

## Saturday September 19 Meeting in the Choir Room at 1:00 PM

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

## Our meeting hours will vary in 2026

**Demonstration by Eric To at 1:00 PM**

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### Important Announcement

Beginning this year, some of our meetings will be at 1:00 PM, not 6:00 PM. Please check each month in the newsletter or on the website to see the time. Our meetings that feature the CBS visiting artists will still be at 6:00 PM because that is when they are available. Our annual benefit auction will still be in the evening.

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I'm happy to say that we have a potential new president in the wings who we hope will begin learning the Kofu ropes towards the end of the year. I will continue to participate of course. I know it is disappointing that we have no show this year and I've been reaching out to the Bowers to try and get a feel for what's happening and what may have changed, so far with no response. We have had a great run at the Bowers and if they have a situation that makes it less likely that they will offer us the big room for a show, there will be no hard feelings and we will continue to support the museum and participate in the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Photos of the hurricane clouds by my youngest granddaughter, Hannah.

Carol Upston

The word that comes to mind is swelter. I have noticed that the weeds and also the invasive vines erupt into abundance at this time of year when I'm stuck indoors in air conditioned safety. Today at least, I'm giving them side-eye as I watch the temperature slowly tick down to something bearable. Their time is coming. The newly abundant fence swifts are loving every minute. Having been granted a new opportunity by the fact that our local coyote pack has eradicated all feral and outdoor cats, the lizards are flourishing and I hope are stuffing themselves on mosquitos. This weather will soon pass and we will be back to bonsai.

Many thanks to everyone who came to donate, bid and help out at Kofu's annual benefit auction. David Melitz made it fun as always and we raised enough money to keep us going into the future.



## Demonstration by Eric To



Please join us on Saturday September 19 at 1:00 PM in the Choir Room at the Anaheim United Methodist Church for demo by Eric To on creating cascade bonsai. Eric will be working on two interesting junipers and if you have a cascade in your collection you'd like to show off or ask questions about, feel free to bring it along too.

September's meeting will feature Eric To, a familiar face in the Southern California bonsai community. Eric is very much a product of the local club scene, having developed his interest and skills through Kofu Kai, Coastal Bonsai Club, and the many people who have generously shared their knowledge with him along the way. Eric has been fortunate to learn from and work with Mel Ikeda, Tak Nakamura, Tak Shimazu, the late Al Nelson, and many others more recently. He has spent much of that time learning, developing his own trees, and helping with demonstrations. More recently, he has begun stepping to the other side of the demonstration table.

In that sense, Eric's Kofu Kai demonstration is also a reflection of the community that helped him develop.

Please welcome this young bonsai artist for his debut demo with Kofu Kai.



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## Upcoming Events

October 3-4, Chino Bonsai Club 6th Annual Bonsai Exhibition. See flyer.

## Continuing

Tuesday Evenings mentoring workshop with Mel Ikeda is on Hiatus till Fall. It usually meets from 6:00 -8:00 PM most Tuesdays. Bring your own tree and table cover. \$15 per session. 11832 Euclid Avenue, Garden Grove. Contact Paul Minerich with questions. [pminerich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pminerich@sbcglobal.net)

Kimura Bonsai Nursery in Castaic; Classes and workshops. Check their website for the latest offerings. 30535 Harley Canyon Rd, Castaic. [kimurabonsainursery.com](http://kimurabonsainursery.com)

David Nguy, Bonsai Jidai, offers once-per-month workshops year round. [bonsaijidai.com](http://bonsaijidai.com)

Peter Macasieb also offers workshops. @petermacasieb for instagram photos and videos.



# *Bonsai Show*

Sunday, September 13, 2026  
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

The Japanese Garden  
6100 Woodley Ave. Van Nuys

*Bonsai Exhibition*  
*Demonstrations*  
*Vendors*  
*Japanese Garden*  
*Tours*





**FREE  
ADMISSION  
& PARKING**

## **6TH ANNUAL BONSAI EXHIBITION**

**October 3 & 4, 2026**

**CHÙA QUAN THỂ ÂM (VIETNAMESE TEMPLE)  
12292 Magnolia St., Garden Grove, CA 92841**

### **Saturday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

10:30 a.m. – Round Robin Demos

1 p.m. – Bonsai Demo by David Nguy

5 p.m. – Dinner Reception

6 p.m. – Live Auction/Silent Auction/Raffle

### **Sunday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

10-11 a.m. – FREE Kids' Workshop (limit 10)

12:30 p.m. – Bonsai Demo by David Nguy

3 p.m. – Raffle

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To register as a vendor or for the kids' workshop: [www.chinobonsaiclub.org/events](http://www.chinobonsaiclub.org/events)

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