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JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Saturday July 21, 2018 at 7 pm

Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd., Anaheim, East Classroom

**Important: We will be meeting this month in the choir room near the main sanctuary. There will be signs directing the way.
There is no longer a pre-meeting workshop.**

TOM VUONG SHIMPAKU JUNIPER



Tom Vuong is a very original bonsai artist. He experiments with new techniques and equipment and generously shares what he's learned with the bonsai community. Over the past few years we've learned innovative new grafting techniques, his seasonal care and training practices and his philosophy of bonsai design. We've also learned that he likes really big trees! His topic this time is shimpaku juniper, the beautiful dark green variety that has been a favorite for grafting and training for decades in the bonsai multiverse. Don't miss this opportunity to soak up some more valuable tips about this material.



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LAST MEETING WITH AL RIVERA

The June meeting was the first time we'd hosted Al Rivera and it certainly won't be the last. He bent a rangy California juniper into a literal pretzel and also styled a very nice California juniper donated by Michael Walsh which will be sold at our annual auction in October.

Al generously donated a pine, a juniper and a Chinese elm to the raffle.

The main raffle prizes were won by, from the left, new member Fr James Barrand, Joe Strubbe and Ruben Ayala.



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THE FUTURE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUGUST 18, PEDRO MORALES

TROPICAL BONSAI SPECIALIST FROM PUERTO RICO

SEPTEMBER 5-9

KOFU KAI ANNUAL EXHIBIT AT THE BOWERS MUSEUM

SET UP DAY IS SEPTEMBER 5

CONTACT MANNY MARTINEZ TO SHOW A TREE



**SEPTEMBER 15
LINDSAY SHIBA**



OCTOBER 20, KOFU KAI AUCTION!!!

WE'VE ALREADY RECEIVED SOME EXCITING DONATIONS

Kofu Kai Has just learned that we will receive three major trees and also some pots that were left over from the big sale in West Los Angeles recently. Our thanks to Robert Pressler, California Bonsai Society and the anonymous owner of the collection for this generous donation. Photos will be forthcoming.

Also, Harley Newman donated three chuhin and shohin bougainvillea bonsai and Justine Keller donated a white chojubai flowering quince.

Send photos of sexy auction donations to carolupston@icloud.com .

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NOVEMBER 17, HARRY TOMLINSON FROM THE UK

DECEMBER 1, KOFU KAI CHRISTMAS PARTY, 12

NOON TO 3 PM

MAMMOTH RAFFLE, POT LUCK

18631 CHURCH LANE, HUNTINGTON BEACH

JANUARY 2019, DATE TO BE SET

CLUB VISIT, DEMO AND WORKSHOP AT THE HOME OF
TOM VUONG

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

I'd like to thank several people for a special donation made to Kofu Kai; Manny Martinez, Anthony Chiusolo, and Debra Mauzy Melitz with David Melitz. They generously donated funds toward our hiring of a professional photographer, Eric Stoner who has been photographing our annual show at the Bowers Museum. Thank you very much.

Also special thanks to all who've already donated to our annual auction; Justine Keller, Harley Newman, Michael Walsh, Robert Pressler and the California Bonsai Society.

Donations to the raffle and the refreshment table are always welcome. thanks to June bonsai pot donors David Melitz, Sari Religa and Chuck Medina. Thank you to all of you who contribute!

June Donors

Raffle: Shari Religa, Ev Bassin's Family, Carol Upston, Maryann Tran, Jim Pierce, Justine Keller, Larry and Nina Ragle.

Refreshments: Bob and Kim Warner, Tom Culton, Justine Keller, Carol Upston, Dan and Wanda Danesi

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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.

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