

The KAI WIRE

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SANSUI-KAI OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Member Workshop in October.

Bring your trees in for advice and work. October 12 at 730. New members will receive a free young tree to work on and lots of advice.



Olive Festival?



Did You Miss Ted Matson
Curator of the Huntington
Bonsai Collection and Mas-
ter Bonsai Artist??

Ted Matson Smaller Better Bonsai The Whip Method

Happy Days For The Winners



Start Small

Santa's Helper



Work Small



This month is spring in reverse. The weather is variable. If the weather turns hot be ready to water more but not as much as spring because leaves are going into dormancy. Many deciduous trees are browning or dropping leaves. Conifers will also be slowing so water less. Too much water may promote root rot.

Go over your trees for wires that are cutting in and remove them. Branches can be wired but are BRITTLE at this time. Use good wiring technique with proper sized wire and branch bending with from the wire and not the wood. Use pliers.

This is a time to give junipers a strong cut back and thinning (fall cleanout). Pinch (cut) back as much as possible to promote a compact well ramified bonsai.

Pines need to have last years plucked. Old needles (discolored) should be removed. New or fresh needles should remain until December or January. Leaving these new healthy needles on through the fall should keep the tree at its best. Cutting long needles shorter will allow will allow sunlight to penetrate into the interior of the trees, and help

to build stronger growth on the weak and stunted interior candles and twigs. Finish pruning the unwanted new growth leaving one, two, or three new candles on the tips of each branch or twig that was pruned earlier this summer. How many candles you leave is determined by your design goals for the tree and whether the new growth is on the outer limits of the tree or inside. Branches and twigs on deciduous (maples elms) trees may be cut back as leaves are lost but wait until the leaves drop. Flowering trees such as quince crabapple or bougainvillea could be cut back severely. Bougainvillea can be cut below the first leaf. Remove all fruit and seedpods. Tropical species such as ficus and bougainvillea should be placed in protected areas in case of cold snaps. Elms and maples should be placed in shade to promote dormancy. Remove their leaves if still present at the end of October.

Fertilize with low nitrogen for dormancy using a 0-10-10. Too much nitrogen will stimulate growth of leaves that will freeze off in the cold.



Sylmar Olive Festival Not

by DK

Sylmar was once an olive grove, but most trees are gone to urbanization. The festival setting was very nice in the huge park adjacent to Mission College. There weren't that many olive displays apparent at the Olive Festival. There were, however, great kid play areas, interesting food and good live music blaring out full time. Most olive displays (all?) were provided by Sansui-kai Club. Jack demonstrated olive bonsai which will be available for auction in December. Many small trees were sold and left over trees will be given away to new members at the October meeting. Here is hoping some of the peeps that seemed interested will come around.

Jack, Josh, Steve, Dan and Eric amongst others were active in the event. Below are some pics to give you an idea of the happenings.

Sansui-Kai is dedicated to the learning, use and teaching of the horticulture techniques and artistic principles needed to grow, design and care for bonsai. Regular membership is \$22 & \$27 for Families.

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Male Bonsai Bonding
at the Olive? Festival
Who Is The Master in
Black Below???

