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February 2024 Newsletter

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

Saturday February 17 at 6 PM

It's Time To Pay Dues!!! There will be a raffle and refreshments!

Michael Ryan Bell

Bonsai Containers; Powerpoint lecture and Bring-A-Pot Appraisal

Michael Ryan Bell, often referred to simply as MRB online, began doing Bonsai seriously in 2008 and purchased his first quality bonsai container in 2010. After a few months trying to find information on that container and others he realized that there was truly a lack of information available in English on Bonsai containers. He set out to rectify that situation by creating a Chop and Signature database and a website with container artists profiles and biographies.

At present, there are more bonsai specific pottery artists marks on his site, than in any single publication, in any language and it's still growing.

It is his stated mission to raise the standards of appreciation, awareness and selection of quality bonsai containers in the community. Since he began teaching about bonsai pottery, Ryan has lectured at the National Bonsai Exhibitions in America and the UK, the GSBF convention as a co-headliner and at nearly 100 clubs and organizations and. Also serves on the board for the American Bonsai Society.

February's PowerPoint presentation will contain an even mix of beginner, intermediate and advanced information on those topics to appeal to bonsai enthusiasts of all levels and there will be a Q and A session and an appraisal hour to follow.

Bring a bonsai pot to find out what it is and what it might be worth. If you decide to donate that same pot to the raffle you will receive a bunch raffle tickets in exchange.





Hugo Zamora

Luna wowed Kofu with his information packed critique of members trees in November. Since Hugo is just a few hours away in Mexico City, we hope he will make many return visits to Kofu and Southern California.

He is well versed in all aspects of bonsai with the added advantage that the trees he has at home are the same kinds of trees we have here.

Come back soon, Hugo!



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After several years of trying, Kofu finally made it to

Peter's House!





BONSAI-A-THON

Fundraiser for

THE GSBF COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON

February 24 & February 25, 2024

The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens
Brody Botanical Center, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, California

Young Choe, Bonsai-A-Thon Visiting Artist, Sponsored by Joshua Roth



Bonsai Exhibit by Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai, honoring Legends Jim Barrett, Marge Basingame and Ted Matson, located on the lower level of Banta Hall

Schedule

10am-5pm	Extensive Bazaar Area with more than 40 vendors selling top-quality tools, pots, and plants
10am-2pm, both days	Demonstrations: Initial training and advanced styling by experts. Trees will be auctioned off at the end of the day.
10am, Saturday only	Guided tour of the Nursery and Shoya House
10am, Sunday only	Guided tour of the Chinese Garden
2:30-4:30pm, both days	Live Auction followed by Raffle of demonstration trees and donated trees, pots, tools and more
10am-1pm Saturday	Young Choe Demonstration, in the auditorium on the Lower level of Banta Hall
10am-1pm Sunday	Young Choe Kusamono Workshop, Head House

Demonstrations on the Banta Hall lower level, 10am to 2pm

Saturday Demonstrators	Sunday Demonstrators
Kathy Benson, Marcus Juniel, Peter Macasieb, Tak Shimazu, Tom Vuong	Jason Chan, Kelly Lui, Mitch Matsey, Bob Pressler, Jason Saito

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In Loving Memory of Harley Newman



Harley Newman, born in April 1933 to Charles and Opal Newman in Rock Rapids, Iowa, peacefully passed away on Monday, 20 November 2023 at the age of 90. His life was a testament to resilience, love, and dedication to family.

In the late 1930s, the Newman family relocated to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where Harley forged lifelong friendships and, fatefully, met the love of his life, Floy. Their connection blossomed over the years, leading to a beautiful marriage that endured until Floy's passing in 2015.

Harley's journey took a turn in 1953 when he answered the call to duty and was drafted into the US Army. Serving with honor in the Signal Corps, Harley played an important role in rebuilding the telephone systems in Fukushima Prefecture, Japan. For his dedicated service, he was awarded an honorable discharge and the National Defense Service Medal.

Returning home from Japan in 1955, Harley and Floy embarked on a new chapter in their lives, being wed in Sioux Falls and then moving to Los Angeles, where Harley began his lifelong career in Aerospace, starting with North American Aviation. His work contributed to the success of the Mercury Redstone, Apollo, and Space Shuttle missions.

In the heart of their journey together, Harley and Floy were blessed with three children -- David, Doni, and Daniel. As a father, Harley was

a pillar of strength, wisdom, and unwavering support. The family thrived under his guidance in the welcoming community of Costa Mesa, California, where lasting memories were created and cherished.

Harley's two years spent in Japan instilled him with deep interest and passion for Bonsai and Suiseki, a passion which he renewed with vigor upon his retirement from his career in aerospace. The friendships he forged in the California Bonsai and Suiseki communities brought him great joy and buoyed him through the remainder of his life. His surviving family recognize and value these friendships Harley forged.

Harley Newman will be remembered not only for his professional achievements but also for his warmth, generosity, and love for family and friends. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched and the values he instilled in those around him.

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