

The KAI WIRE

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SANSUI-KAI OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



## KATHY BENSON IN JANUARY



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YOU'VE GOT TO PAY THOSE DUES

INDIVIDUALS 22 DOLLARS AND FAMILY 27

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JANUARY REFRESHMENTS

SANG LE -GRACE -GLORIA -AL LOMAN

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YOKO'S SSK DEMO CALENDER FOR 2014

JAN. 8th---- Kathy Benson (PIC LEFT)

FEB. 12th----Roy Nagatoshi

MAR.12th---Jim Barrett

APR. 9th---- Member's Workshop

MAY.14th---David Nguy

JUN.11th--- Ben Oki

JULY.9th----Herry Hirao

AUG.13th---Bob Pressler

SEP.10th---- Members Workshop

OCT. 8th----Frank Goya

NOV.12th---Travis Goldstein

DEC. 10th---Member's workshop

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WINTER SILHOUETTES 50TH SHOW  
AND AUCTION HONORING  
JIM BARRETT JANUARY 18 & 19 -  
LA ARBORETUM

VIETNAMESE BONSAI SOCIETY  
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE 14TH  
ANNUAL BONSAI & NOMBO EXHIBI-  
TION JAN 18TH AND 19TH  
VIETNAMESE AMERICAN  
BUDDHIST ASSOC 12292 MAGNOLIA ST  
GARDEN GROVE 92841

SHOHIN CONVENTION 1/31-2/2/14

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# As I See IT

Happy New Year! What better way to end 2013 than with a nice Christmas potluck and auction! Members provided the entrees, sides, and desserts, while the club provided drinks and hardware. We filled our bellies while enjoying pleasant conversation before gathering in front of the auction block to bid on some great bonsai material. The tables were filled with plants, pots, nutrients, styled trees and tools and several members went home with their cars loaded to the top! Special thanks to Dan Kashinsky, Steve Riley, Grace Sy, Albert Espinoza, Sonja Kobler, and Walter and Yoko Zipusch for their help coordinating the evening, as well as all the members who provided auction material and bid on items throughout the evening. Fun events like this help raise money for the club for future events and they wouldn't be a success without you!

As we look back on 2013, it's great to see what an exciting year we've had. We've hosted some very informative demos with great demonstrators like Frank Goya, Cheryl Manning, Peter Macasieb, Al Nelson, Travis Goldstein, Cesario Perez, Mel Ikeda, Ted Matson, and many more. Our June show and sale was very well received, and we had a great turnout at the August BBQ as well. We've gained some new members and grown with the community, and our combined show efforts with the L.A. Cactus and Succulent Society have helped to spread the art and passion of bonsai to others. I look forward to 2014 and all the awesome new demos and events we have headed our way! I'm excited to see everyone again this year so be sure to join us every month for another excellent year in bonsai!

January also marks the time for the announcement of the 2014 board nominees. All positions are open for nomination, and we currently have a few nominees running. Jack Reynolds has been nominated for President, Yoko Zipusch is running for Program Chair/1st V.P., Grace Sy is running for Treasurer, and Matt Heeny has been nominated for Membership Chair/2nd V.P. The board election will be held in February, so be sure to see any current board member BEFORE the January meeting if you are interested in running for a board position.

Without the dedicated volunteer work from the board, Sansui-Kai would not be able to grow and thrive and would be unable to spread the joy and art of bonsai to others in our community.

BELOW YOKO AND AL SUPERVISING

THE AUCTION



YOU BID HOW MUCH? ABOVE, ERIC THE AUCTIONEER, GRACE THE MONEY, STEVE THE SCRIBE AND JOSH THE CHORUS



January is a good month to study structure and style of your deciduous trees. You can also study deciduous trees in nature. I have learned a lot from studying the local deciduous oaks because they are often very old and have wonderful drooping branches with interesting curves. Whenever you are out among trees take note of the best ones and try to see what it is that makes them attractive. For your deciduous trees remove crossing branches and unnecessary heavy up going unsightly straight branches. For evergreen study trunk taper. Open the tree so light can reach the insides and negative spaces can develop. Remove old needles from black pine leaving most on the bottom and least on top.

Watch your trees carefully for the first sign of needing water. Keep your trees damp but not wet. Elevate the edge of your pot about an inch to keep water from pooling if it should rain. Don't water pots that are frozen. Warm these pots slowly. Too much overhead watering can promote the dreaded needle cast fungus in pines so I would not do it at this season.

Be sure to keep your tropical trees under some protection from frost. You can even put them in your garage for several days during particularly cold periods. Bringing them into the house for more than a week or two is risky because the warmth may stimulate new buds that will freeze when the dormant plants are put out.

The only trees that need fertilizer are conifers because they do not go completely dormant in southern California. A slow release 5-5-5 should be good. Soil amendments such as gypsum can be used to soften compact soils. Now is the time to do your first application of lime sulfur dormant spray (diluted) to all your dormant deciduous trees. A second will be done in February. The purpose of lime sulfur spray is to kill fungus leaf curl as well as the eggs of many parasitic insects that have been deposited on the bark. Others mix lime sulfur (diluted) with Volkoil as an insecticide Protect your soil (cover it) even when using diluted lime sulfur.

Remove debris and weeds from the pot. Some replace the first half inch of top soil with new soil mix. .

Wiring, particularly of deciduous trees may be done this month but be careful of brittle branches. Drastic shaping should be left for the spring. Be very careful to remove old wire that is cutting into branches. You have to look!

Do not transplant (can to pot) anything at this season . Wait another month or two. An exception is California Juniper which may be transplanted in January and February. Hardy black pine and juniper may be repotted (pot to pot) without much root ball disturbance.

Get your pots and soil ready for repotting and get your best ready for SHOW TIME.



# AUCTION AND HOLIDAY DINNER



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.

## Administration

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People were generous with heaps of food including ham and turkey, stuffing, cranberry and gravy sides with many pastas and thank you sushi not to mention Emma's home baked pies and more. We ate well as a festive holiday event should be. All we needed was a couch and football game but we did instead have a fundraising holiday cash flow auction. People brought out some nice things and the auction was at times lively and competitive and at other times could have used some wine as a lubricant. The auction featured Walter and Yoko Zipusch at the table, Eric "new career path at Southerby's" Percifield as auctioneer, Steve "hey that's my tree I auctioned off last year" Riley as recorder and especially Grace "money bags" Sy as treasurer. Also noteworthy were new members and faces EK Wallen Georgette Tuck, Keith Martin who came with some nice trees and Michael Jonas (that name sounds familiar) with friend Hank. Everyone was in a good mood and happy holidays were heard all around. The room cleared quickly thanks to Albert Espinoza who knew we had to be out by 9:15 or face wrath and extra charges.



THE CROWD TOO WELL FED ABOVE. BELOW RIGHT MATSON LEADING THE AUCTION BIDDING AND LEFT ERIC THE AUCTIONEER

PHOTOS DK

