

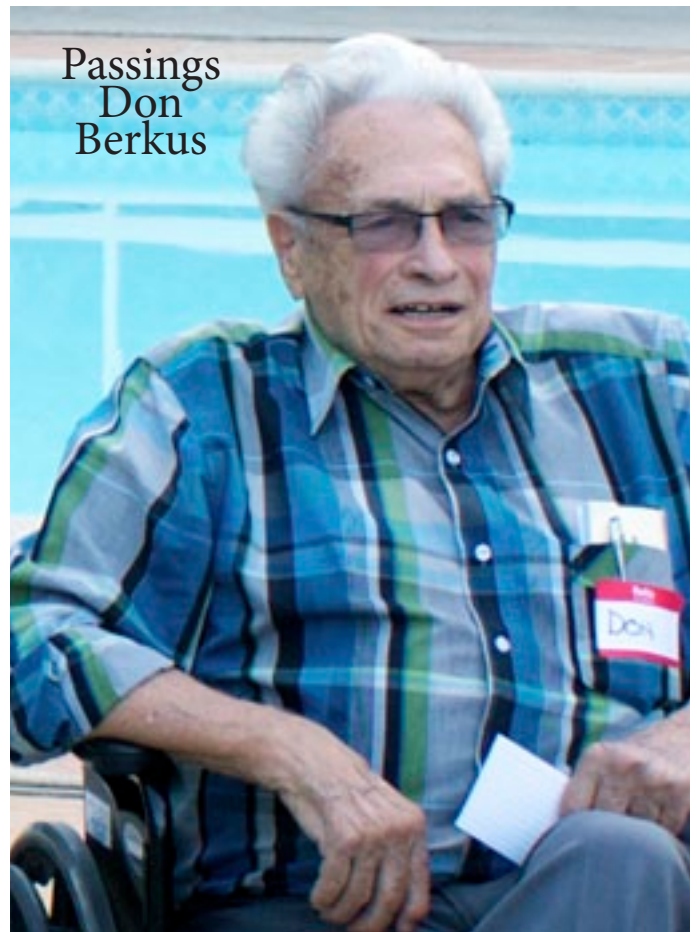


## Ted Matson

Curator of the Huntington Bonsai Pavilion  
On May 10 To Advise Show Members On Tree  
Preparation for the June 3,4 Annual Show



Ted  
Matson



Passings  
Don  
Berkus

Don Berkus, a great friend to his family and friends, to Sansui-kai and bonsai, to the plant kingdom and to the human race. We thank you and Ileene and your family.

# Peter Macasieb at Sansui-kai in April



*All photos by EYHO*

Top Photo -the lucky winners of Peter's generosity.  
Lower left -folks paying serious attention to Peter  
Lower Right -Peter demonstrating no look bonsai technique



#### Water and Fertilizer

Venturing into summer, it is important to be vigilant with watering. Check pots daily and water when the first quarter inch of soil is dry. Plant soil should be damp but not wet and never dry. Check drainage holes for root plugging. Mature trees need less water. Just repotted bonsai may need less watering. Fertilize with small amounts of fertilizer with each watering or use time release less often. Use high nitrogen for most plants except flowering, which require less nitrogen to bloom.

#### Turn Turn Turn

Trees should be turned every two weeks to keep growth even. Broad leaf trees may burn in afternoon sun.

#### Pines

Cut candles on your pines at the end of April. Some experts however wait until June. One method is to start at the bottom branches and remove the smallest candles. Two weeks later remove the candles at the top and the longest candles last. Cut the candles perpendicular to the base. This process should hopefully keep needles short and pine foliage compact. Pine needles may be cut to 1- 1/2 inch for further compactness.

#### Junipers

This is time to pinch (or cut) and wire junipers. It is necessary to pinch off the first new needle buds that appear on junipers in order to encourage compact interior growth. If pinching is not done the branches will get leggy.

Deciduous trees such as elm and Japanese and trident maples will have slowed down by now. Trim all new twigs to one or two sets of leaves. Pay attention to the way new buds point, and trim for direction (JB). Deciduous trees need constant attention to keep upper growth in balance with the middle growth and the lower areas. Prune for shape and remove large leaves that block sunlight to the interior of the tree. From now on our task should be to encourage ramification, shape and health.

#### Bugs

The signs mite infestation are weak growth and a sort of gray- green color to the foliage. Spider mites spin little webs among the needles. If you suspect spider mites hold a piece of white paper under a branch and run your hand across the branch. Look for very tiny reddish-brown specks smaller than the period at the end of this sentence. If the specks smear red they are probably spider mites.

The cure is to spray with an oil spray such as Volk Oil, Ultra Fine or Neem Oil. Mix it according to the directions on the bottle. You should spray weekly for about three weeks to make sure you get them. all. Don't spray in direct sunlight or you may burn the foliage. Malathion may be added for particularly persistent problems.

#### Repotting

Repotting bonsai pot to bonsai pot is safe until the first two weeks of May especially pomegranate, most ficus, elms, wisteria, junipers, azaleas (after they bloom) and olives.



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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## SANSUI KAI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - MAY 2017

by  
*Jack G. Reynolds*

This month's meeting will be the last one before our annual show and sale which will be June 3-4 in case you have forgotten. The program will be a critique by Ted Matson. Members may bring one or more trees that they would like to show and Ted will help with advice on tuning up the tree and display. Most of you know Ted from his demonstrations for the club and his great teaching ability. We are honored to have him to help at this time.

As for the show I am hoping to have at least twenty-five trees for display. I think that exhibitors should plan on two two trees with stands and accents and possibly a third in reserve in case the turnout is small. I will plan to bring some additional stands and accents to help people who need it. There will be a signup sheet at the meeting for members to list the trees they are planning on showing.

I tried to get the garden to allow us to allow us to have the display tables on the side of the aisle away from the windows in order to have better light on the trees.

This would require moving benches to the other side also and they refused. So I guess we will still have to have back lighting. The club also will have to pick up the tab for security on Saturday. Set up will begin at 7 AM Sat. and the show will open at 10 AM. We will need a good turnout to do this.

If members want to sell trees pots or etc., they may and the club will take the usual twenty percent. Make sure you identify seller and price on anything you bring for the sale.  
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### Below more from Peter

