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Marshall

## SANSUI -KAI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Sept. 2017

by  
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As most of you know Marshall Winer has passed away on Aug. 11. He was buried on the 16th. Marshall was sort of an “uncle” to me in Sansui -kai. When I attended my first meeting at the bank building on White Oak and Ventura Blvd., he was the first person to greet me with a smile and friendly handshake. He was the VP of membership then and no one else in the club was better suited to the job by nature. He was one of the most open and friendly men I have known.

By the time I joined Sansui Kai, Marshall had held a number of offices including president. He believed that one should contribute at least as much as one took out of the system, otherwise it would not work. He was always someone who would show up to work on shows setting up and tearing down. At our last show it was Marshall who manned the sale table. He was a wise council when needed. The club benefited immeasurably from his efforts over the years. I know that one of his later joys was the fact that he could share his bonsai interest with his grandson E. J.

Marshall was interested in many things. He painted and made pottery, played softball and for a number of years he and Sue and Randi and I were members of the West Valley Bird Club together. His love of living things included birds and dogs as well as bonsai. I don't know how he found time to do all the things he did. He had struggled with more than one type of cancer for many years. I never heard him complain. The club will make a donation to the GSBF bonsai collection at the Huntington in his name. I will miss him.

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I am sad to write that Gloria Downey, a long time SSK member, we are told has passed away. More information as it becomes available.



September is pretty much like August as far as bonsai care is concerned. It is generally hot, particularly in the first part of the month so care must be taken in watering but since most trees have finished their branch growth they will not require as much water as in the spring. Strike a balance between the amount of water given and the needs of the tree in the heat. One way to do this is to check the top quarter or half inch of soil, if it is damp a quarter to half an inch down then you don't need to water if it is dry then water until water runs out of the bottom of the pot. Very small trees (shohin) may need to be checked twice a day. Look at the drainage holes for cobwebs and other obstruction and clean with a bristle brush.

Trees that may become sunburned should be placed in the shade. This will start the tree into dormancy and inhibit sprouting of new growth too late in the year; such late growth usually freezes off or burns off in the fall and winter winds. Trimming should be reduced at this time of year. Don't remove growth until it has matured. If in doubt leave it for spring pruning. Reduce shimpaku only a little and with discrete scissor cutting not plucking or mowing.

Light feeding, particularly of trees that are still showing new growth is permitted at this season. Deciduous flowering and fruiting species may benefit from a low nitrogen high phosphorous high potassium fertilizer (0-10-10 such as Liquinox Bloom) to promote fruit development and strong roots.


Some things may be transplanted this month, particularly toward the end of the month. These would be pines and junipers. No severe root pruning should be done however so you should only be moving trees from one pot to another of about equal or larger size. If the weather remains hot, wait until October to repot. Willows, tamarix, olive and bougainvillea can be re-potted or even started as cuttings at this season.

Pine candles and needle plucking can begin now for directional branch growth and ramification and needle reduction; but done under the guidance of an experienced bonsai artist.



Marshall's  
Family and  
Friends





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.

# BBQ/Auction 2017

A delightful and racous event, this year was no exception even without the help of the beautiful Berkus' home and family and some fine spirits as in past years. Some of Don's pots and plants were auctioned including the California carved by Tom Vuong at a prior demo. The club did well thanks to everyone and especially Josh whose blur you can see in the lower left pic.



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