May 2024 Newsletter

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

Saturday May 18 at 6 PM in classroom B

There will be refreshments but no general raffle.

Kaya Mooney Critique of Member's Trees CBS Visting Artist



Kaya Mooney studied in Japan for five years. He had the opportunity to travel to Osaka, Japan, where he apprenticed under the renowned bonsai Master Keichii Fujikawa at Fujisawa Kouka-En

Kaya is due to receive a certification as a bonsai professional from the Nippon Bonsai Association this May, which is a great personal achievement. With this certification, he is now positioned to become a dedicated teacher within the American bonsai community, sharing his knowledge and inspiring others.

At our May meeting we welcome California Bonsai Society visiting artist Kaya Mooney. This meeting will be a critique which means that you have the opportunity to bring a tree and consult with a bonsai artist who is working at a high level. This is one of the great perks of belonging to a bonsai club so please take advantage of it. Everyone learns from these meetings.

If you want to bring a tree please contact David Melitz by email, text or call. dmelitz@uci.edu 949-337-2334, and get your name on the list.





The Bower's annual Cherry Blossom Festival was held on April 7 and as usual Kofu members were there to show a few trees, work on some trees and talk to guests about the wonderful art of bonsai. It's such a happy and mellow event and I hope more of you will consider participating in the future.

I'd also like to recommend the Current Asian Comics exhibit at the Bowers which My husband and I visited recently. It's a ticketed event and for anyone interested in comics, anime, Miyazaki movies, Asian culture or just art in general it is fascinating.

Speaking of comics, our program chair and resident cartoonist David Melitz has submitted two versions of this month's comic for your consideration. Choose your reality.

OMIYA TRAILER PARK

Where Bonsai Artists go to retire



Also, nice to have a side cutter, wire cutter & jin pliers, wire of course, root cutter, root...

...rake, branch splitter, some raffia, bent nose tweezers, a branch bender, reciprocal saw, HB101, lots of Akadama, pumice, lava rock....



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... as is a truck, half an acre of land, bonsai benches, shade cloth, an irrigation and misting system, friends who own wooded land in various parts of California, wood shop tools, wood carving tools, some nice Japanese scrolls, a few nice suiseki, a partner with a strong back













May 11 and 12, 2024

Ken Nakaoka Community Center 1670 W. 162nd Street, Gardena

EXHIBITION • DEMONSTRATIONS • SALES • RAFFLES
AUCTION • BEGINNER'S WORKSHOP • RECEPTION

Novice to master exhibitors, daily demonstrations and drawings, bonsai plants, tools, and accessories on sale throughout the show. Free admission and parking.

SATURDAY • MAY 11

10:00am - 4:00pm
10:30am
Show & Sales Area Open
Beginner's Hands-on Workshop
(Free to first 15, first-time participants only)
Adam Toth - Bonsai Demonstration
Private Dinner Reception
(SoCal bonsai club members are welcome)

8:00pm DIBK Club Auction

SUNDAY • MAY 12

10:00am - 1:00pm Show & Sales Area Open 10:00am - 12:00pm Jason Saito - Saikei Demonstration

For more info, call Doyle Saito at (310) 539-9265 or visit bit.ly/DIBK-FB



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MAY 4th & 5th 2024 261 S JUNIPERO SERRA DR SAN GABRIEL, CA

SATURDAY - MAY 4TH - SHOW OPEN 9AM-5PM

10:15AM - ROUND ROBIN DEMONSTRATIONS

1:00PM - DAVID NGUY BONSAI DEMONSTRATION

5:00PM - DINNER RECEPTION

6:00PM - SILENT AUCTION / AUCTION / RAFFLE

SUNDAY -MAY 5TH - OPEN 9AM-3:30PM

11:00AM - ROUND ROBIN DEMONSTRATIONS

3:30PM - SILENT AUCTION / RAFFLE

EXHIBITS - DEMOS - AUCTIONS - RAFFLES - RECEPTION - VENDOR & CLUB SALES





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