

# The Kofu Kai Review

The Monthly Newsletter of the Kofu Kai Bonsai Club



## Meeting Time and Place

November 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Anaheim Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd, Anaheim

## NOVEMBER MEETING



## Double Demo by John Nielsen

We've enjoyed John Nielsen's visits and demos before and on Saturday November 17th he's going to help us end our year with a double demonstration. He plans to do a foemina upright juniper for the first half of the program (Saba Miki - "bone of the Mackerel"). The second half will be a group planting of small leafed olives in a forest style. Both items will be donated to the raffle as well as many other plants from his nursery. John is very generous with his raffle donations, so don't miss this opportunity.

John Nielsen is certified in many aspects of horticulture including certified arborist, pest management, Irrigation systems, tree injection, is a graduate of the turfgrass management program at UC Riverside and is currently managing a large tree care company in Orange County.

He is also an active member of the bonsai community and has studied with Harry Hirao, Mel Ikeda and Tak Shimazu and is a member of Kofu Kai, GSBF, and the California Bonsai Society.

Carol Upston

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# October Meeting

## Carol Upston Talk on Fichus

At the October meeting we were enlightened by Carol Upston, VP of Kofu Kai, on Fichus as material for Bonsai. Carol did a slide presentation showing Fichus in nature and showing the various types. She discussed the plants ruggedness and ability to survive in both a dry environment and high moisture.

Carol did a short demo on nursery stock Fichus to demonstrate some trimming techniques. The beauty of the material is that it responds well to severe root pruning, carving and regular defoliation. The fact that it does respond well in recovering to these treatments give the Bonsai'ers the opportunity to style a tree and get rapid results. This material does very well in our area.

### Kofu Kai At Bowers Museum

Kofu Kai has had its second show at the Bower Museum this last September. The Board, members, and I would like to thank the Bowers Museum, Nancy Warzer-Brady VP of Education Bowers, and their staff for their support in having us show.

I personally wish to thank our members and guests who showed their trees, stones and assisted with the show. It is due to your efforts in preparing your trees and giving your time that we are able to have quality displays. This allows us to obtain venues such as the Bowers Museum where we can further our goal to educate the public on the art of Bonsai.

A special thanks to Al Nelson, Ryan Cali and Howie Kawahara for their generous donation of time and material for the Saturday Demonstration at the Museum. A job well done!

I would also like to thank Harry Hirao and the Bowers Museum for their generous donation to Kofu Kai for the clubs efforts in doing the show.

### Thank You

Wanda & Dan Denise, Bob White, Harry Hirao, Larry & Nina Ragle, Joe James, Marybel Balendonck, Dough McGavin, Ralph Johnson, Lois Hutchinson, David & June Nguy, Michael Viljak, Anthony Chiusolo, Carol Upston, Al Nelson, Howie Kawahara, Manuel Martinez, Harley Newman, Tak Nakamura, Herb Eisenberg, Paul Vasina, Wil Lautenschlager



Harry Hirao



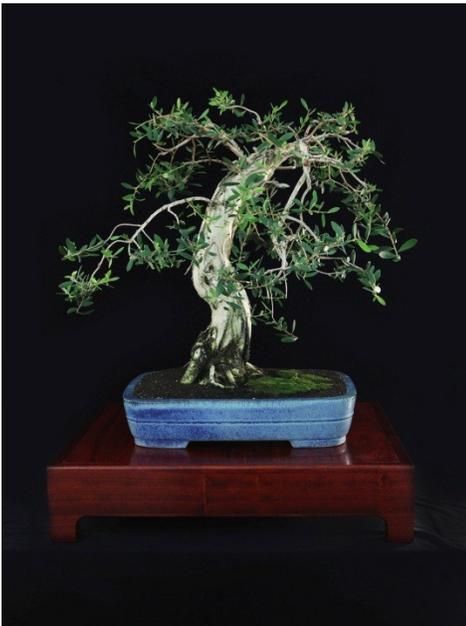
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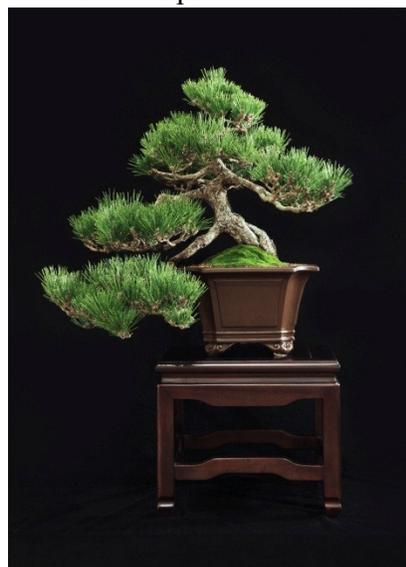
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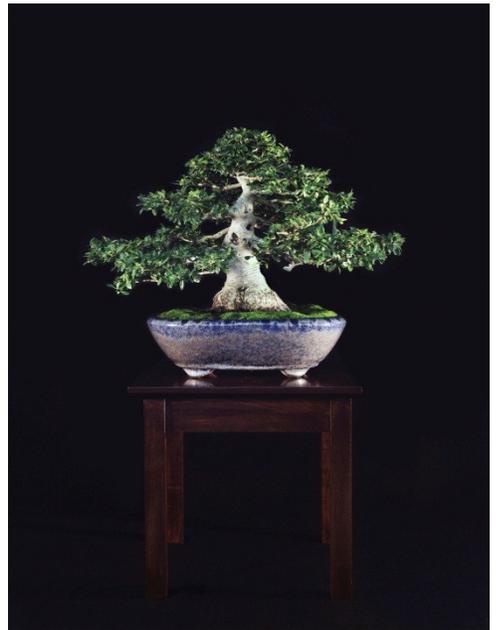
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Paul Vasina



Wanda & Dan Danesi



Tak Nakamura



Takeshi Kawahara

## **KOFU BONSAI KAI - BONSAI IDEAS**

**BY MARTY MANN**

**NOVEMBER, 2012 (#87)**

Fall is generally the climax of the luxurious growth of summer and the last spurt of activity before settling down for winter dormancy.

As leaved begins to drop be sure to remove the trash around your trees and on the surface of your pots. If clean-up is neglected these areas become a refuse for slugs, sow bugs and other undesirable creatures.

Transplanting is permissible at this time of year, specifically bamboo, boxwood, conifers, hornbeams, cotoneaster, podocarpus, privets, Pyracantha, wisteria, willows and most

varieties of deciduous trees. The key to safe fall repotting is to minimize root disturbance and severe pruning but trees can be transferred into larger or different containers. If in doubt about the health or condition of a tree, wait until spring to repot.

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Now is the time to anticipate and enjoy better autumn color by reducing watering time as well. As the length of the day's sunshine is shortened, the trees require less water. A balance must be maintained between the minimal watering and the loss of moisture by transpiration during intermittent warm spells.

Once the leaves on trident maple, Japanese maple, liquid amber, ginkgo, hornbeam and other colorful deciduous trees begin to lose their vigor and drop, keep the bonsai areas and pot surfaces cleared. Remove trash promptly. Continue to spray benches with an all-purpose insecticide and a final spray of fungicide. Pests seem to make a final effort to destroy and injure trees as they feed heavily prior to moving into the pupa stage.

Light conditions begin to change. Trees that have had full sun exposure find themselves in more shade. So, watch the location of trees at this time of year and rotate them into more favorable light exposures allowing them to continue storing strength and food for the winter.

This is a good time to work on basic training and design. Remove the wire applied this past year. Check for wire cuts. New wire can be applied but avoid the curls and marks of previous efforts. In spite of this period of slow growth, fall and winter training can still be effective. Before spring approaches don't overlook the new wire since new growth quickly causes wire damage. Study improper branch placement – crossing, bars, up and down growth.

There is still time to give bonsai a last good feeding. Evergreen and conifers may be lightly fertilized on a regular basis through the winter months since they continue to grow in our mild climate. Use food with little nitrogen--mainly potash and phosphorous, a 0-10-10 Low nitrogen fertilizers build dormant buds and store food in the form of starch used to produce healthy growth in spring. This is especially important for fruiting and flowering trees. Specifically azaleas, crabapples, ume and pomegranates improve after late feedings.

Limit cuttings, at this time of year, to hardwood specimens or tropical varieties. The use of a rooting hormone and a pre-soaking of a rooting stimulant, such as B-1 or Superthrive, improves the odds of success. A basic rooting medium such as 2 parts peat moss with 1 part perlite or coarse river sand will serve you well. Keep the rooting medium slightly moist and shaded until evidence of new growth appears.

#### HAIKU POEM:

When one views his trees  
The illusion of sight must  
Feel wind and warm sun

By Marty Mann

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## *CONGRATULATIONS*

### *BADGE WINNER*

Kim Warner

### *DEMO WINNER*

Bob W. (who are you??)

## *NEW MEMBERS WELCOME*

*Marilyn Imupa-Tyler*

*Say hello to them when you see them*

## *UP COMING EVENTS*

## **Kofu Kai Christmas party**

**December 8th Saturday 12PM to 3PM**



*Yes it's that time of the year. Our gala Christmas party is at St Wilfrid Episcopal Church, Noon till 4pm, 18631 Chapel Ln, Huntington Beach; Kofu Bonsai will supply a ham, turkey and drinks. This is also the best Raffle of the year. Set the date and come enjoy an afternoon with your Bonsai friends. This will be a pot-luck, so bring your favorite dish that will serve 10 people.*

### **California Asikei Kai Suiseki**

Huntington Library and Gardens Show Dates: December 27-January 2, closed on New Year's Day. Friends' Hall. Set-up on December 21-22. Save the dates!



Wishes to Ev & Sharyn Bassin and Paul Vasina for speedy recovery

WE MISS YOU GUYS!!!

### *Special Thank You*

#### **July Refreshments:**

Manuel Martinez  
Marge Blasingame  
Tish Miya  
Harry Hirao  
Gary & Dorothy Cleaveland  
Wendy Tsai  
Tom Culton

#### **August Donations:**

Jeff Yang  
Hary Hirao  
Dave Miles  
Marge Blasingame  
Manuel Martinez  
Carol Upston  
Bill & Lois Hutchinson  
Anthony Chiusolo  
Wendy Tsai  
Al Nelson  
Russell Broadstone

### **PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP**

**Beginners, looking to get started!**  
**Looking to improve your bonsai**  
**artistry and technique!**  
**Preparing your trees for exhibition!**  
**Wondering how to get started in**  
**Bonsai and have questions? Have a**  
**tree that is "difficult" to style and**  
**you may not know what to do.**  
**Questions on preparing your tree or**  
**displaying it at the Annual Show?**  
**No matter what your objectives**  
**are, you can bring your trees to**  
**work on at the pre-meeting**  
**workshop were experts like Al**  
**Nelson, Paul Vasina and Harley**  
**Newman can assist. Meet from**  
**4:00pm -6:00pm prior to the**  
**monthly meeting.**