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JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

Saturday June 15, at 7:00 pm

Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim Donations to the raffle and refreshment table are always welcome!

Tom Vuong Tames A Monster Cork Pine

(with his revolutionary candle grafting technique)

Member Bonus: Three people can bring a young black pine to be grafted at the base and transformed into a cork pine. Details below.



Our June meeting coincides with candle pruning season for pines and we are very pleased to welcome again Tom Vuong to demonstrate his technique for using the candles themselves to graft branches where you want them to be on black pines and it's varieties.

He will be demonstrating on a true monster of an overgrown bonsai cork pine. The tree was left on it's own for many years without training, just watered and fed. It was given to Carol Upston when it's owner moved away and is in it's original pot, never having been repotted, probably in decades.

Can grafting help to shape this huge floppy pine tree into a beautiful bonsai again? If anyone can do it, Tom can.

Cork bark pines are beautiful, valuable and rare. They are usually produced by grafting cork bark stock at soil level onto standard black pine rootstock.

The demo tree has a lot of candles coming on so there will be enough for three people to bring a small (around 3/4 inch to 1 inch diameter trunk) black pine and get a cork pine graft. Pines can grow reasonably fast if you give them what they need. Email me at <u>carolupston@icloud.com</u> if you're bringing a tree. There will also be one grafted one gallon black pine that will be in the raffle.

Kofu recently purchased a large number of fine bonsai pots from the estate of Manny Martinez. These pots will be slowly trickling out in the raffles and auctions and at the Christmas party. Thank you for your continued support for our club through your purchase of raffle tickets, your auction bids and your donations to the raffle and refreshment tables.

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Orange County Bonsai Society Annual Show

June 8 and 9, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Demonstrations both days at 1 PM Orange County Buddhist Church 909 S. Dale Ave., Anaheim 92804

Sometime in June Descanso Bonsai Society Show

June 15

Kofu Bonsai Kai Meeting

Tom Vuong will be the demonstrator. This man is a self taught genius and his demonstrations are not to be missed.

July 20

Kofu Kai along with the California Bonsai Society presents Liliana Marcello Tello Ortiz from Columbia by way of Costa Rica.

August 17 Kofu Kai Annual Fundraising Auction

It's not to early to look around your yard for donations to this important event. This is the event that raises most of the funds to support the club.

Kofu Kai Annual Show at the Bowers Museum

Labor Day Weekend

August 29, 30, 31, and September 1 10 AM till 4 PM each day Demonstration on Saturday August 29 at 1 PM Set Up on Wednesday, August 28

September 21 Kofu Kai meeting Demonstrator to be Announced

October 19 Kofu Kai meeting Demonstrator to be Announced

November 16 Kofu Kai along with the California Bonsai Society present Todd Schlafer

Saturday December 2, 12 - 3 PM Kofu Kai Christmas Party St. Wilfrid's Church 18631 Chapel Ln. Huntington Beach, CA 92646

January 2020 Kofu Kai Repotting Workshop and visit to Tom Vuong's collection Date TBA

February 15, 2020 Sergio Cuan

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It costs a lot to open our doors each month, close to \$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 or stuffing a few bills into the donation jar. We know that money is tight for many members. Even five or ten dollars in raffle tickets helps. If everyone did that the books would begin to balance again.

Our annual dues are \$30.00 for one person and \$35.00 for a couple or family. You can mail dues to Ryan Cali, 52 Dianthus, Rancho Santa Margarita Ca 92688-1024 and please include your contact information.