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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Meeting Again at the Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim, East Classroom at 6 PM on Saturday, September 18

Kofu Kai is having a show at the Bowers, October 6 - 10!!

Ronald Reekers is our demonstrator for September



Ron Reekers is a very accomplished fellow. In addition to being an Aerospace Engineer and having mastered several martial arts, he is an established fine artist who has his work shown and published in many venues. You may have seen him selling his beautiful bonsai prints at the Bonsai A Thon. He is also a bonsai artist and has trained locally with John Neilsen, Manny Martinez, and has apprenticed with David Nguy. He also teaches bonsai drawing techniques.

Ron was awarded the Golden State Bonsai Federation's Harry Hirao scholarship that helped pay for him to train in Japan. He studied for 32 days under Mr. Nobuichi Urushibata at the Taisho-En International Bonsai School in Shizuoka.

At our Saturday night meeting, Ron will be doing a drawing of a member's tree and will be talking about bonsai design and esthetics and answering your questions about bonsai in general.

If you have a tree you'd like to bring to the meeting to have drawn, contact me and I'll put all the names in a hat and draw two people to bring trees, a winner and a spare, just in case. You will get to keep the drawing of your tree.

There will also be a raffle featuring bonsai pots from a recent donation. Please donate generously to the raffle.

Please donate generously to the raffle. And please buy some raffle tickets too. You may think "I don't need any of that stuff". That's fine, just buy some tickets anyway and pass them off to someone else or donate the items you win back to the club, or just don't put your tickets in the bin. The point is to pay the bills so that we can continue to enjoy and share this remarkable art form and to also enjoy the camaraderie of our club.

Of course everything is still tenuous and the church asks that we observe their Covid protocols which may change at any time. For now, expect to wear a mask and also bring your own water or coffee or whatever; we won't be having refreshments. I can't require you to be vaccinated but I sincerely hope that you are. Last meeting we asked people to move their chairs to a position that they found comfortable. We will keep all four doors open for ventilation.

We completely understand if you are not comfortable coming to a physical meeting and will continue to livestream our meetings on Facebook, and also post the videos for later viewing, WiFi willing.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon.
Carol Upston

Kofu Kai returns to the Bowers!

October 6 - 10

Set up details to be announced



Yes it's true, we are having an exhibit at the Bowers Museum again. The show will be open to the public from Wednesday October 6 through October 10. As of this writing there are no restrictions on the number of people visiting the museum which is important because it means that people coming to and helping out at the show won't have to pay admission, although I hope that most of you are already members of the Bowers considering what they do for our club.

The museum has mentioned wanting to change some things about the way we set up and despite many attempts we still don't have any set up times. I'll let you know as soon as I know.

I have approximately 22 trees signed up which leaves some space still available so if you'd like to show a tree, please contact me, Carol Upston, soon so that Anthony Chiusolo and Jim Pierce, our intrepid exhibit chairmen can draw up a table layout.

We are most likely not going to have a demo or lecture this time because of the Covid situation and not wanting to create a crowd of people.

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