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OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Saturday October 19 at 7:00 PM

Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim, east classroom
Donations to the raffle and refreshment table are always welcome!

Kofu Kai welcomes **Mel Ikeda** for a fascinating



Would you like to learn in one short evening how to take an ordinary nursery plant and turn it into a multi trunk bonsai?

Mel Ikeda grew up as part of the bonsai community, learning from his father at the Ikeda Bonsai Nursery. He has studied with John Naka, Harry Hirao and Khan Komai and belongs to many bonsai clubs including the California Bonsai Society and Nanpu Kai. He is very active in the Golden State Bonsai Federation and has been featured at their conventions and at the Bonsai A Thon as a demonstrator.

He has also taught bonsai in many venues including a long time class at the Nakaoka Center in Gardena. Mel's philosophy of bonsai is embodied in the phrase 'Bonsai No Kokoro' which means art or spirit of bonsai. He has been developing and demonstrating the very useful raft technique for years. This is a way of taking ordinary and commonly available juniper nursery stock and by mounting it sideways in a growing box, creating a raft planting which evokes a fallen tree whose branches have developed into a clump or forest over time. This is a very good approach for beginners and everyone else too and I hope to see our new members at the meeting to learn this way of creating interesting bonsai quickly.



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At Our September Meeting...



When we decided to have a member's workshop after our show at the Bowers, we really weren't sure if any new people from the show would actually show up, but they did and we'd like to welcome all of them including Larry Will, Katelyn Lawrence, Rich Wright, Will Wright, Chris Flores, and everyone who came to see what we're all about. Thanks also to the club members who came to work on trees and talk to visitors.

I'd especially like to mention the Rios family who have recently joined us. In the photo are mom Flor Rios and her daughters Marley Marie, 9 and Roxy, 6. Marley won this saikei created by Al Nelson and crew at the Bowers show. All three of them are very enthusiastic about learning bonsai.

The other saikei was won by Guy Altshule. Congratulations to all!

Because we have new people who are just starting out in bonsai we will have an have a one hour pre meeting clinic starting with our February 15, 2020 meeting so that people can bring their trees and get advice from more experienced club members.

I'm hoping that a mentoring relationship will grow between new and old members going forward.

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It's Convention Time! The Golden State Bonsai Federation convention features vendors, demonstrations, an exhibit, raffles and auctions. It's free to visit the exhibit and the vendors and all inclusive or one-day passes are available for purchase for the other activities. Go to gsbfconvention.org for details.

GSBF CONVENTION 42 BONSAI FOREVER



Taiga Urushibata



Enrique Castaño



Ryan Bell



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Registration Opens July 1st
October 24-27 2019

Featuring: Taiga Urushibata, Enrique Castaño, Ryan Bell,
Kathy Shaner, David Nguy, Peter Macasieb, Lucy Judd,
and Tak Shimazu to name a few...

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The Future

October 24 - 27

GSBF Convention 42

gsbfconvention.org

Saturday November 16

Kofu Kai welcomes

CBS Visiting Artist

Todd Schlafer who will style

a very special California juniper which was donated to Kofu Kai

by Dave Miles. It's a magnificent tree and will be featured in our August 2020 benefit auction.

Saturday December 21

12 noon to 3 PM

Kofu Kai annual pot luck

Christmas Party and benefit drawing

St. Wilfrid's Episcopal Church

18631 Chapel Lane

Huntington Beach 92646

bring food, we supply beverages

January 2020

Our visit to Tom Vuong's home is being rescheduled, there is no Kofu Kai meeting in January so that we can go to the Baikoen show and reception

January 18 - 19

Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Silhouettes Show

at the Los Angeles Arboretum

Baldwin Ave., Arcadia

Fabulous reception on Saturday evening, club sales and other vendors demonstrations at 1 PM both days

February 15

Kofu Kai welcomes CBS Visiting Artist

Sergio Cuan

February 22 - 23

Kofu Bonsai Kai hosts the

Bonsai-A-Thon!!!

Huntington Botanic Gardens

March 21

Will Baddeley Carving Demo

at Kofu Bonsai Kai

late March

California Bonsai Society

Annual Exhibit at the

Huntington

April 5, 2020

Kofu Kai at the Bower's Museum

Spring Festival

April 4 - 5 2020

the Green Scene

Fullerton Arboretum

April 18, 2020

Kofu Kai meeting TBA

May 16

Kofu welcomes CBS visiting artist

Marjia Hardic

May 23,24,25

Santa Anita Bonsai Society show and sale

Los Angeles County Arboretum

Arcadia

June 20

Kofu meeting TBA

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