

The Kofu Kai Review

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Meeting Time and Place

March 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Anaheim Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd, Anaheim



Marcus Juniel

Marcus has been involved in bonsai since the 1990's and is a member of Descanso Bonsai Society and Kofu Kai and has studied under Harry Hirao, Ted Matson, David Nguy, Roy Nagatoshi and Jung Soo Kim from Korea. His preferred bonsai are conifers (California Junipers, Prostrata, Shimpaku and Japanese Black Pines) and has extensively studied and experimented with various bending techniques on junipers. Marcus has an MBA from the Harvard Business School and he and his wife Maria have their hands full raising their two kids Melanie (5) and Matias (2).

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It's that time of the year, **DUES ARE DUE**. Your newsletter will discontinue as of March if you have not renewed. **Contact Bill Hutchinson 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 Oct., Nov., or Dec. you are paid for 2011.

February meeting

The February meeting was well attended for our founder, Harry Hirao, demonstration. As usual he worked on a California Juniper which he collected from the hills in the Mojave Desert. The demo went well and the tree turned out to be a very nice piece with great potential. Harry was assisted By Tom Culton and Peter Macasieb. The narrative for the program was supplied by Larry Ragle.

The tree was completed and Harry donated it to the club for the raffle. The winner of the tree was long time member and supporter Paul Vasina.

Thanks to all who attended for making the evening a success.

M. Martinez
President



UPCOMING EVENTS

CBS Show March 26 and 27 at Huntington Gardens and Library, 1151 Oxford Drive, San Marino.

Bowers Museum 2002 N. Main St., Santa Ana on April 14 to 17, Kofu Bonsai Kai to have displays and demo. Larry Ragle will do a talk and video at 1pm followed by Harry Hirao demo.

BUDDHIST TEMPLE 909 South Dale Ave., Anaheim, 1pm to 8pm on April 16 and 17 Bonsai display during festival. Contact Show Chairs Michael Viljak or Anthony Chiusolo

ANYONE INTERESTED??

San Diego Bonsai will be dedicating their new Bonsai Pavilion May 1st. at the Wild Animal Park. Kofu Kai and its members are invited to the opening and dedication. San Diego Bonsai will be giving us tickets for general admission to the park. It is normally \$40.00 for admission to the park. If there is enough interest in members attending we will do a bus trip. There will be food and we can party on the way down and back. We need to get 30 people to sign up at \$30 per person for the trip. If interested please contact Nina Ragle at 949-497-5626.

KOFU BONSAI KAI - BONSAI IDEAS

BY MARTY MANN

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Plan your repotting activity. Now is the time, before the trees awaken. Take this opportunity to change from training pots or oversized pots to appropriate display pots more suitable to the finished bonsai. Determine the size, shape, color and style to complement your tree. If you see an appropriate pot at a nursery or bazaars, buy it when you see it.

A bonsai, to be ready for repotting, should be somewhat dry. This facilitates removal from a tight pot. Unwind twisted roots that have circled the outer rim and free them of hardened or compacted soil. Usually, with deciduous or conifers, it's best to cut about 1/3 of the root ball away as the roots are freed. Trim to reduce the ball to fit into its new pot. Keep fine roots sprayed. Don't allow them to dry. Cut away heavy old roots.

When repotting, it's a good time to reposition the tree if it is required. Change the height, adjust the trunk angle, add more potting soil around the root ball, and work it in with your chopstick to fill in as many air pockets as possible. Remember to slope your surface slightly from the trunk to the lip of the pot. Leave an indentation along the rim of the pot to prevent water run-off. A good soaking removes destructive air pockets. Repotted material may be placed in semi-shade for a week or so. Don't water heavily. Introduce the tree back to full light and warmth to encourage root and bud growth to begin. Don't feed for 4 to 5 weeks. March can be capricious months--ranging from cool to hot. Don't encourage too much quick growth since this creates unsightly long internodes and large leaves. Pay particular attention to fruiting and flowering trees. If they have been too active in directing their energy into flowers and buds then some pinching back can help them pay attention to leaves and woody branching.

Repotting activity should be regulated. Know when and what has been done to each tree. Plan your activity around a review of this generalized schedule of repotting as follows:

Young trees, less than 5 years old--repot every 1-2-3 years, depending upon growth and needs. Be sure you have strong root development before you repot young trees.

Somewhat older trees, 5 to 20 years old--repot every 2-3-4 years. Check the root ball for good health.

Very old trees, 20 or more years --repot every 4-5-6 years, depending upon the condition of the tree. Review specie habits. Some like to be crowded and may not need to be repotted.

Fertilization programs can resume. Don't feed newly potted material too soon. Fast growth causes long internodes and large leaves. Keep nitrogen content low for the first month or so as the plant comes out of dormancy. If the new growth is too active, keep it pinched. Whenever a new set of leaves appears, pinch back on the center set. If your objective is to improve twiggyiness on Elm, Zelcova, Maples, etc. cut new internodes to two sets of leaves. Pinch new evergreen growth to encourage density. Don't pinch fruiting or flowering trees such as bougainvilleas, pomegranates, ume, crabapples, quince or azaleas. Early spring pinching removes the forming flower and fruit buds.

Insects come back to life with the arrival of steady warmth. Start with Malathion to attack most predators but don't overlook Seven or Isotox if signs of chewing damage show on your leaves. Spray well into the interior of the tree and onto the undersides of the leaves. Sucking insects such as scale, aphids, white flies, mealy bugs and mites require a systemic action in the pesticide you use. Watch for fungus. Use ORTHO GARDEN & DISEASE CONTROL I to kill mildew. Spray on warm, dry days.

Mid-morning is best to allow the spray material to dry onto the plant surfaces. Avoid watering until the sprays can be effective.

HAIKU POEM:

Bonsai will show pride
The joy of your creation
Your care will protect

By Marty Mann

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NEW MEMBERS

Don Chang
Stanley and Mary Graves
Chon Gi Lee & H.S. Lim
Michael Vu

Say hello when you see them and welcome to Kofu Bonsai Kai

VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

At the last meeting I advised those in attendance that we had two resignations from the board. Fran Popadak (Publicity) and Shari Religa (Refreshments). We also had another vacancy which was created by Sharon Bassin's illness, that of recording secretary. **We still need someone to fill the Publicity vacancy.**

I would like to thank **Helen Ho** (Refreshments) and **Joe Szabo** (Recording Secretary) for coming forward to volunteer. The membership should be thankful we have people like this who will help with the clubs operations.

M. Martinez
President

Bonsai Tools and Supplies:

If you need any tools or supplies from Everett Bassin, contact him at 714-827-0661 or 714-392-5149 or email him a bonsaitools@mindspring.com. He will bring them to the meetings. He will not be bringing his entire inventory to the meetings.

GET WELL SOON

Al Nelson had to go into surgery after our last meeting. He is home now and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Marybel Balendonck has had a minor accident and is on the road to recovery, we wish her well

Special Thank You

February Donations/Raffle:

Manuel Martinez
John Deluca
Harry Hirao
Paul Vasina
Bill & Lois Hutchinson

February Refreshments:

John Deluca
Tom Culton
Harry Hirao
Dan & Wanda Danesi
Herb Eisenberg
May McNey
Manuel Martinez

PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

• **Improve your bonsai artistry and technique!**
• **Prepare your trees for exhibition!**
Most of us have a tree that is "difficult" to style and we may not know what to do with it. Most of us need to prepare our trees for the Annual Show or just simply would like to improve our techniques. No matter what our objectives are, we all can bring our trees to work on at the pre-meeting workshop were experts like Al Nelson, Paul Vasina and Harley Newman are near to lend a helping hand. Come and join us from 4:00pm -6:00pm prior to our monthly meeting.