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November 2023 Newsletter

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

Saturday November 18 at 6:00 PM

Hugo Zamora from Mexico City: Bring Your Own Tree Critique!



This month for our final demonstration of the year we welcome Hugo Zamora Luna from Mexico City where he is the owner of Kodama Bonsai Studio. His first experience of bonsai was through a basic course at the age of 16 and he's still going after 24 years. In 2000 he began doing demos and workshops at local meetings in Mexico City and soon began traveling to do the same. He completed his apprenticeship in Japan in 2015 with master Kunio Kobayashi and still travels to Japan for several months at a time to work at Shunka-en Bonsai Museum.

Hugo has traveled to more than 20 countries around the world as a judge, curator of private collections, demonstrator and workshop teacher.

This is a critique which means that you are part of the demo and the success of this meeting will depend on how many interesting trees are brought in by members for the meeting. This is a huge opportunity to get information and perspective on your tree.

Don't be afraid to bring a tree to the meeting. Hugo is an expert on Black Pine, Juniper and many other varieties.

Please contact David Melitz right away to sign up to bring a tree:

dmelitz@uci.edu



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Our September meeting was super informative and entertaining with master of saikei Jason Saito going through all of the stages of creating a rocky bonsai landscape including how to glue rocks together and to a pot using cyanoacrylate glue mixed with stone dust or dry cement.

Jason showed his muck building skills placing three small leaved elms into the landscape and adding numerous small plants to complete the feel of a rocky canyon or outcrop.

Saikei is a very accessible way to create with bonsai because it uses small plants which anyone can access in ordinary or bonsai nurseries.

This beautiful landscape will feature in the next Kofu benefit auction and is doing well on a shaded bench in my yard.

Many thanks Jason!

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My very sincere thanks to all of you who helped with, exhibited at and attended the Kofu show at the Bowers. After the usual stress and last minute kerfuffles it was a glorious show with a wide range of different kinds of trees including some amazing fruiting specimens.

The new President and CEO of the museum, Sean O'Harrow, warmly welcomed us and not only attended Jason's demo but hung out with us resulting in great discussions about Japanese art, the universe and everything.

Speaking of which I hope you all will attend the current Hokusai exhibit at the Bowers.

I am editing some photos this week and will send them or post them separately or maybe just email the exhibitors photos of their trees.

Please consider bringing a tree to next Saturday's meeting. It's a bit last minute due to a steady stream of major events that have taxed everyone's stamina but still, please bring a tree and contact

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