

The Kofu Kai Review

The Monthly Newsletter of the Kofu Kai Bonsai Club



Meeting Time and Place

October 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Anaheim Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd, Anaheim

OCTOBER MEETING Ted Matson Critique



Once again Kofu Kai is happy to host Ted Matson for a wide ranging critique of members' trees. Ted is all about the refinement of bonsai and possesses the knowledge and skill to help you take your trees to the next level. We invite all members to bring a tree to challenge Ted. Maybe you have a tree which is an unusual type of material or a tree that you've been working on for quite a while but just can't quite create the refinement it needs - this is your chance to get first rate advice. Refinement can involve all aspects of bonsai from editing unnecessary branches, wiring, choosing the right pot, repotting and even the subtleties of watering. The more variety we have in the material you bring, the more interesting and useful the evening will be so please give it some thought and bring something to share. Oh, and you might want to bring a notepad, Ted is a living encyclopedia of bonsai information, take advantage of this opportunity! =

By Carol Upston

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

At our last meeting Cesareo Perez entertained us by torturing a tiny tree while relating amusing anecdotes from his long bonsai experience. After artfully limbering the branches and trunk of a young black pine by gently bending them every which way, Cesareo pretzel or 'noodled' the branches into a torturous shape which will someday be a very interesting little tree. Some areas were tied together, strips of bark and cambium having been removed' to fuse those areas together. We could see the potential end result in a tree brought as an example of this Udon Pine technique. On the example tree, the joined branches had fused together and the whole mass of the canopy had been successfully compressed into an attractive dome of very small needles. Lucky me, I won the tree! I look forward very much to developing it



By Carol Upston

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We have now been doing a show at the Orange County Fair for about 10 years. It has been brought to my attention by people outside our club and some members that we are the only organization that attempts and does a show that lasts for an entire month. This event does require considerable coordination due to change outs every week. This would not occur without having good show chairpersons in charge and cooperation from our membership.

I wish to thank those that participated in the Orange County Fair by displaying, docent and set up - tear down.

Special thanks to Show Chairs - Anthony Chiusolo and Mike Viljak

Displaying and docent; Mike Viljak, Anthony Chiusolo, Harley Newman, Al Nelson, Paul Vasina, Bill & Lois Hutchinson, Joe James, Jack Holm, Gary Lai, Carol Upston, Gary Castagnola, Bob White, Gordon Tengan, Hank Sugimoto, Leila Kusumi, Larry & Nina Ragle, Harry Hirao, Jimmy Nguyen, Manuel Martinez, Dave McCoy, Dave Miles, Howie Kawahara, John & Lynn Kishel, Pat & Bory Nga, Jerry Shipman, Joyce Battell, Steve Ellison, Lee Anthony, Ryan Cali, Tom Colton, Joe Szabo

And As Always Special thanks to Everett Bassin, who was there every day from start to finish.

By Manuel Martinez

Kofu Kai at the Bowers Museum

On September 9th to the 11th Kofu Kai was a guest at the Bowers Museum where we put on a display of Bonsai and Suiseki with the assistance of Aiseki Kai. The show was in the John Lee Court and the Foyer of the Museum. The Lee Court is a very nice open space with plenty of natural light which made it an excellent location for our show.

On Friday we had a work shop which had 7 participants all members of Bowers museum and hopefully future members of Kofu Kai. They all walked away happy and with nice new starter Bonsai.

The show was well attended and I am happy to say by people other than those already in Kofu. There was interest in the trees and our organization by those who visited the museum, with most of the people being from the Orange County area. I would also add that the museum staff were regular visitors to the exhibit and had only good things to say about the trees, stones and displays. I firmly believe that we will be invited back next year.

Larry Ragle did a talk on Sunday regarding Bonsai and Suiseki which was very well attended.

At this time I would like to thank the listed members of Kofu Kai and Aiseki Kai for their assistance and support in making this event a success.

Harry Hirao, Larry & Nina Ragle, Marybell Balendonck, Al Nelson, Paul Vasina, David & June Nguy, Joe James, Doug McGavin, Bob White, Gary Lai, Harley Newman, Carol & Jack Upston, Ryan Cali, Anthony Chiusolo, Hank Sugimoto, Gordon Tengan, Leila Kusumi, Gary Castagnola, Marge Blassingame, Manuel Martinez, Barry & Sandra Josephson, Hanne Povlsen, Joseph Gaytan, Michael Viljak.

By Manuel Martinez







UP COMING EVENTS

October 27, 28, 29, 30, 2011

Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention XXXIV, Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, 3400 Market Street, headliners: Kathy Shaner, Ryan Neil, Roy Nagatoshi and Pedro Morales
Demonstrations, seminars, critiques, workshops, benefit drawings, vendors and more. For more information: www.gsbf-bonsai.org.

DECEMBER 2011: Kofu Bonsai Kai Christmas Party *December 10th from 12 noon to 4 pm at St Wilfrid Church, 18631 Chapel Ln, Huntington Beach, CA 92646. Pot luck, so bring your favorite dish. Club to supply Turkey, Ham, wine and soft drinks.*

John Y. Naka Design Award: The American Bonsai Society in fellowship and remembrance of our American Grand Master is pleased to announce that the 2012 John Y. Naka award program is now open and accepting photographic entries from across the North American continent. The program is open to both professionals and hobbyists, competing separately, using either Native American plant material or plant material grown entirely in North America. All North American regional associations, local clubs, study groups and professional Bonsai educators are encouraged to enter trees of members or students of their organizations who exhibit the spirit of artistic design taught by John Naka. Entry deadline is April 1, 2012. Visit the ABS website at <http://absbonsai.org> for details.

April 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 2012

Garden Grove, California

California Bonsai Society: 55th Convention and Show at the Crown Plaza Anaheim Resort, 12021 harbor Blvd. and starring the iron men of Naka, Frank Goya, Harry Hirao, Shig Miya, Ben Oki and Richard Ota. Also featuring Tomohiro Masumi, Ryan Neil, and Cheryl Manning, Kenji Miyata, David Nguy, Kathy Shaner and the members of CBS. There will be workshops, demonstrations, auctions, drawings, a huge vendor area and prizes & awards for early registrations. For registration information contact Elizabeth Partch at elizabethpartch@yahoo.com

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 at bonsaitools@mindspring.com. He will bring them to the meetings. He will not be bringing his entire inventory to the meetings.

Refreshment Chairperson: *a big thank you to An D Troung for volunteering.*

Badge prize winner Tish Miya

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

HONG, Joe, LUBBERS, Ray, TRUONG, An D, WELGAN, Jane, Zakimi-Najasone,
Jose L

SAY HELLO TO THEM WHEN YOU SEE THEM

AND WELCOME BACK

CLEVELAND, Gary, Dorothy & Linda

KOFU BONSAI KAI - BONSAI IDEAS

BY MARTY MANN

OCTOBER, 2011 (#75)

Fall is generally the climax of the luxurious growth of summer and the last spurt of activity before settling down for winter dormancy.

As leaved begins to drop be sure to remove the trash around your trees and on the surface of your pots. If cleanup is neglected these areas become a refuse for slugs, sow bugs and other undesirable creatures.

Some transplanting is permissible at this time of year, specifically Bamboo, Boxwood, conifers, Hornbeams, Cotoneaster, Podocarpus, Privets, Pyracantha, Wisteria, Willows and many varieties of deciduous trees. The key to safe fall repotting is to minimize root disturbance and severe pruning but trees can be transferred into larger or different containers. If in doubt about the health or condition of a tree, wait until spring to repot.

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Now is the time to anticipate and enjoy better autumn color by reducing watering time as well. As the length of the day's sunshine is shortened, the trees require less water. A balance must be maintained between the minimal watering and the loss of moisture by transpiration during intermittent warm spells.

There is still time to give bonsai a last good feeding. Evergreen and conifers may be lightly fertilized on a regular basis through the winter months since they continue to grow in our mild climate. Use food with little or no nitrogen-mainly potash and phosphorous, a 0-10-10 fertilizer. Low nitrogen fertilizers build dormant buds and store food in the form of starch used to produce healthy growth in spring. This is especially important for fruiting and flowering trees. Specifically Azaleas, Crabapples, Ume and Pomegranates improve after late feedings.

Once the leaves on Trident Maple, Japanese Maple, Liquid Amber, Gingko, Hornbeam and other colorful deciduous trees begin to lose their vigor and drop, keep the bonsai areas and pot surfaces cleared. Remove trash promptly. Continue to spray benches with an all-purpose insecticide and a final spray of fungicide. Pests seem to make a final effort to destroy and injure trees as they feed heavily prior to moving into the pupa stage.

Light conditions begin to change. Trees that have had full sun exposure find themselves in more shade. So, watch the location of trees at this time of year and rotate them into more favorable light exposures allowing them to continue storing strength and food for the winter.

This is a good time to work on basic training and design. Remove the wire applied this past year. Check for wire cuts. New wire can be applied but avoid the curls and marks of previous efforts. In spite of this period of slow growth, fall and winter training can still be effective. Before spring approaches don't overlook the new wire since new growth quickly causes wire damage. Study improper branch placement-crossing, bars, up and down growth.

Limit cuttings, at this time of year, to hardwood specimens or tropical varieties. The use of a rooting hormones and a pre-soaking of a rooting stimulant, such as B-1 or Superthrive, improves the odds of success. A basic rooting medium such as 2 parts peat moss with 1 part perlite or coarse sand will serve you well. Keep the rooting medium slightly moist and shaded until evidence of new growth appears.

POSTSCRIPT:

You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing. Have a great day, and know that someone has thought about you today.

HAIKU POEM

By Marty Mann

Pleasure is offered
Be aware of good fortune
Enjoy what you do

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September Raffle Donations:

Manuel Martine
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Harley Newman
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Harry Hirao
Bob White
Patrick & Bory Ngo
Lee Anthony
Kaz Hosozawa
Steve & Judy Anthony
Al Nelson

September Refreshments:

Gary & Dorothy Cleaveland
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Tom Culton
Lee Anthony
Dan & Wanda Danesi

PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

**Beginners, looking to get started!
Looking to improve your bonsai
artistry and technique!
Preparing your trees for
exhibition! Wondering how to get
started in Bonsai and have
questions? Have a tree that is
"difficult" to style and you may
not know what to do. Questions
on preparing your tree or
displaying it at the Annual Show?
No matter what your objectives
are, you can bring your trees to
work on at the pre-meeting
workshop were experts like Al
Nelson, Paul Vasina and Harley
Newman can assist. Meet from
4:00pm -6:00pm prior to the
monthly meeting.**