



MARCUS JUNIEL 1/14/15



President Jack Reynolds Leading the December Auction



Marcus in 2013 at SSK

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Jack G. Reynolds*

Well, winter finally arrived bringing us some much needed rain and now some cold. We were down to 17 F on New Years Eve. We must be very watchful in cold weather. If you have any doubts about whether or not to protect a tree err on the side of protection. A few nights in the garage will do no harm and may well save your olive or Ficus from a bad setback or even death.

Election of officers is coming up in Feb. I have asked the board to please remain in office (or is that harness?). Most have agreed but Steve Riley says that he will not be able to continue as secretary because of his plans to move up north. I am asking for a volunteer to take on the job of secretary. The main duties are to attend board meetings and take notes and write up the minutes of the meeting. Please someone volunteer for this great honor.

Winter Silhouettes is coming up on Jan. 17-18. This is a unique show as most of you know and a high point of the winter season for bonsai. I hope you all plan to go. In the past the club has entered a tree as a representative of the our support for the show. I would like to continue that practice so if you have a deciduous tree that is show ready bring it to the meeting and the club can vote on the tree they want to represent us in the show. I will bring an entry form in case we have an entry.

Don't forget in Feb. we are going to clip, wire and pot small trees for sale at our show in the summer. The board has purchased about 30 trees for this. It promises to be a good money maker for the club as well as good experience for the members to practice their skills. I hope to see you all at our Jan. meeting. Jack

Auction Potluck

pictures and text by EYHO

Upper left-Jack took charge of the auction in an impressive manner.

Below Hank demonstrating secret bonsai gang signs.

Below left Mary enjoying the show.



Above-Some members appeared quite pleased and full of holiday spirit; others more contemplative



Above-Merry Christmas Eric from Mrs. R. Bonsai crafted and donated by Steve

Below-The Thrones bid for Mauro's California and won it. The tree was provided by Jack. Is Jack crying?





Announcements

January is a good month to study the 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. Open the tree so light can reach the insides and negative spaces can develop. For the evergreen study trunk taper. Remove old needles from black pine leaving most on the bottom and least on top. Leave more needles on weak branches.

Watch your trees carefully for the first sign of needing water. Clean the pot drain holes with a wire brush to promote root health. 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 will mix the lime sulfur (diluted) with Volkoil as an insecticide.

Remove debris and weeds from the pot. Replace the first half inch of top soil with new soil mix. Lightly brush the trunk and roots to remove crud and moss. Some rewiring, 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. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BAIKOENBONSAI KENKYUKAI
WINTER SILHOUETTES 10AM-4:30
JAN. 17-18TH ARCADIA
LA COUNTY ARBORETUM

DON'T MISS IT

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BONSAI-A-THON XIX
FEB. 28-MARCH 1, 2015
HUNTINGTON LIBRARY
8AM TO 4PM
THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE
GSBF COLLECTION

TIME TO PAY DUES FOR SANSUI-KAI
25 SINGLE 28 FAMILY

JANUARY 14 SSK MEETING FEATURING
MARCUS JUNIEL



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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Unnamed Bonsai at the Winter Silhouette
Please advise if you know the artist

HELP WANTED

The staff of Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) publication Golden Statements Magazine is in need to fill the following positions

- Treasurer
- Advertising Manager
- Subscriptions Manager
- Part Time Assistants

For more details on duties and special perks, contact George Haas, Past Editor

FROM STEVE

I posted a few pictures from the GSBF Convention on the Sansui Kai Facebook page.

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For all club members that have not discovered the new Sansui -Kai website and Sasui- Kai Facebook page, click on the links below. Please save these links so that you can go to these pages for updates on club activities.

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