

# The KAI WIRE

SANSUI-KAI OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



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June 14 Marcus Juniel 7:30 Sepulveda Garden Center



TED MATSON GENTLY CRITIQUES THE TREES PRIOR TO THE SHOW

HERE IS OUR CLUB SCHEDULE  
AS ARRANGED BY JOSH MILLER

JUNE 14: Marcus Juniel

JUNE: Annual Show (see inside)

JULY 12: Tom Vuong on Carving

AUGUST 9: Annual BBQ and Auction

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE  
*by*  
*Jack G. Reynolds*

The club show was this last weekend as most of you know. I want to thank all those who entered trees and came to help: Marshal Winer, Steve Riley, Dan Kashinsky, Josh Miller, Mary Tatro, Sonja Kobler, Emma Janza, Hank Fawcett, Michael Jonas.

Altogether we had about twenty trees. Saturday was very slow but Sunday made up for it. The sale table took in some money. We had a demo on Sunday and gave away a tree to a possible new member. My optimistic side tells me that we interested one or two new members from this group    *(continued)*



The highly paid technical crew sets up the backdrop for Hank's spectacular olive shown at our annual exhibit

Below President Jack keeps the crowd spellbound. Mary was his able assistant



# Naka Notes

Lessons From A Master

by Jack Reynolds



Refreshments

Josh Gracie

The first month of summer, trees will be leafed out and growing rapidly. It is important to ROTATE your trees every 2 weeks to insure even growth. Deciduous trees may be moved into PARTIAL SHADE. However too much shade will promote large leaves. When WATERING, spray the foliage benches and ground to raise local humidity. MAPLES are sensitive to over watering, which can make their new leaves small and misshapen, and old leaves get brown tips. Check your pot drainage and tip the pot to one side with a stone if drainage is questionable.

It is easier to use GUY WIRES or directional pruning to shape the branches of deciduous trees than to wire the branches thick with leaves. Cut back the branches to one or two nodes. Fertilize with low nitrogen and high phosphorous on deciduous trees.

This is a good month to DEFOLIATE deciduous trees like ginkgos, elms and maples. Remove every leaf. You may WIRE after defoliation but be careful to prevent wire cuts. FERTILIZE everything this month. Be sparing on fruiting and flowering trees. Fertilize with low nitrogen and high phosphorous on deciduous trees

Candle pruning nursery stock can be started earlier than black pine that has been in a bonsai container for some time. For instance, nursery stock may have their candles pruned this month. The object is to produce shorter internodes and an abundance of branches (JB).

Needle plucking is a personal choice and, if done, should not be done on a weak, unhealthy tree (JB).

This is the month to TRANSPLANT Sat suki azaleas after they have flowered. Cut off the flower at the base cleanly. You can also transplant olives pomegranate, ficus, blue cedar atlas, willow and tamarack, maples if the growth has hardened and roots are not disturbed much.

Bonsai black pine, depending again on maturity and health, may have the candle pruning program start as early as late May or as late as mid-July. The later you prune, the shorter the internodes (JB).

Cut back the branches to one or two nodes.

S'up

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Nathan's annual bonsai sale

this Weekend- attachment

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Marcus Juniel at Sansui kai  
Wednesday

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Sansui -kai show trees on our Web page  
soon

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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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#### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

My thoughts have been about Don Berkus much lately. Don was a member of the club when I first joined. I think it was 1988 give or take a year. He and his wife Ileene were great benefactors to Sansui Kai. For years the club had its annual BBQ auction at the Berkus home. You all know that. Don donated his pot collection to the club and his remaining trees will be auctioned off at our BBQ auction this August in the Sepulveda Garden Center alas.

Don was a member of our Greatest Generation, a WWII veteran. He flew a B-24 bomber in the Pacific. A few years ago he wrote a memoir and brought copies to a club meeting. I bought one and have read it twice trying to understand what it was like to go though that most stressful time.

I have always held these men in highest regard. My father-in-law, Elmer Suorez was also of this generation. He too flew a B-24 but he was in the European

theatre. Both men had the trajectories of their lives changed by the war. Don started out wanting to be an engineer and wound up owning a women's clothing store. Elmer started out wanting to be a chemical engineer and wound up as a farmer. Both men had strong personalities. I think they could have been friends. They died months apart. They were well loved by family and friends and will be missed.



Josh Miller's Popular Bougainvillea