

Kofu Bonsai Kai kofukai.org

Saturday October 17, Meeting in the Choir Room at 1:00 PM

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

Our meeting hours will vary in 2026

Demonstration by Aaron Hughes at 1:00 PM

Important Announcement

Beginning this year, some of our meetings will be at 1:00 PM, not 6:00 PM. Please check each month in the newsletter or on the website to see the time. Our meetings that feature the CBS visiting artists will still be at 6:00 PM because that is when they are available. Our annual benefit auction will still be in the evening.



October's guest will be Aaron Hughes from the Huntington Library and Gardens. Aaron will be discussing options for difficult trees, such as air layering, trunk splitting, dramatic bending, grafting and the like. If members would like this type of advice on a tree they find to be difficult, Aaron will offer his vision of what could be done and allow that member to take guided steps toward that option. A \$25 donation per tree is suggested.

Aaron Hughes is the Horticulture Curator of Asian Gardens at The Huntington, where he leads curatorial, educational, and hands-on programs in Japanese and Chinese gardens, bonsai, and traditional agricultural practices.

Role and Expertise

Aaron Hughes has served as **Horticulture Curator of Asian Gardens** at The Huntington since September 2022. His work spans bonsai curation, garden design, and cultural interpretation, rooted in a five-year bonsai apprenticeship in Nagoya, Japan. He focuses on balancing individual plants with their broader garden context, and on integrating cultural heritage with horticultural practice.

Before joining The Huntington, Hughes was a **bonsai apprentice at Aichien Bonsai Garden in Japan** (2017–2022), where he advised visitors, guided exhibitions, and managed advanced bonsai care. He also worked as a museum specialist at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum in Washington, D.C.

Current Projects and Events

Hughes is active in public engagement through The Huntington's gardens:

Chinese Medicinal Garden – He co-led a 2024 "Meet a Gardener" event with curatorial colleague Michelle Bailey, exploring plants used in Chinese medicine for over 2,000 years, including seed collection, propagation, and historical context.

Shōya House Rice Harvest – In 2025, Hughes led the annual rice harvest at the Huntington's reconstructed 17th-century Japanese Shōya House, teaching visitors traditional rice-bundling, threshing, and winnowing.

Our September Meeting with Eric To



It Was Fun!



Come Back Soon, Eric!



Japan Culture and Craft Fair at the Huntington Beach Central Library

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**October
10th & 11th 2026
10 AM to 5 PM**

Bonsai Show with trees from members in three Orange County clubs

- Coastal Bonsai Club
- Kofu Bonsai Kai
- Orange County Bonsai Society

Downstairs Conference Rooms B, C, D, E Balboa + Tabby Theater			
Event / Activity	Location	Time	Cost
Origami Workshop	Room B	10am - 5pm	Free/Donation
Bonsai Display	Room C	10am - 5pm	Free
Bonsai Demonstration	Room C	10am - 5pm	Free
Flower Arrangement Display	Room D	10am - 5pm	Free
Flower Arrangement Workshops	Room D	10-11:30, 12-2, 2-4	Adult: \$20 Child: \$10
Tea Ceremony Workshops	Room E		
Sunny Seki Children's Storytime	10/10: Tabby Theater	11am - 2pm	Free
Kamishibai Storytime	10/11: Balboa Room	10am - 5pm	Free
Ishikawa Prefecture Folk Craft Display	Theater Lobby Hallway	10am - 5pm	Free

**Bonsai
Demonstrations
11 AM and 2 PM
each day**

Address

**Huntington Beach Central
Library, Room C
7111 Talbert Av.
Huntington Beach, CA**

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Generic OMIYA Calendar

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Upcoming Events

October 10 - 11, Multi club bonsai show with trees from Coastal Bonsai club, Kofu Bonsai Kai and Orange County Bonsai Society.

October 10 - 11 from 10 AM to 5 PM at the Japan Culture and Craft Fair
Huntington Beach Central Library, Room C, 7111 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach

Continuing

Tuesday Evenings mentoring workshop with Mel Ikeda is resumes on Tuesday October 6 at 6:30PM. It usually meets from 6:30 -8:00 PM most Tuesdays. Bring your own tree and table cover. \$15 per session. 11832 Euclid Avenue, Garden Grove. Contact Paul Minerich with questions. pminerich@sbcglobal.net

Kimura Bonsai Nursery in Castaic; Classes and workshops. Check their website for the latest offerings. 30535 Harley Canyon Rd, Castaic. kimurabonsainursery.com

David Nguy, Bonsai Jidai, offers once-per-month workshops year round. bonsaijidai.com

Peter Macasieb also offers workshops. @petermacasieb for instagram photos and videos.

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