

## June 2023 Newsletter

Meeting Saturday, June 17 at the Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd.

**SPECIAL AUCTION TIMES:** Drop off of auction items beginning at 5 PM, Auction beginning at 6:30 PM

**SPECIAL AUCTION LOCATION:** **We'll be in the large hall at the church.**

Volunteers for set up please arrive by 4:30 PM (Yes we need helpers)

## It's time for the Kofu Kai Benefit Auction! Saturday, June 17

Our annual benefit auction is our major fundraiser. It's also great fun and a chance to score first-rate material and pots at a reasonable price and also a chance to make some space in your yard and on your benches by donating items to help the club.

In order to bring you first-rate programming and regular club meetings we need to replenish our bank account. It may surprise you to know that it costs around \$500 to put on each club meeting, including rent, insurance and the cost of demonstrators and material!

Please dig deep and bring items to be auctioned. Even small trees and material contribute to the cause. I know we all have trees and material and pots that are just sitting around being fed and watered which we're no longer interested in but still hanging on to. Why not let someone else have a go at those trees we've outgrown and those pots we can't find a tree for. For people fairly new to bonsai this is a very good way to find material to work on and pots to put it in.

**We accept cash, checks and cards.**

We will need people to help at the auction. We need 3 to 5 people to check in the donations as they arrive and put a yellow card on each item. We also need people to help by carrying items up to the auction table and then to the holding area for sold items. Also we need a couple of people to sit up front and help record purchases and help check out people after the auction. It would also be helpful if a couple people brought carts to help move things around. **Helpers can bid at the auction!**

It's always exciting to see what comes in the door to be auctioned.  
Don't miss out on the fun!

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Here are just a few of the interesting things coming to be auctioned. Also new this year, oversized items can be auctioned and later picked up where they live to avoid unnecessary moving big around.

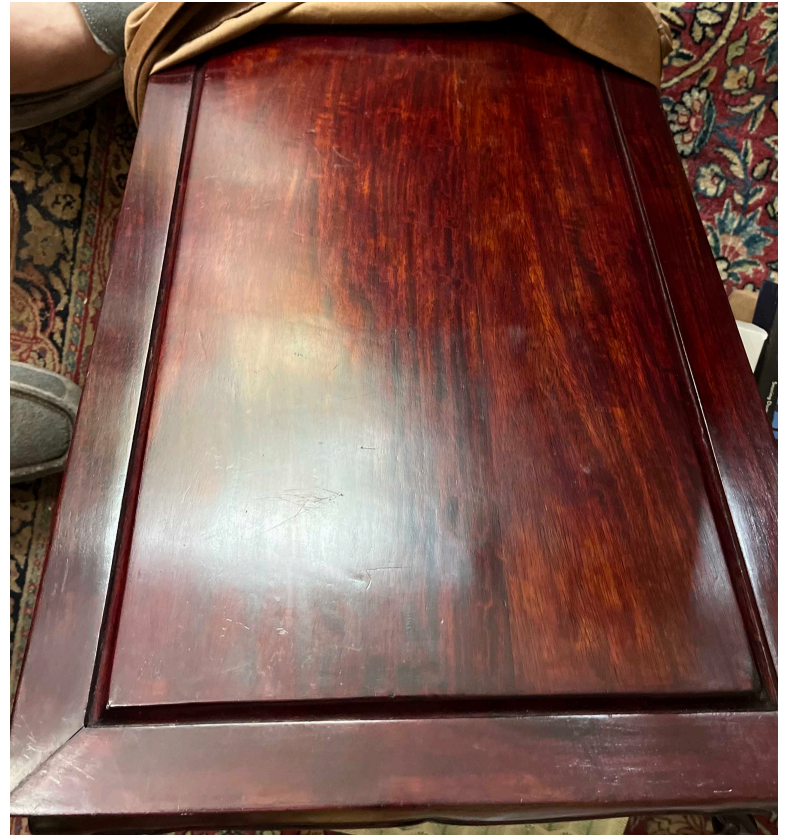


Jason Chan's demo tree from the 2022 Kofu show at the Bowers. The tree is looking great and is very full and growing vigorously. It looks like a San Jose Juniper.



A rare Larry Ragle Shohin pot previously in the collection of Manny Martinez.

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A few display stands and a large slab.

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A very large, 5 foot tall *opercularia decaryi* aka Elephant Tree was donated before the pandemic by Justine Keller and I somehow got it into my car and brought it home. I repotted it two years ago and it's growing well. You may remember that Tak Nakamura showed a very nice bonsai of this species at one of our Bowers shows. This tree could easily supply three or four air layers to become bonsai or could remain a fine specimen tree in your garden. They can also be propagated with cuttings and root cuttings.

This tree is too big to haul around so the winner of the auction will need to pick it up from my house in Lomita. It survived the cool, wet winter with no problem and is just now leafing out.



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## May Meeting with Adam Toth

The chemistry of groups is mysterious. Sometimes a meeting spontaneously becomes a special occasion and that was what happened at our May meeting. New people came. Old members re-emerged after years away. Our young demonstrator, Adam Toth, who had been nervous about his ability to communicate, found his voice and spoke eloquently. Many people asked questions, really good questions. Many people donated to the raffle and brought snacks. People were having such a good time meeting each other and talking about bonsai that they didn't want to leave. It's a kind of magic that can't be bottled and when it happens it can only be enjoyed in that moment.



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**Corrected Date for Costal Bonsai Club  
Show at Sherman Gardens**

**Saturday June 3rd through Sunday  
June 4th**

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## BONSAI *RENDEZVOUS* 2023

**October 20, 21, and 22**  
Friday - Saturday - Sunday

### *Headliner - Bjorn Bjorholm*

Bjorn workshops & demos all day  
Friday & Saturday  
Open Q&A with Bjorn on Sunday morning

Joshua Roth "Rising Stars" Competition  
all day Saturday

Multiple workshops all day Friday & Saturday

Exhibition by the GSBF Collections

All-Access Educational Seminars all 3 days

BYOB Social Hours Friday & Saturday

Saturday Awards Dinner & Live Auction

Silent Auctions (Consignement Sales & Donations)

Tomodachi

Top bonsai vendors all 3 days



Registration opens on May 1

#### Early Bird Pricing (until July 30)

3-day admission	\$ 80
3-day admission with gourmet banquet	\$130

#### Regular Pricing

3-day admission	\$ 95
3-day admission with gourmet banquet	\$145

1-day admission is always	\$ 45
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**Rooms are limited so make your reservation today!**

*Ask for the GSBF BONSAI RENDEZVOUS rate*

**1-209-826-4444**

Hotel Mission De Oro

Access the GSBF website via the QR code to see event updates and sign up for an event reminder

[www.gsfbonsai.org/2023-rendezvous](http://www.gsfbonsai.org/2023-rendezvous)





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In the large hall.

This is our main fundraiser for the year and makes all of our activities possible. Please donate items to auction, and bid generously. Contact for more info: [carolupston@icloud.com](mailto:carolupston@icloud.com) or text or phone 310-346-4203.