

The Kofu Kai Review

The Monthly Newsletter of the Kofu Bonsai Kai Club

MEETING TIME and PLACE

Meeting Date: **NO** January 21, 2017, Meeting



NO JANUARY MEETING

Happy New Year! I don't know about you, but I'm usually feeling slightly dazed the week after New Year's. As I look around the yard and the bonsai, I see that as usual the rain has somehow triggered every weed seed to sprout and shoot up out of the ground during the holidays, and the line-up of bonsai waiting for their winter repotting is getting longer.

On the up side, the trees all love this weather, even the dormant elms and pomegranates. I see that the one elm still full of green leaves is the one going to the silhouettes show in Arcadia, so I guess I'll be doing some leaf plucking soon.

I hope to see everyone out at the annual **Baikoen Winter Silhouettes show** at the Los Angeles County Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, in Arcadia. The show is open on Saturday, January 21, and Sunday, January 22. The reception is on Saturday, January 21, and starts at 6 pm.

---Carol Upston



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DUES ARE DUE!



GUESS WHAT! It's that time of the year again, **DUES ARE DUE!** Your newsletter will discontinue if you have not renewed. **Contact Ryan Cali at the meeting, or when making Annual Dues payments by mail, please use these directions:**

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*If you joined during the months of October, November, or
December 2016, you are paid for 2017.*

KOFU BONSAI KAI - BONSAI IDEAS

BY MARTY MANN
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If deciduous trees start to sprout, bring them gradually into sunlight. If the tree is kept in a shaded area, new growth will be long, leggy and weak. Be careful to protect this new growth from any surprise cold or frost that causes dieback. When warm weather comes--so does the ever-present insect population. Be prepared to spray early with a good commercial insecticide or miticide. Follow manufacturer's directions for your mixtures.

This is the time to spray deciduous trees with a dormant spray (lime sulfur) before any sign of new growth appear. Avoid the soil surfaces in the pots as well as the pots themselves. Dripping chemicals harm the tender roots and leave unsightly stains on the pots.

Survey the finished trees in bonsai pots. Are they still a proper match in size or color to the tree? Has the maturity and styling of the tree changed it enough to consider repotting into a new pot? Is it taller, wider, fatter? Now is the time to redesign 'completed' trees. Make a list of the trees that will require repotting. Place a marker in the pots that require attention this year for identification. Begin with the conifers, followed by the deciduous trees, then the flowering and fruiting trees. Begin while they are still in a dormant stage or just beginning to emerge. Some of this activity can wait until later in February. Go easy on any pruning that may be required--particularly on the early transplants. Let the branches mature. Wait until the sap begins to flow before you do any serious pruning or pinching of the new growing tips.

Another important activity at this time involves your tools. Sort them out. Sharpen all cutting edges, remove accumulations of rust and tar stains by using the new Japanese erasers, dip into a bleach solution to purify, then oil all surfaces for protection. You're ready to go.

By Marty Mann

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

January 21-22 **Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai 53rd** Annual Winter Silhouette Exhibit at the Arboretum of Los Angeles County, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia. Hours are 10 am to 4:30 pm both days; demonstrations at 1 pm each day. Saturday 6:30-9:00 pm, Nagata-Komai Award Ceremony honoring recipient Mel Ikeda. Trees, pots, and bonsai related items for sale. For more information, contact Lindsay Shiba at ljshiba@juno.com or Ken Teh at hanyuls@yahoo.com.

- February 19-20 **Annual Mammoth Auction and Sale Fund Raiser** at GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Avenue (Garden Center Building), Oakland. Auction preview at noon with Auction starting at 1 pm. Vendor sales start at 9 am. Plant sales start at 10 am, and demonstrations at 1 pm. The Bonsai Garden will be open Saturday 10 am-4pm and Sunday 12 noon-4 pm.
- February 25-26 **Bonsai-A-Thon XXI** at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. This is the annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at the Huntington. Event admission is free with Bonsai-A-Thon "early bird" registration between 8 am to 9 am. Event hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm both days. Pancake breakfast, demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle, and auction. For more information visit www.gsbfhuntington.com.
- March 25-26 **California Bonsai Society** annual exhibit at the **Brody Botanical Center**, Huntington Library, At Collections, and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. Reception on Saturday evening, March 25, at 6:00 p.m.
- April 22-23 **Koen-Nai No Bonsai 2nd Annual Fund Raiser for the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen**, Shinzen Friendship Garden at Woodward Park, at Friant and Audubon Roads, Fresno. Hours are Saturday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm and Sunday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Demonstrations by Peter Tea and David Nguy. Huge auction and mammoth vender area. Toko-Kazari Display Competition and tours of the Regional Bonsai Exhibit in the garden. Several shohin workshops will be offered. For more information, contact Bob Hilvers at bonsaigui@comcast.net.
- April 27-30 **World Bonsai Friendship Federation 8th World Bonsai Convention** at Saitama Super Arena, Saitama City, Japan. Japan's highest class bonsai and suiseki masterpieces. Extensive sales area, various on-stage events, and demonstrations by bonsai artists from all over the world. For registration forms and information to <http://world-bonsai-saitama.jp/en/index.html#>
- April 29-30 **San Diego Bonsai Club** spring bonsai exhibit at Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park, San Diego. Show hours are 10 am to 5 pm both days. Demonstrations at 11 am and 1 pm. Free admission. Bonsai pots, trees, and other related bonsai items for sale. For more information, visit www.sandiegobonsaclub.
- May 29-31 **Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara** annual bonsai exhibit at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1212 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara. Hours are Saturday 11 am to 4 pm and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Demonstrations at 1 pm both days. Plant sale by the club. For more information, contact Joe Olson at 805/964-0869 or email joeyuccaseed@verizon.net or visit www.santabarbarbonsai.org.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

Who came to the Christmas party and contributed special foods to the buffet table and for purchasing benefit drawing tickets for items displayed.

It was great fun!

NO JANUARY 2017 PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

There will be **NO** pre-meeting workshop in January.

Take advantage of future Pre-Meeting Workshops. They're FREE, and where else can you spend 2 hours happily with your bonsai.