

June 2024 Newsletter

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

Saturday May 15, Auction drop off at 5 PM, Auction at 6:30

Benefit Auction in the Large Hall

It's time for the

Kofu Kai Benefit Auction! (Part One)

Saturday June 15

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 programing and regular club meetings we need to replenish our bank account. It may surprise you to know that it costs over \$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 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!

We accept cash, checks and cards

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Here are just a few of the interesting things coming to be auctioned. Also, again this year, oversized items can be auctioned and later picked up where they live to avoid unnecessarily moving big items around. If you have an extra large item, please send digital photos.



For Auction

Caz and Angie were very entertaining as they worked on this twisting juniper donated by Carol Upston. It is a prostrata which was grafted by a commercial grower with Kiishu Shinpaku. It is growing rapidly now and sending out shoots everywhere. Take this future masterpiece home and give it a haircut.



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For Auction

Jason Chan has been our demonstrator at the Bowers show for the last few years. He is really amazing at taking to the museum visitors about bonsai and showing people who may know nothing about the art exactly how it's done. The juniper is growing well and looking for a new home and an artist to continue it's development. It could be you!



For Auction

This amazing saikei was created for Kofu at our September 2023 meeting and it's been growing very well since then. The three Chinese elms which are the small leaved kind were bought from Roy Nagatoshi and they are shooting out everywhere. All of the small plants in the saikei have survived and grown and in some cases bloomed. This will be a very nice landscape to develop over time and it can be yours.



BONSAI VOLUNTEERS AT THE HUNTINGTON

Hone your bonsai skills by volunteering to work on the bonsai at the Huntington Gardens.

Under the guidance of Huntington Bonsai Curator Ted Matson, volunteers trim, repot, wire, weed and help design the 450 plus bonsai trees in the Huntington Bonsai Collection and the GSBF Bonsai Collection at the Huntington Gardens



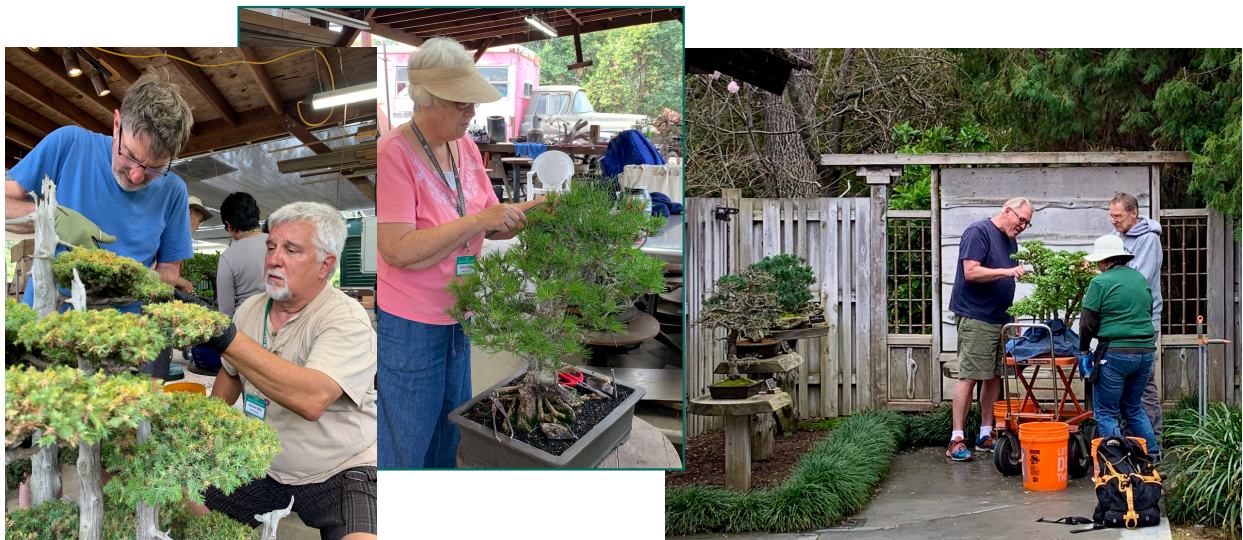
Bonsai Curator Ted Matson, center both photos, instructing volunteers

Volunteers range from beginners to advanced.

There is something to do for everyone, and it is a great learning environment for all!

Volunteer days are Wednesdays 8AM - 12PM, Fridays 9AM - 12PM, Saturdays 9AM - 3PM

Contact volunteer@huntington.org or call 626-405-3429 to sign up.



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