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NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Our Last Meeting of 2017!

Saturday November 18, 2017 at 7 pm

Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd., Anaheim, East Classroom

There will be a pre-meeting workshop at 4:30pm



KOFU KAI WELCOMES BACK BONSAI MASTER

ROY NAGATOSHI

BRING YOUR OWN TREE CRITIQUE

We are very happy to have Roy Nagatoshi for our November program. For those of you new to bonsai, Roy is an accomplished bonsai artist with a well stocked bonsai nursery in Sylmar called Fuji Bonsai. Be sure to call in advance of a visit to be certain that Roy is going to be there because he is very happy to share his knowledge and experience with visitors.

This visit is a critique by Roy of a tree that **you bring in**. This is a very valuable opportunity to get expert feedback on your trees in order to speed their progress and address any issues they may have, like when to repot, how and when to prune or design questions. Roy will not whack off any bits of your bonsai without permission.

This kind of critique is useful to everyone whether you bring a tree or not. I strongly urge you to be prepared to take notes on the information that applies to you. We often seem to think that we will remember everything that was said. Not.

Please contact me at carolupston@icloud.com or text at 310-346-4303 if you are going to bring a tree.

Roy knows about most species used for bonsai with the exception of azalea which he does not work on.

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LAST MONTH WITH ROBERT PRESSLER



It was great to see such a large group of boxwoods brought to the October meeting for Bob to critique, in spite of a conflict with the baseball game which sidelined at least one boxwood enthusiast. Robert also made advances on the literati style boxwood he is doing for Kofu Kai. Thank you to all who participated and a very large thank you to Bob Pressler for making the long trip to see us.

SHOW-YOUR-TREE OPPORTUNITY at the FULLERTON ARBORETUM

on Friday December 15 and Saturday December 16 from 5-8 pm, the Fullerton Arboretum is holding it's annual Luminaria Stroll. There will be luminarias lighting the pathways, live music and food available for purchase. The Orange County bonsai clubs have been invited to show trees and be at the event to talk to people about what we do. We would likely be setting up during the prior week on either Tuesday or Wednesday evening, TBA. There will probably be sales of small 'mallsai' type beginners trees as well. They make good Christmas gifts. The cost for attending the actual luminaria event is 10 or 15 dollars per person, but those who are there as bonsai docents will be in for free.

Please contact me if you can show a tree or docent. Trees would likely stay there from drop-off till Sunday afternoon. Carol Upston, carolupston@icloud.com or text with me at 310-346-4203.

Support your club by buying a few raffle tickets and donating to the raffle and Refreshments

It costs a lot to open our doors each month, **at least** \$500.00 dollars per meeting to provide the quality bonsai experience offered by Kofu Bonsai Kai. That figure includes rent of the church classroom, storage unit rental, demonstrator's fees, insurance, Christmas party expenses, refreshment expenses, donations to other organizations, professional photography and on and on.

Revenues have diminished steadily from the raffles and auction while at the same time, all expenses have been rising.

If you appreciate what we bring to the bonsai community please show it by buying raffle tickets or contributing items to the raffle. We know that money is tight for many members. Even 5 or ten dollars in raffle tickets helps. If everyone did that the books would begin to balance again.



Kofu Kai Annual Christmas Party!!!

Saturday December 9, 2017, 12 noon to 3 pm

St. Wilfrid's Episcopal Church, 18631 Chapel Lane, Huntington Beach 92646

Don't miss our pot-luck party and the biggest raffle of the year!

Kofu will provide a ham and turkey and beverages. Please bring the dish of your choice, it can be salad, main dish, side dish, snacks or desert, whatever you like best. Your family is welcome to come!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Luminaria Stroll

Fullerton Arboretum

December 15 and 16, 5pm - 8 pm

We will be exhibiting bonsai along with the other Orange County clubs

There is a fee if you want to do the actual stroll. set up times to be announced

California Aiseki Kai 28th Annual Show

December 26 - 30, 2017

The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens
Botanical Center

viewing stone exhibit

aisekikai.com

Silhouettes Bonsai Exhibit

Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

January 13 and 14, 2018

Los Angeles County Arboretum

310 North Baldwin Ave

Arcadia, 91007

Reception Saturday Evening

baikoenbonsai.com

2018 Bonsai A Thon

February 24 and 25, 2018

8 am to 5 pm

The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens
Botanical Center

Vendors, Demos, Bonsai Exhibit,
Daily Raffles and Auctions

January 20 - Fred Miyahara, grafting

**February 17 - Manny Martinez, secrets of
successful transplanting PLUS new advances in
fertilization thanks to the hydroponic industry.**

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The 'Mystery' Tree

There was a huge amount of interest at our show, in this very unusual tree, exhibited by Takuo Nakamura.

He knows it by its common name

"Madagascar Tree".

After some searching online we've found the

latin name of the tree for those searching for one to buy. It's a mouthful,

Operculicarya decaryi.

It has other common names including Jabily and elephant tree. Per Wikipedia, It's a thick stemmed succulent plant species found in Madagascar and also grown as a bonsai tree.

Tak says it grows fast.

Once you have the latin name you'll find the plant is available from many sources including

San Marcos Growers. You can order from San Marcos Growers online and pick up the plants at affiliated nurseries like **Armstrong's.** Other sources are also available.

Good luck!



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