhibition at the Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park, from 10 am to 5 pm both days with demonstrations at 11 am and 1 pm. Free admission. Bonsai pots and trees for sale, as well as other bonsai-related items. For more information, visit [www.sandiegobonsai.com](http://www.sandiegobonsai.com).
- May 14 – 15, Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai: Annual Exhibit, "Serenity Through Bonsai", Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St., Gardena, Hours: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- May 21 – 22, Sansui Kai: 2016 Annual Exhibit, Japanese Gardens 6100 Woodley Avenue, Van Nuys Hours: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Admission is \$5 which includes entrance to the gardens
- June 11 – 12, Descanso Bonsai Society, 46th Annual Show, Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada Flintridge

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**WORKSHOP**  
**THIS MONTH**