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July 2024 Newsletter

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

Saturday July 20 at 6 PM in classroom B

There will be refreshments but no general raffle.

Liliana Ortiz Returns!

CBS Visting Artist

Liliana Marcela Tello Ortiz returns to Southern California with the CBS Visiting Artists program.

We have a very nice juniper for Liliana to style which was generously donated to Kofu Kai last year by Nina Ragle. It's a variety of garden juniper that somehow ended up with a wonderful twisty trunk plus it has the great advantage of being a manageable size. Our plan is to pot it into a bonsai pot this winter and offer it for sale to benefit the club net year.

Liliana's biography follows:

My name is Liliana Marcela Tello Ortiz, I was born in Bogotá, Colombia on August 3rd. I trained as a professional in Medicine and Surgery and began working



in my profession in 1999. I have had my interest in bonsai since I was a child but I was not able to practice due to my professional studies, but I always had the opportunity to be in contact with nature, in my free time, which was few, I took walks in remote places to be able to get out of the city. In the year 2000 I migrated to Costa Rica, where I also began to work as a doctor. Being a tropical country, with very small cities and with the opportunity to live at home with gardens within the city, I began to look for how to learn how to make bonsai. That's where my story begins. Initially looking for tools and supplies for this, I met a group of people who held meetings once a month where they taught some topic about bonsai and worked on their trees. That was where I met the group from the Italian school of Salvatore Liporace, who had been there from 2006 to 2009, and with them I began to develop my practice, which was on weekends since everyone had their own jobs. Thanks to this work, I was able to start getting material to work with and learn about the species and the recovery of trees in nature. I increasingly felt the need to move forward and dedicate more time. So what started as a hobby became something I wanted to do every minute.

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The pandemic began in 2020, which is why we continued virtual classes with Since all the time I was practically doing and studying Bonsai, I decided to leave my profession like a doctor to dedicate myself 100 percent to do Bonsai professionally . In 2022 I will move again to my country Colombia, to develop my project, which I have been working on since that year. I continued at Felipe's school. In May 2022 I will once again attend Francisco Correa's event in Brazil as a demonstrator.

Also in May 2022 I was invited as a line judge, giving demonstrations and giving workshops at the Florida Bonsai Society Convention. While working on my project, I



organized Felipe's school in Colombia, and I have attended his Netaien school in the South of Brazil twice to continue my training.

As I practice and study more, I feel that I should learn more and I continue studying to become better every day and transmit my knowledge to others.



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Our May Meeting

Kaya Mooney Rocked a Critique of Member's Trees



A big thank you to everyone who brought trees for the critique. The more trees that come to this kind of event, the better it is and the more everyone learns. The artists who come to Kofu Kai are deep wells of knowledge and we need to extract as much of that as we can.



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The Kofu June benefit auction was a success. Because many of our usual bidders were not present, some people got amazing, even ridiculous bargains. There were finished bonsai and saikei going for fire sale prices. I expect that there will be similar bargains at the pot auction. Don't miss this chance to acquire pots to enhance your bonsai collection.

We Accept Cash, Checks and Cards

Mostly Pots

A few Plants

Kofu Kai has an inventory of pots that we can no longer store. These include all sorts of pots that have been donated to the club in recent years. Since we no longer have a raffle to distribute pots we've decided to have a separate pot auction. Plants are also welcome as donations to this raffle.

Donate. Bid. Volunteer

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Second Benefit Auction

Saturday August 17

Helpers are needed! All are welcome to donate and bid.

Saturday August 17

Drop off from 5 pm, auction at 6:30

Anaheim United Methodist Church

1000 S State College Blvd. In the large hall.

We accept cash, checks and Cards. Auctions are our major fundraiser of the year and makes all of our activities possible. Please donate items to auction and bid generously. Contact for more information:

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