

# Kofu Bonsai Kai [kofukai.org](http://kofukai.org)

**Saturday June 21 at 6:00 PM**

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

## **New Meeting Room at the Church**

**We now meet in the choir room next to the main sanctuary. Enter the courtyard through the wrought iron gates.**

**Our meeting starts at 6 pm. There is no raffle. Refreshments welcome.**

### **President's Message Revised**

**The dates of our show have changed.** Our set up day is now Thursday November 13 starting at 3 PM. The show runs through Sunday the 16th at 4 PM. Please contact me if you want to show a tree. We welcome creative displays with scrolls, other artwork, unusual accents, three tree displays and also welcome members new to bonsai to show a tree on our novice table.



Our show is pretty unique in So Cal for its amazing variety of trees on display, especially considering that our show is late in the year. We may even see a little fall color this year if the weather cooperates.

To keep the club going and to ensure a good variety of demonstrators we need to focus now on our annual benefit auction which will be on our August meeting date, August 15. It costs over \$500.00 to put on each meeting when you add

up the rent, insurance and demonstrators fees. Costs are steadily rising and our income is not keeping pace. This year we have only one benefit auction scheduled and we need to make it count. Please start thinking now about what you could donate to help the cause. Club auctions are a great way to get material, trees, pots, etc for amazing low prices while helping to support the club. Among the featured items for the auction will be the demo tree from last years Bowers show by Jason Chan, pots from the collections of late, great Kofu Kai members like Manny Martinez and Harley Newman; lots of small Shohin and mame pots sold as collections, a small-flowered azalea from June Nguy and much, much more.

Carol Upston  
President

Kofu Kai welcomes

## Ken Bross, Bonsai Stand Maker

Bring a tree to the meeting and Ken will discuss how to best display your tree.

Ken will have some stands for sale but prefers custom orders.

Ken Bross, known as the **Barefoot Bonsai** proprietor, has been deeply involved in bonsai cultivation since 1995. His expertise extends beyond tree shaping—he is also a **master bonsai stand woodworker**, crafting elegant display stands that enhance traditional bonsai presentations. Ken has been a dedicated member of the **San Diego Bonsai Club** since 1997, learning from renowned bonsai masters and refining his techniques over decades. His woodworking skills have earned him recognition in the bonsai community, with his handcrafted stands showcased at exhibitions and club meetings. Ken's approach to bonsai includes growing trees from seed or cuttings and using tiles to shape root flare, ensuring a seamless transition to bonsai pots. His passion for

teaching allows him to share his knowledge through workshops and demonstrations, helping enthusiasts refine their craft with individualized instruction.

Ken's artistry in both bonsai cultivation and woodworking makes him a respected figure in the bonsai world.

Whether shaping miniature trees or crafting exquisite stands, his dedication to the art form continues to inspire bonsai practitioners across Southern California and beyond.





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## Our May meeting with Heike Van Gunst



## Workshop Opportunity

California Bonsai Society Visiting Artist Proposal - Cesar Ordoñez

Kofu Kai has an opportunity to host a workshop at next month's meeting featuring Cesar Ordoñez. Cesar will provide Olive trees and lead the workshop during the regular monthly meeting. The trees provided are worth between \$100 and \$150. Participants would bring their own tools, but wire will be provided.

Kofu Kai members in good standing will be asked to pay for their workshop tree and will select trees first. Kofu Kai will pay the workshop fee (\$350). The same workshop (scheduled for 3 hours) is being offered at the GSBF rendezvous for \$240 per participant.

We are asking participants to pay a down payment of \$100 at the next meeting (June 21). A minimum of 7 people are needed to make this worthwhile. 10 people will be the maximum participants.

If we do not get 10 people to sign up, we will open the workshop to the rest of the Bonsai community. Non-club members or people signing up after June 21 will be asked to contribute \$200, to help offset some of the workshop fee. Trees will be selected in order of payment received.

If interested, please text David Melitz 949-337-2334. Text the same number if you wish to suggest a non-club member who may be interested.

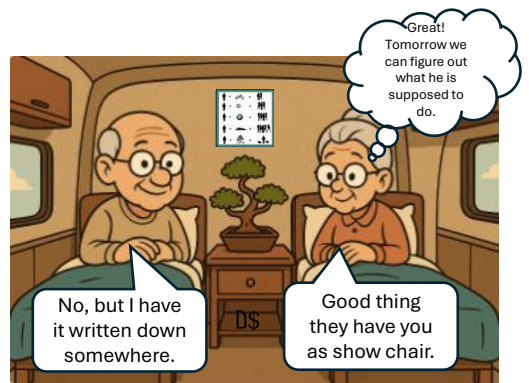
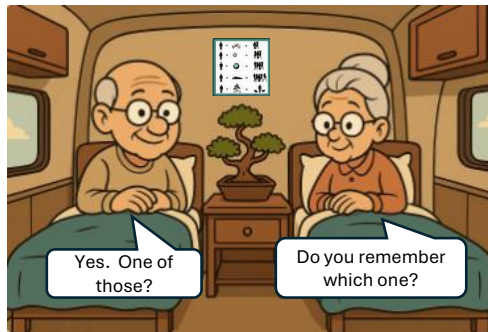
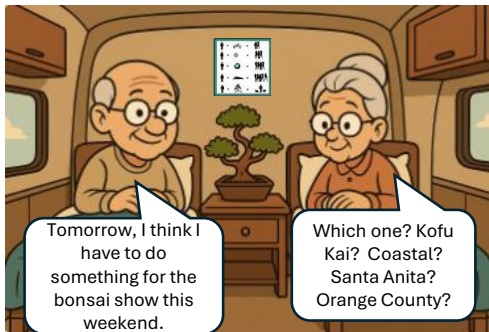
Cesar Ordoñez studied with David Nguy for 6 years and the past 3 years with Peter Tea. Cesar specializes in Shohin and medium sized collected olive trees. The photo shows trees similar to those available for the workshop. The trees were collected about 15 years ago and have been trained for about 6 years.

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## OMIYA TRAILER PARK

Where Bonsai Artists go to retire.

*Overheard late (8 pm) one night...*



## Upcoming Events

Orange County Bonsai Society show. June 28 - 29th. Cool Japan Center. 4199 Campus Drive, Suite A, Irvine [ocbonsai.org](http://ocbonsai.org)

Kofu Kai annual benefit auction, August 16 in the large hall at Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim. Drop off auction items from 5 PM, auction starts at 6:30

Continuing. Tuesday Evenings mentoring workshop with Mel Ikeda. 6:30 - 8:30 most every Tuesday. BYOT. \$15 per session. 11832 Euclid Avenue, Garden Grove. Contact Paul Minerich [pminerich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pminerich@sbcglobal.net)

Bonsai Rendezvous, see GSBF website for details

Kofu Bonsai Kai annual exhibit at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana. Set up is on Thursday November 6 and the show is the 7 - 9. Contact Carol Upston to show a tree.



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