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Saturday March 21 Field Trip

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

Our meeting hours will vary in 2026

Field trip with Bill Ward starting at 10 AM

It's time to Pay dues for 2026

Important Announcement

Beginning this year, some of our meetings will be at 1:00 PM, not 6:00 PM. Please check each month in the newsletter or on the website to see the time. Our meetings that feature the CBS visiting artists will still be at 6:00 PM because that is when they are available. We will also have some field trips to enjoy and our annual benefit auction will still be in the evening.

Please join Kofu Kai for a Great Day of Bonsai with William Ward



Important: This event requires an RSVP to David Melitz.

On Saturday March 21 Kofu will host a potluck lunch at Bill Ward's house, followed by nursery visits led by Bill to some of his favorite local nurseries where he finds bargain material. We will arrive at Bill's house at 10 AM and eat around 11 and then go nursery hopping. We will only be giving out Bill's address to people who RSVP to David Melitz who can be reached at 949-337-2334 or dmelitz@uci.edu. He is going to ask you what you want to bring to the potluck so that we can coordinate having enough food. After we eat, some of you may want to carpool to the nurseries and should also know that Bill can bring some of your purchases back to his house in his truck if necessary. William (Bill) Ward is well known in California bonsai circles for his practical and time-saving approach to finding and developing material from nursery stock or yardadori to finished trees in as short a time as possible. He also generously donates his time to many bonsai clubs and events and is also generous in the

help he gives to beginning bonsai enthusiasts.

I hope to see you there, 10 AM at Bill's place. Please don't fail to RSVP to David Melitz for this event, we need an accurate count of how many people are coming. Even if you know Bill's address, please RSVP. This means you.

Carol Upston

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Our February meeting with CBS visiting artist

It was good to see everyone at our first meeting of the year. CBS visiting artist Milan Karpisek from the Czech Republic did a great job critiquing members trees and I think everyone got a lot of good information and feedback out of the meeting. We had a good number of participants and a variety of trees. Thanks to everyone for making it a fun meeting.



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Don't miss this fun, free event.

Kofu Kai at the Bowers Cherry Blossom Festival

Sunday April 19 from 11 AM - 3 PM

Sunday April 19 from 11 am - 3 pm Kofu Kai will be at the Bowers museum talking to museum goers about the art of bonsai during the annual Cherry Blossom Festival celebrating Japanese art and culture. The Bowers has become a welcoming home for our annual exhibit and one of the things we do to say 'thank you' is to participate in this festival.

We set up a few exhibit tables and work on some trees while talking to visitors about the beautiful art of bonsai. Admission to the courtyard festival is free.

You are welcome to drop by and help us explain what we do or to just enjoy the festivities.

If you'd like to exhibit a tree at this event or bring something and work on it, please contact me right away. The display requires a display table for your tree as well as an accent plant with stand.

Carol Upston, text me at 310-346-4203. Or email carolupston@icloud.com to R.S.V.P.



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Membership Application 2026

Annual Dues : \$30.00 Single \$35.00 Couple or Family

It's time to pay dues again.
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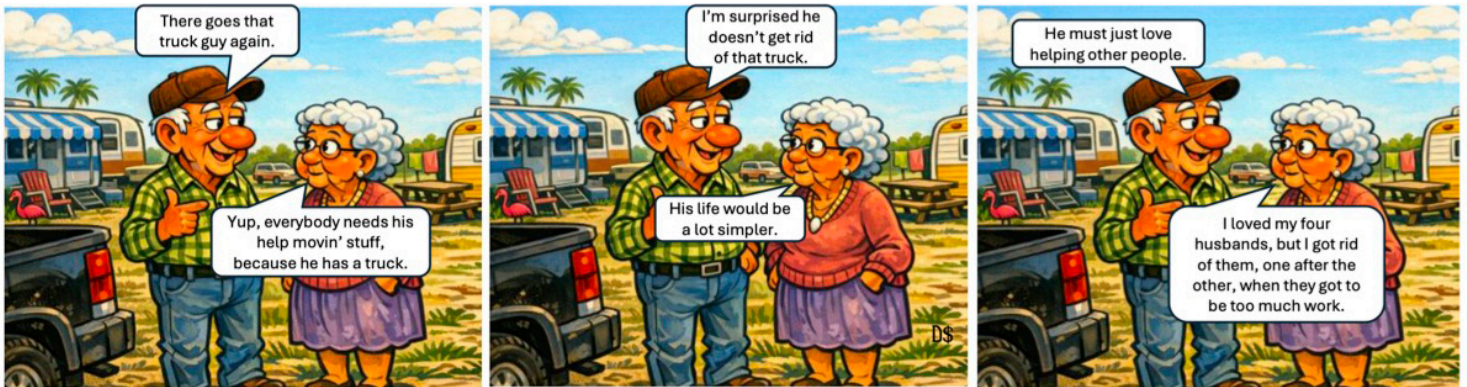
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Upcoming Events

Continuing. Tuesday Evenings mentoring workshop with Mel Ikeda. 6:00 -8:00 most every Tuesday. Bring your own tree and table cover. \$15 per session. 11832 Euclid Avenue, Garden Grove. It's ok to just show up. Contact Paul Minerich with questions. pminerich@sbcglobal.net

Kimura Bonsai Nursery in Castaic; Classes and workshops. Check their website for the latest offerings.

30535 Harley Canyon Rd, Castaic. kimurabonsainursery.com

David Nguy, Bonsai Jidai, offers once-per-month workshops year round. bonsaijidai.com

Peter Macasieb also offers workshops. @petermacasieb for instagram photos and videos.

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