

# The Kofu Kai Review

The Monthly Newsletter of the Kofu Kai Bonsai Club



## Meeting Time and Place

January 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Anaheim Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd, Anaheim

## JANUARY MEETING



For our January meeting, we are very happy to welcome back the talented Marcus Juniel. Marcus has been involved in Bonsai since the 1990's and has studied with Harry Hirao, Ted Matson, David Nguy, Roy Nagatoshi and Jung Soo Kim from Korea. He is most well-known for his work on conifers including California Junipers, Shimpaku Junipers, Japanese Black Pines and of course for his remarkable contortions of Prostrata Junipers. Don't miss this demo!

Carol Upston

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# DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Kofu Kai is starting a new year and hopefully all of you that joined us last year will continue to do so in the new year. I hope that all enjoyed a nice Christmas and a Happy New year.

The Christmas party was well attended and a number of our members went away with some very nice raffle prizes. There was also plenty to eat and as usual our membership was not bashful about enjoying what was on the table. The end result was good food, drink and companionship, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

I apologize for not having any photos of the event due to a miscommunication, several of us thought that the other was bringing a camera, in other words we ASSUMED.

The Board will be meeting prior to our January meeting and I would like to hear from you if you have any concerns or suggestions that you would like us to consider or discuss.

See you all at the January meeting.

Manuel Martinez



It's that time of the year, **DUES ARE DUE**. Your newsletter will discontinue if you have not renewed. **Contact Bill Hutchinson at the meeting or when making Annual Dues payments by mail, please use these directions:**

**Make Checks out to: *KOFU BONSAI KAI***

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If you joined during the months of Oct., Nov., or Dec. you are paid for 2012

## KOFU BONSAI KAI - BONSAI IDEAS

BY MARTY MANN

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If deciduous trees start to sprout, bring them gradually into sunlight. If the tree is kept in a shaded area, new growth will be long, leggy and weak. Be careful to protect this new growth from any surprise cold or frost that causes dieback. When warm weather comes--so does the ever-present insect population. Be prepared to spray early with a good commercial insecticide or miticide. Follow manufacturer's directions for your mixtures.

This is the time to spray deciduous trees with a dormant spray (lime sulfur) before any sign of new growth appear. Avoid the soil surfaces in the pots as well as the pots themselves. Dripping chemicals harm the tender roots and leave unsightly stains on the pots.

Survey the finished trees in bonsai pots. Are they still a proper match in size or color to the tree? Has the maturity and styling of the tree changed it enough to consider repotting into a new pot? Is it taller, wider, fatter? Now is the time to redesign 'completed' trees. Make a list of the trees that will require repotting. Place a marker in the pots that require attention this year for identification. Begin with the conifers, followed by the deciduous trees, then the flowering and fruiting trees. Begin while they are still in a dormant stage or just beginning to emerge. Some of this activity can wait until later in February. Go easy on any pruning that may be required--particularly on the early transplants. Let the branches mature. Wait until the sap begins to flow before you do any serious pruning or pinching of the new growing tips.

Another important activity at this time involves your tools. Sort them out. Sharpen all cutting edges, remove accumulations of rust and tar stains by using the new Japanese erasers, dip into a bleach solution to purify, then oil all surfaces for protection. You're ready to go.

By Marty Mann

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## ***UP COMING EVENTS***

***John Y. Naka Design Award:*** The American Bonsai Society in fellowship and remembrance of our American Grand Master is pleased to announce that the 2012 John Y. Naka award program is now open and accepting photographic entries from across the North American continent. The program is open to both professionals and hobbyists, competing separately, using either Native American plant material or plant material grown entirely in North America. All North American regional associations, local clubs, study groups and professional Bonsai educators are encouraged to enter trees of members or students of their organizations who exhibit the spirit of artistic design taught by John Naka. Entry deadline is April 1, 2012. Visit the ABS website at <http://absbonsai.org> for details.

**April 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 2012**

**Garden Grove, California**

**California Bonsai Society: 55th Convention and Show at the Crown Plaza** Anaheim Resort, 12021 harbor Blvd. and starring the iron men of Naka, Frank Goya, Harry Hirao, Shig Miya, Ben Oki and Richard Ota. Also featuring Tomohiro Masumi, Ryan Neil, and Cheryl Manning, Kenji Miyata, David Nguy, Kathy Shaner and the members of CBS. There will be workshops, demonstrations, auctions, drawings, a huge vendor area and prizes & awards for early registrations. For registration information contact Elizabeth Partch at [elizabethpartch@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethpartch@yahoo.com)

**April 26, 27, 28, 29, 2012**

**Orange Empire Bonsai Society Exhibition** – 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Garden Show at the South Coast Plaza. For more information contact David Nadzam at [dnadzam@socal.rr.com](mailto:dnadzam@socal.rr.com) or 714-345-6966

### **Bonsai Tools and Supplies:**

If you need any tools or supplies from Everett Bassin, contact him at 714-827-0661 or 714-392-5149 or email him at [bonsaitools@mindspring.com](mailto:bonsaitools@mindspring.com). He will bring them to the meetings. He will not be bringing his entire inventory to the meetings.

## *Special Thank You*

### **December Raffle Donations:**

Manuel Martinez  
Carol Upston  
Harry Hirao  
Bill & Lois Hutchinson  
Paul Vasina  
Nathan Simmons  
Wendy Tsui  
Bob & Kim Warner  
Al Nelson

### **October Refreshments:**

Wendy Tsai  
Manuel & Cheryl Martinez  
Dave Miles  
Bob & Kim Warner  
Jane Yoshisato  
Lee Anthony  
Bill & Lois Hutchinson  
Dan & Wanda Danesi  
Joe Szabo  
Joyce M. Battell  
Marybell Balendonck  
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Janet Eickhoff  
Amy Chiusolo  
Jerry Shipman

## PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

Beginners, looking to get started!  
Looking to improve your bonsai  
artistry and technique!  
Preparing your trees for exhibition!  
Wondering how to get started in  
Bonsai and have questions? Have a  
tree that is "difficult" to style  
and you may not know what to do.  
Questions, on preparing your tree  
or displaying it at the Annual  
Show? No matter what your  
objectives are, you can bring your  
trees to work on at the pre-  
meeting workshop were experts  
like Al Nelson, Paul Vasina and  
Harley Newman can assist. Meet  
from 4:00pm -6:00pm prior to the  
monthly meeting.

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

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