The Kai Wire
Sansui Kai ‘s Newsletter

About our Club

Founded in 1974 by John Naka, Sansui-Kai Bonsai Club is a Southern California non-profit organization made up of Bonsai enthusiasts and professionals dedicated to the learning, use and teaching of the horticultural techniques and artistic principles needed to grow, design and care for Bonsai.

Located in Southern California, Sansui Kai Bonsai Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Boulevard, Encino, CA 91406. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. preceded by a board meeting that begins at 6:30 p.m.

Our meetings consist of a mixture of presentations, demonstrations and critiques by leading presenters in the Bonsai community. Raffle drawings are also held at each meeting in addition to a few auctions throughout the year. Sansui Kai is the perfect place to network with like minded enthusiasts, all willing to share, learn and grow with you.

Septembers featured artist Jason Chan

Of Eastern Leaf

Lucky winner of Jason’s demo tree Dan Kashinshy







Our October meeting will feature Julian Tsai



Julian will be discussing seasonal maintenance,Water quality, watering, fertilizing and disease control

Julian is a Southern California Resident who discovered a passion for bonsai while in college. After graduation he pursued an apprenticeship at Fujikawa Kouka-en in Japan. Kouka-en is a second-generation nursery currently operated by Mr. Keiichi Fujikawa located in Osaka Prefecture. The nursery opened in 1950 and has held itself to a high standard of refinement, participating and vending at Kokufu-ten in Tokyo. His experience there gave him a foundation in both evergreen and deciduous techniques, Although there is a strong impression of expedited refinement in Japanese bonsai, trees there have been properly developed over many years. Julian puts an emphasis on horticulture and development that enables sustainable design.

As a young and new bonsai artist, he hopes to continuously create beautiful trees and to share his enthusiasm and passion for the art.

PLEASE BRING SOMETHING FOR THE RAFFLE

August / September Care

Water diligently. If possible, do so before or after peak midday heat.

Plan for someone to water trees when you take your vacation. Watering systems can fail.

Make sure your pots are not overheating in the sun. Move small/dark pots into cooler locations.

Rotate trees every couple of weeks to promote even growth.

Keep an eye out for insects and other pests, and spray as needed, but avoid oil-based foliage sprays.

Maintain regular feedings, but reduce nitrogen for trees with fall color, fruits or flowers

Prune new growth with long internodes. Remove weak or dead foliage.

It is too late to safely defoliate deciduous species.

Check regularly for wire marks. Unwire and rewire trees with swelling branches and trunks.

Repotting tropical species like ficus or bougainvillea is fine. Most non-tropical species should be avoided.

It is a good time to collect tropical species or native species that enter summer dormancy.

It is a good time to start ground layering and air layering.

Propagation by cuttings should be focused hardwood cuttings or softwood on tropical species only.

Bud grafting, bark grafting on flowering/fruiting species is good through September

Hot dry weather is an ideal time to apply lime sulfur to deadwood on jins or shari.

Upcoming events

October 2nd, Bonsai Swap Meet
10am -4pm at Jesse Owens Park, 7100 White Oak Ave., in Reseda CA
Last year there were 40 vendors selling trees, pots and other Bonsai material. This is a don't miss event!
See more at the Bonsai Swapmeet Facebook page at:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/983584171671710/

October 1st and 2nd Chino Bonsai Club 2nd annual Bonsai Exhibit
261 S. Junipero Sierra Drive, San Gabriel CA
Bonsai Exhibit, Demonstrations and Sales

October 5-9 2022
10am - 4pm
Kofu Bonsai Kai show at the Bowers Museum
2002 North Main Street, Santa Ana CA

October 7&8 Conejo Valley Bonsai Society 19th Annual Exhibition
Gardens of the World
2001 Thousand Oaks Blvd, Thousand Oaks CA
9am to 5pm

October 8 & 9, 2022 Santa Nella, California
GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous 2022: Annual GSBF event held at Hotel Mission de Oro, 13070 S. Highway 33, Santa Nella, CA 95322. Free and open to the public. 30+ vendors from northern and southern California as well as several out of state vendors will be on hand both days. Admission is free, donations are appreciated. Free demonstrations throughout both days. Bring-your-own bonsai work area. Mel Ikeda and his tomodachi group will demonstrate the art of creating bonsai amongst friends. Silent auctions of bonsai trees and related material will be held both days. Consignment silent auction sales opportunities are available. Rendezvous hotel room rate $155 two-night minimum. For more information contact Rich Guillen at richguillen@att.net or (831) 348-5015.

November 12th and 13th PACIFIC BONSAI EXPO

The Bridge Yard, Oakland Ca

The Pacific Bonsai Expo is a juried exhibition featuring 70 outstanding bonsai displays and a selection of the community's top vendors. Jurors Bjorn Bjorholm, Ryan Neil, and William N. Valavanis will select the trees. The exhibitors are the judges. Your trees are the stars. It's an event not to be missed.

November 27th CALIFORNIA BONSAI SOCIETY SALE @ Yamaguchi's Nursery

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