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February 2023 Newsletter

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

Saturday February at 6:00 PM Meeting in the Choir Room next to the main Chapel: No Raffle This Meeting.

Kofu Kai welcomes

Maliea Chiem



For our first CBS visiting artists program of 2023 we are happy to welcome Maliea Chiem from Maine. Maliea apprenticed for several years with Colin Lewis, a world-renowned, old school bonsai artist as well as with Sandy Segneri, one of Italy's most respected teachers. Maliea is also a fine artist in addition to her bonsai work. Over the years she has worked with clubs, gardens and individuals both locally and nationally, promoting bonsai as an art form and sharing what she has learned. She maintains a small personal bonsai collection and also enjoys poetry.

I hope you will join us and take advantage of this extraordinary CBS program that allows us to meet and learn from bonsai artists from around the country and around the world.



Our November meeting with Caroline Scott



Caroline Scott traveled from the north of England to educate and entertain in southern California thanks to the CBS visiting artists program. I donated this commercially produced prostrate juniper which had been grafted with Shinpaku juniper. It had been sitting around for awhile in the shade and needed a styling to head it in a good direction. Caroline did a beautiful styling and I apparently failed to get a good picture of the finished tree but no worries, you will get a good look at it at a future benefit auction. Many thanks to Caroline (aka CAZ) and her trusty friend and helper Angie. Caz and Angie were witty, very knowledgeable and creative and I hope they decide to come over and thaw out in SoCal again soon.

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Join your fellow Kofu members at the Bowers Museum
Cherry Blossom Festival
Sunday April 16, 2023
10 AM - 3 PM



Every year we show a few trees and talk to the lovely folks who attend the Bowers Cherry blossom Festival which celebrates Japanese culture. There is music, dancing and family craft activities. You can bring a tree or just drop by to help us talk to people about the beautiful art of bonsai. It's also good to bring a tree to work on so you can show people what we do. Contact Carol Upston to sign up or for more info.

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Sherman Gardens Workshop

Sponsored by Orange Empire Bonsai Society

Sunday February 19, 11 AM - 2 PM

Bring Your Own Tree Workshop with
Maliea Chiem

\$100.00 per person, limit 5 people

Sherman Library and Gardens

2647 East Coast Hwy.

Corona Del Mar

Entry fee to the garden is \$5.

Contact David Melitz to sign up or for more info



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BONSAI-A-THON

Fundraiser for
The Golden State Bonsai Federation Collection at the Huntington
February 25-26, 2023
at the
The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens
Brody Botanical Center
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108

If you have signed up on the Portal link for a free ticket to the Bonsai-A-thon, the QR code will be emailed to you on February 18.

Show the code at the admissions ticketing booths when you arrive at the Huntington.

There are no more free tickets available for Saturday.

If you have *not* registered for a free ticket for Saturday, and would like one for Sunday, click on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/kDAwrskj4dNYcsRd8>

If you want to attend the Bonsai-A-Thon but do not have a free ticket, be aware that the Huntington does not take walk-ins on the weekend.

You will need to make a reservation on the Huntington website and pay the daily entrance fee.

The Bonsai-A-Thon is free to all Huntington guests.

The Huntington opens at 10AM for non-members, and at 9AM for members.

The Bonsai-A-Thon opens at 10AM for everyone, and closes at 5 PM.

We look forward to seeing you on February 25th and 26th, 2023 as we celebrate the art of bonsai.