

# Kofu Bonsai Kai [kofukai.org](http://kofukai.org)

## August 2022 Newsletter

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

**Saturday August 20 at 6:00 PM In the Large Hall (probably)**



## President's Message

Hello Bonsai friends. One of Kofu's most persistent financial challenges has been the cost of storage. A few weeks back I received a notice that our storage unit cost was going up and would be \$2,274 per year. As we were discussing what to do about it at our recent Kofu business meeting, long time member Mike Viljak offered his basement to store our show display things. This is an amazing and generous offer and we thank Mike very much. We all agreed that it would be asking too much to also store our bonsai pots at Mike's and we have come up with a scheme to have various Kofu members store just a few pots at each of their homes. Members doing us this favor will be able to pick up pots at our August and September meetings. The pots will be labeled and there will be a master list of who has what. Please contact me at [carolupston@icloud.com](mailto:carolupston@icloud.com) if you can help out in this way.

Saving the club over two grand a year really is an amazing thing and I hope you'll all take a moment to thank Mike Viljak when you see him.

Our show is looming and I'm sure those of you showing are getting a tree and display ready. If you want to show a tree and haven't heard from me, please get in touch. We will need to find a new person or persons with a truck or van to transport display items from storage to the show and then from the show to Mike Viljak's basement. Our usual transporters can't participate this year so if you can help with transport please contact me.

We have a very good line-up of demonstrators through the end of the year. This month we have Tom Vuong, see below, and in September we welcome new demonstrator and very active member Bill Ward. October features Jason Saito creating a sai-kei with miniature elms from Roy Nagatoshi's nursery. November will round out our year with the CBS visiting artists program.

Thank you all for your continuing support.  
Carol Upston

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Kofu Kai welcomes

## Tom Vuong, A Unique Technique



For our next meeting on Saturday August 20, we are very happy to welcome back our good friend Tom Vuong. Tom has been a great supporter of Kofu and many other local bonsai clubs and events. He is unique in that he has worked on his own and developed his skill to an advanced level. He has created many new ways of doing things including the way he bends large branches and trunks. Do you have boring juniper or pine material that you don't know what to do with because it's straight and you'd like to put some movement into it? This demo is for you. Tom will show you exactly how to



Bend that trunk like a pro.

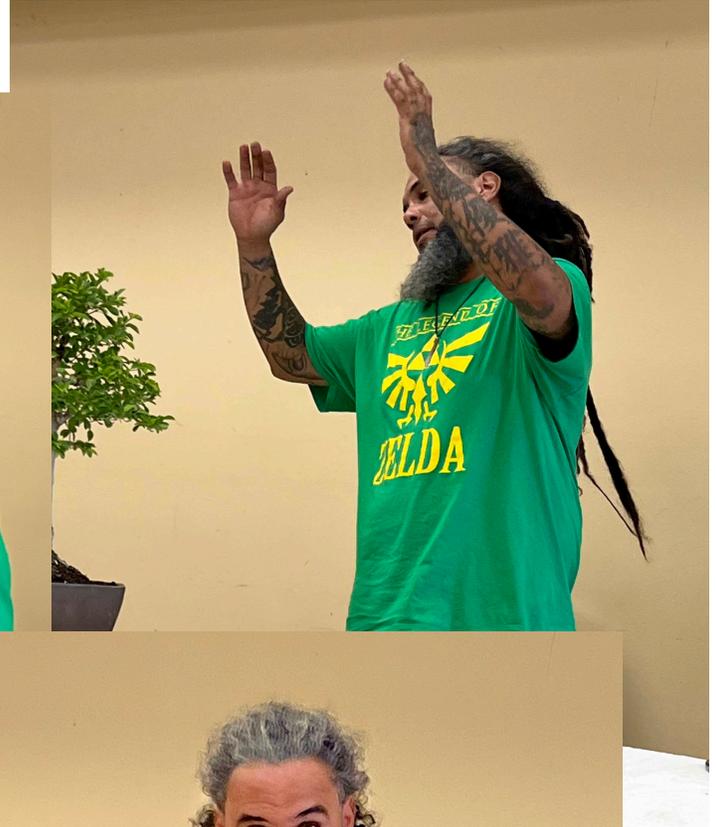
We may wish to have the luck of finding sensational material but often we find only semi dull but healthy plants and it's up to us to put the design and drama into the tree. We can change the angle at which the tree sits, we can reduce, remove or graft new branches, but with bending techniques we can make big or subtle alterations to the tree to enhance its design.

One of the keys to bending is leverage and Tom's techniques offer new ways and new devices to do this using ordinary items from the hardware store.

This is a demo for both beginners and those who have experience.

I hope to see a good turnout for Tom.

## Our Last meeting with Jose Rodriguez



If you are not coming to the CBS visiting artists demos you are missing a LOT. Like this guy, Jose Rodriguez from Puerto Rico. Jose did a critique on members trees with emphasis on tropical varieties. I was really happy to hear all of the in-depth questions asked by the people in the audience. Jose has deep knowledge of many species that we favor here in SoCal and everyone learned something from his experience. His passion for bonsai was clear to see.

## Silent Auction

At the last meeting we began offering silent auction items along with our usual raffle. This was a success and we'll continue having from 3-6 silent auction items at each meeting. If you bring in something extra nice for the raffle we may ask to make it a silent auction item but never fear, we will still have good things in the raffle.

This is one of the pots for the August silent auction. It's classic and restrained with recessed side panels and simple feet in a dark brown clay.



# CHINO BONSAI CLUB

## 2ND ANNUAL BONSAI EXHIBIT

BONSAI STYLING DEMOS AND SALES  
FREE ADMISSION!

OCTOBER 1ST & 2ND 9AM-5PM  
261 S JUNIPERO SERRA DR  
SAN GABRIEL, CA

### SATURDAY - OCTOBER 1ST - SHOW OPENS 9AM-5PM

9:30AM - ROUND ROBIN DEMONSTRATION

1:00PM - DAVID NGUY BONSAI DEMONSTRATION

**5:30PM - DINNER RECEPTION**

6:30PM - SILENT AUCTION / AUCTION / RAFFLE

### SUNDAY - OCTOBER 2ND - SHOW OPENS 9AM-5PM

9:30AM - ROUND ROBIN DEMONSTRATION

1:00PM - DAVID NGUY BONSAI DEMONSTRATION

3:30PM - SILENT AUCTION / AUCTION / RAFFLE

EXHIBITS - DEMOS - AUCTIONS - RAFFLES - RECEPTION - VENDOR & CLUB SALES

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## Takeaways

The Bowers Show is happening. Set up is likely on Tuesday October 4 after closing with additional tree drop off on Wednesday October 5 before the 10:00 AM opening. The show runs from Wednesday Oct 5 through Sunday October 9. Please contact me if you want to show a tree and haven't heard from us yet. This is a long show and if you want to trade out your trees during the show that's fine. If possible I would like a few people to have two trees ready anyway in case we need them. There are always last minute cancellations and changes. Thank you.

**We need a few volunteers to each store a few pots.**

We will continue to have silent auctions in addition to a raffle at our meetings. I can take credit and debit cards for the silent auction and raffle tickets.

This is to enhance our ability to cover the cost of meetings which includes rent, insurance, demo fees and so on.

See you soon.

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