

# KOFU BONSAI KAI KOFUKAI.ORG

MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

**Saturday May 19, 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.**

## **WILL BADDELEY** MASTER CARVING DEMONSTRATION

“As long as I remember, I have always had a huge appreciation of nature. My love affair with trees was there long before I came across Bonsai.” Photos of Will Baddeley carving workshop at Bob Pressler’s nursery, borrowed from Bob’s Facebook page.



“My first tree came from a Petrol station back in 1997. It didn't last long. But in the mean time I bought a book by Colin Lewis and was hooked by the idea of using native trees to make Bonsai. I then went about collecting as many different species of tree as possible, bought as many books as I could afford and joined a local club. In 2001 my club entered me in the New Talent Competition. I won the UK heats and represented my Country in Trevarez, France in 2002 and came third. I am self taught if there is such a thing. Observant and committed would be another way of putting it as I soak up information

like a sponge. My main influences have come from the likes of Colin Lewis and his passion for natives and in particular *Ulmus minor*. Also Kevin Willson and his work with wild material and deadwood work with power tools.”

(from the Bonsai Empire website, for more info click link)

<https://www.bonsaiempire.com/locations/bonsai-artists/will-baddeley>

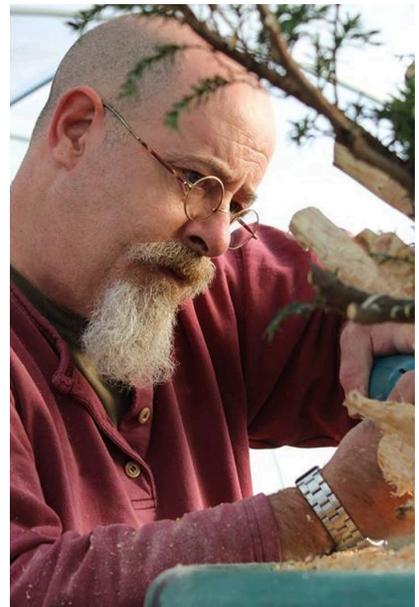
**This event and the CBS Will Baddeley demo on May 16 will be live streamed on the Kofu Kai and California Bonsai Society Facebook pages. Our demo at the Fullerton Arboretum will be live streamed as well on Saturday May 12 beginning around 11:00 am.**

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Mastering carving techniques opens up vast possibilities in bonsai. If you can carve well, you can transform plants collected from nurseries and yards into truly amazing bonsai. It allows you to collect large stumpy material or to buy boxed trees and saw off the trunks and carve them into shapes that appear naturally aged and tapered.

This demonstration is the first in a series sponsored by California Bonsai Society which will bring major bonsai figures to Southern California for all bonsai club members to learn from. I'm always interested in individuals like Will Baddeley who mention that they are mostly self-taught. They often bring a new perspective to things, having had to figure things out for themselves before they learned the 'standard' or 'traditional' way of doing things. This Kofu Kai event is open to everyone and we hope our bonsai colleagues from all the local OC clubs will join us for these CBS sponsored special events.



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IT'S THE **KOFU KAI WEEKEND AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM** Demo Live Streaming on Facebook

**MAY 12 AND 13**

**Saiki Demonstration** on Saturday at 11:00 AM by Carol Upston

**Member workshop** on Sunday all Day. Bring a tree and snacks and get something done. This is the final weekend for the multi Club exhibit at the Fullerton Arboretum so if you're coming to pick up a tree, come early and hang out with us. Refreshment donations welcome.

## LAST MEETING WITH TED MATSON

Ted's demo on Crape Myrtle Bonsai was our first live streamed event on Facebook and by the next morning had been viewed by over 445 people and at least looked at by almost 900.



This what happens when you buy raffle tickets. Ruben Ayala won both of the rare mini varieties of crape myrtle donated by Ted.

The demo was very informative. Many of us have thought about using crape myrtle material but were unsure of it's requirements. Ted answered all of our questions and many of us will be seeking crape myrtle material to train for our collections.

Thank you Ted for being our first live streamed demo.

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

**April Donors**

**Raffle: Ted Matson, Carol Upston, Dan and Wanda Danesi, Gary Lai, Harley Newman, Marshall Amoranto, Mike Viljak**

**Refreshments: Shari Religa, Dan and Wanda Danesi, Tom Culton, Larry and Nin Ragle, Carol Upston**

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## A NEW ERA IN SOCAL BONSAI

### CALIFORNIA BONSAI SOCIETY IS OPENING UP NEW OPPORTUNITIES

California Bonsai Society under the leadership of new president Robert Pressler, is making available world class demonstrators for all SoCal clubs who want to participate and is also offering a new Ben Oki annual scholarship and is developing a mentoring program to help interested members develop their skills and their trees. These Demos will take place at the quarterly CBS meetings as well as the regular club meetings on the usual club meeting dates for clubs participating in the program.

CBS will pay for the transportation and lodging of these demonstrators and will bring them to the various clubs. The clubs pay a fee to the demonstrators.

### THE DEMONSTRATORS

May 2018

**WILL BADDELEY** [WWW.WILDWOODBONSAI.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://WWW.WILDWOODBONSAI.BLOGSPOT.COM)

Master Carving Demo

At CBS May 16; at Kofu Kai May 19, 2018

August 2018

**PEDRO MORALES**

Tropical Bonsai

This will mean that our Kofu Auction will move to either the September or October meeting.

November 2018

**HARRY HARRINGTON**

Deciduous and Collected Bonsai

## NEW CBS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO ALL

California Bonsai Society is proud to announce The Ben Oki Bonsai Scholarships

The California Bonsai Society (CBS) has set up a scholarship fund to honor Ben Oki - a man who devoted most of his life to enjoying and sharing bonsai. Ben was happiest when he was sharing his knowledge or working on a tree. To honor that sharing spirit Ben had we will be making five \$200.00 grants available to anyone in the bonsai community to be used to attend classes, a workshop or other bonsai related educational activity. To apply, the applicant should write a short note detailing what they'd like to do with the funds - funds can be used for classes, materials to bring to a class, workshops, etc. as long as it is geared towards improving one's bonsai skills and knowledge with an outside source. They cannot be used to just buy a piece of material to work on your own.

Applicants who receive scholarships agree that in return for these funds within 15 days of completing class etc. they will provide CBS with photos and a short write up of what they did with the funds. This will be published on our website and in our newsletter.

The application period will be from April 15<sup>th</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup> annually with the scholarships awarded by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be accepted from anyone in the bonsai community.

The scholarship will be awarded by random drawing.

Anyone in the bonsai community can apply by sending a short note stating that they are applying for the Ben Oki Scholarship. Applications should include name, address and email of applicant as well as name of teacher, workshop leader etc. and dates of said classes or workshops or other activity to improve one's bonsai knowledge. All applications need to be postmarked by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Applications should be mailed via US postal service to

Ben Oki Scholarship

c/o 17230 Roscoe Blvd. Northridge CA 91325

Contact Robert Pressler for Application Form 818-259-8361



## KOFU KAI NEEDS NEW STORAGE SPACE OR A NEW SOLUTION FOR STORAGE

Kofu Kai has stuff. Important big stuff like our uprights, backdrops, table covers and tokonoma and also smaller stuff like raffle pots and items, records in plastic containers and some miscellaneous stuff that has accumulated over time. The fees on our storage unit are going up soon and we need to find a less expensive alternative.

One suggestion is that we ask members to store small batches of the smaller stuff so we could rent a smaller unit just for our uprights and tokonoma.

These small things really don't take up much room at all and most of them are in plastic bins. Another possibility is that we could put a small storage shed on someone's property.

If you have a small corner of your garage, attic or other space where you could keep a few boxes of our stuff or if you have a yard where you would be willing to let us put a new shed, please get in touch with me, Carol Upston, [carolupston@icloud.com](mailto:carolupston@icloud.com) , Manny Martinez, [manny22816@aol.com](mailto:manny22816@aol.com) , or Ryan Cali, [racali9@gmail.com](mailto:racali9@gmail.com) or any club member at all. This would almost entirely solve any financial issues we have with increasing expenses. Also please buy a few raffle tickets. Every little bit helps.

**You can participate in the social media revolution. Visit us on Facebook and don't forget our website at [WWW.KOFUKAI.ORG](http://WWW.KOFUKAI.ORG)**

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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 or stuffing a few bills into the donation jar. 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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