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July 2023 Newsletter

Meeting As Usual at the Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim

Saturday July 15 at 6:00 PM in the east classroom **There will be a raffle at this meeting! Please donate and buy tickets!**

Kofu Kai welcomes CBS visiting artist Michael Lane from Florida for a **Tropical Bonsai Critique.**

Bring your ficus, bougainvillea, gmelina, buttonwood, schefflera, hibiscus, etc., and get expert advice from a bonsai artist who has a wealth of knowledge to share on developing your tropical trees. He also loves shohin, so you can bring a giant plant and say “please shohin my tree”! There is a suggested donation of \$20.00 to bring a tree to the critique. Contact David Melitz dmelitz@uci.edu to reserve your space.

From Mike Lane:

- My journey in bonsai began late in 2008, after receiving a small juniper as a gift. Following this tree’s untimely demise caused by my ignorance, I began looking for classes online and stumbled upon Wigert’s Bonsai in North Fort Myers Florida, and shortly after my first few visits, began working under the tutelage of Erik Wigert. After short period of time, I began assisting him in both traveling workshops, regular classes, and all aspects of the bonsai nursery.
- 2010 - I was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1000 by the Bonsai Societies of Florida, by placing first in the states annual styling competition.
- Using this scholarship, I traveled with my teacher to Mexico for the 2010 FELAB convention where I met and learned from artists such as Mauro Stemberger, Min Lo, Robert Steven, Vlad Novak, and Enrique Castano.
- 2012 - marked the year I began teaching, starting with several workshops and demonstrations throughout the state of Florida, as well as teaching a monthly help session aimed at providing continuing education for students finishing the beginner and intermediate classes.



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- Over the years I have dedicated myself to primarily shohin, and tropical bonsai design and have been working toward spreading their appeal and understanding.
- I have displayed at the state level several times as well as having my work accepted to the U.S. National Bonsai show on two occasions.
- Over the last 5 years I have traveled all over the country giving lectures, demonstrations, and exhibit critique. I have visited clubs in New York, Knoxville, San Antonio, Houston, Austin, and New Orleans as well as many other states and cities.
- My work has had the honor of appearing in the popular publication Bonsai Focus on numerous occasions.
- During the Pandemic I expanded my services to include online and zoom presentations and so, have engaged with and taught students all over the world. During this time, I continued traveling and did two, 15 day tours throughout Texas and Louisiana.
- 2022-2023 marked the launch of our website and education center, www.kitsunebonsai.com. An online resource for classes, programs, and merchandise.
- I have recently been invited to Hyderabad, India, to share my teachings, and have new tours booked to New England, and California as well as recurring classes in Austin, Houston, and New Orleans.



It's Almost Show Time.

The Kofu Kai annual exhibit at the Bowers Museum is almost upon us.

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone.

Our show dates are:

Set Up Wednesday September 13, 3:00 PM

Additional trees can be brought in Thursday morning.
September 14 before the museum opens at 10:00 A M

The Show is from Thursday September 14 through Sunday
September 17 from 10:00 Am to 4:00 PM each day.

There will be a demonstration on Saturday September 16
at 1:00 PM

I will be contacting people who have shown trees in the
past. If you'd like to show a tree contact me at
carolupston@icloud.com or text or call me at
310-346-4203

We will need help setting up and taking down the show.

Let's make this a great event and enjoy our days
at the Bowers.

Thank you!!!

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Last Month's Benefit Auction

Many thanks to everyone who helped, donated and bid at our annual benefit auction.

Thanks to your efforts we brought in over \$4000.00 to help fund our meetings and other activities.

Also important, we now have a new credit card reader which is fast and accepts tap-to-pay so we will have fewer delays in the future.

Thank you again for your support.

The Golden State Bonsai Federation presents



BONSAI *RENDEZVOUS* 2023

October 20, 21, and 22
Friday - Saturday - Sunday

Headliner - Bjorn Bjorholm

Bjorn workshops & demos all day
Friday & Saturday
Open Q&A with Bjorn on Sunday morning

Joshua Roth "Rising Stars" Competition
all day Saturday

Multiple workshops all day Friday & Saturday

Exhibition by the GSBF Collections

All-Access Educational Seminars all 3 days

BYOB Social Hours Friday & Saturday

Saturday Awards Dinner & Live Auction

Silent Auctions (Consignement Sales & Donations)

Tomodachi

Top bonsai vendors all 3 days



Registration opens on May 1

Early Bird Pricing (until July 30)

3-day admission	\$ 80
3-day admission with gourmet banquet	\$130

Regular Pricing

3-day admission	\$ 95
3-day admission with gourmet banquet	\$145

1-day admission is always	\$ 45
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Rooms are limited so make your reservation today!

Ask for the GSBF BONSAI RENDEZVOUS rate

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Hotel Mission De Oro

Access the GSBF website via the QR code to see event updates and sign up for an event reminder

www.gsbfbonsai.org/2023-rendezvous

