

The Kofu Kai Review

The Monthly Newsletter of the Kofu Bonsai Kai Club

Meeting Time

Saturday, December 13, 2014, 12:00 to 4:00 pm



Christmas Party



Christmas is upon us and on December 13th we will be having our annual Christmas party. As usual the event is pot luck and we ask those attending to bring a favorite dish that will feed about 10 to 12 people. The club will provide the Ham, Turkey, soft drinks and wine for the event.

This event is one of the best raffles of the year and this one is shaping up to be spectacular. Santa's helpers are already out shopping for a wonderful selection of goodies. We also encourage anyone who wishes to donate to the raffle to do so, which will make it just that much better.

Bringing food and donations is not mandatory and no one should feel obligated to do so, nor stay away because they can't. We hope that all of our members come and join their fellow Bonsai enthusiasts for a wonderful afternoon of food and friendship.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

December 13, 2014, Noon till 4pm, St Wilfrid Episcopal Church,

18631 Chapel Ln, Huntington Beach

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BOWERS MUSEUM SHOW CALENDARS

Kofu Kai Calendars are in and will be available at the party. The cost is \$8.00 ea.

BOWERS MUSEUM



Harry Hirao, California Juniper

***Demonstration Prize Winner
Debra Mauzy-Melitz***



November Demonstration

Travis Goldstein was our guest last month at Kofu Kai. He presented an excellent demonstration on how one can take challenging material and transform it into something interesting and worth your investment of time. In this case was a prostrate juniper that had a long straight section which provided no real interest to the viewer, but by splitting the branch and developing two life lines it could possibly be developed into a very interesting bonsai. Travis began carefully splitting the branch down the center using large branch splitter made specifically for this job; thus the name. This work is normally performed in colder weather, but from the look of the clean split the tree should not have any trouble surviving. Travis then began removing the center wood from the branch that he intends to bend, leaving wood in some areas and taking more from others so that the branch can bend in areas where a greater amount of wood is removed. He also took this opportunity to create greater taper to the branch by the same removal process. He then secured heavy wire to the split area of the branch and wrapped raffia around the branch and wire. This technique provides support to the branch and the inner wire provides bending support as well as giving the bend a softer more natural look to the bend. The branch is outer wired in the normal 45 degree method (two wires were used) and Travis begin radically bending the branch. No need to go into the details of the style, let's just say that everyone was impressed by the final product and clearly a fairly un-interesting tree was transformed into an exciting tree which Debra (the luck winner) will be able to care for and enjoy for many years to come.

Special thanks go out to Travis for a well presented demonstration.

Ron Reekers

Badge Prize winner

Wendy Tsai

UP COMING EVENTS

Aiseki Kai, 25th Anniversary Exhibition, Viewing Stone Show

Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, Botanical Center 1151 Oxford Road San Marino
December 26, 2014—January 2, 2015, 10:30—4:30 (closed New Year's Day)

January 17-18, Winter Silhouettes Show, L.A. County Arboretum, 301
North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, 9:00am to 4:30pm daily.

Special Thank You

Refreshment Donations:

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Tish Miya, Wendy Tsai

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Gary Lai, Bob White

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