

# Kofu Bonsai Kai [kofukai.org](http://kofukai.org)

October 2022 Newsletter

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

**Saturday October 15 at 6:00 PM In the classroom**

Kofu Kai welcomes

## Robert Hoogeveen



Robert joined the Orange County Bonsai society in 1976 and started taking formal lessons from the four main founders of the club in 1977. His sensei were Francis Watari, Tets Tsukamoto, Mie Mizusawa and Jim Takeda. All four were students of John Naka. Formal lessons lasted three years at which time Robert began to do demonstrations for local clubs and at the OCBS shows. He started working with John Naka when he was old enough to drive and worked under his mentorship at John Naka's house in LA for many years. Robert continues to enjoy the art after 44 years and is the current president of the OCBS. He holds mentorship classes at his house and does demonstrations and workshops for clubs and other interested parties.



Robert and John Naka in the olden days.

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## Last Meeting With Bill Ward



Our September meeting with Bill Ward was great. Bill brought an amazing variety of trees to talk about and told how he acquired each tree and how he is training it. He made the point very well that you don't have to spend a fortune to acquire material with great potential, you just have to be out looking and alert to opportunities, He also did an initial styling on a multi trunk Japanese boxwood and a procumbent nana juniper which both went into the raffle. Bill discussed his techniques for developing trees quickly, his favorite soils and fertilizers and his plans for the future of the trees he brought. The boxwood was won by Don Martin and the juniper by Mike Kelly. I'm sure we will be seeing more of Bill Ward in the future.



## Jason Chan and the Bowers Show



Jason Chan styled a lovely juniper at the Bowers show. This tree will be offered in a future auction or silent auction; watch this space.

My sincere thanks to everyone who stepped in to help this week when family circumstances made it impossible for me to attend most of the event. I will finally be seeing the entire show tomorrow, Sunday October 9 and I'll take photos for a future newsletter.

Special thanks to Omar Jaramillo, Gary Lai, David and Debra Melitz, Bob and Kim Warner, Dan and Wanda Danesi, Bill Ward, John Nielsen, Tak and Reiko Nakamatsu, Ken Schlothman, Tom Vuong, Dave Miles, Robert Hoogeveen, Bob White, Michael Walsh, the staff of the Bowers and all of the people who prepared trees and accents and showed up to make this event beautiful and memorable.

Miranda Calzada from the Bowers emailed me to say how much they loved the show and how glad they are that we make this happen.

What I really missed this week was getting to catch up with everyone and share our lives and our bonsai adventures for a few days but I'll try to make up for it tomorrow.

With much gratitude  
Carol Upston



## President's Message

I've often said that bonsai artists are mad scientists. We graft this plant onto that plant. We use exotic chemical concoctions and rotting organic substances to control and enhance the growth of our fiendishly dwarfed trees. Two words: worm poo.

We bleach deadwood features and battle fungi with a sulfurous liquid that may cause the neighbors to call the hazmat squad if the wind changes. We pull all the leaves off our trees and wire them into contorted shapes. We carve away the wood, living and dead, to bring visions from our imagination into the dimension of reality. Mad scientists one and all.

I wish you a Halloween full of wonder, terror and delight.

Carol Upston

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