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SANSUI-KAI OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

COME TO THE ANNUAL DECEMBER POTLUCK AND AUCTION ALL INVITED

December 9th Sansui-kai will host our annual auction /raffle and potluck. Be sure to put some time aside for this event and bring bonsai material you would like to sell or trade. Seventy five percent of the sales price goes to the seller (you) and twenty five percent to the club. All those interested in the community are also invited including non members. Be thinking about what you like to bring in for the potluck. Put your holiday cares/burdens aside for this night to make it a success. Pick up a little something for the one you love such as a large root cutter. The event will be at 7:30 PM at the Sepulveda Garden Center at 16633 Magnolia in Encino just east of Balboa.



MAURO STEMBERGER'S bonsai made for SANSUI-KAI and auctioned at last Decembers potluck-taken home by the Thrones Below President Jack the Auctioneer



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THE ARTIST'S APPEARANCES SUCH AS DAVID, JACK, TRAVIS, BOB, ROY, JIM AND MAURO ARE SUPPORTED BY AUCTIONS. DECEMBER 9TH IS NEXT SO PLEASE DO YOUR PART



DAVID ABOVE. ROY BELOW. TRAVIS TO RIGHT WITH MARY WINNER OF THE RAFFLE. JACK AND BONSAI WINNER GLORIA BOB PRESSLER BOTTOM RIGHT





Announcements

All deciduous trees should be dormant by now. If you have not removed their leaves and fruit, do it this month. Japanese maples, Trident, and Chinese elms can have all leaves removed, including those that are still green (not Caitlin elms). Prune all of the twiggy tertiary growth having more than two nodes. Remove thick top branches leaving fine secondary and tertiary branches to form the crown and the top one third or one quarter of the tree. Open up the structure of the tree to allow better light penetration.

Pinch excess evergreen growth to create tight, colorful new spring growth.

Pull all moss off of the very base of the trunk and main roots and brush these.

Prepare supplies of potting soil mix, clean pots tools and screens to be ready for spring repotting. Label the trees that will require repotting in spring.

When trees are bare, a VERY dilute dormant spray of lime sulfur may be used as a fungicide. To avoid root damage cover the surface of the pot with plastic to prevent run-off or drip of the spray. A light mist of DILUTE lime sulfur on the top and bottom of the foliage and woody branches is quite effective. Some will not use lime sulfur as an insecticide on conifers. Do not use lime sulfur on azalea and camellia. Volk oil is also an effective non-toxic insecticide but not for buttonwoods. Volk oil can be used on conifers instead of lime sulfur.

Apply lime sulfur at half strength on wet, aged deadwood such as jin and shari. A few drops of black ink or black acrylic tones down the usual orange color. Cover the soil to protect the roots.

Be sure to protect any semitropical such as ficus and bougainvillea by placing them under a bench or inside.

Over watering can easily damage all but especially bougainvillea. Dormant trees use very little water but do not let them dry out. If a tree

freezes do not water it until it thaws out. It is better to thaw the tree in an environment that is only a few degrees above freezing.

Evergreen trees can be given fertilizer that is high in potassium and phosphorous but low in nitrogen. Bone meal and blood meal and cottonseed may not decompose fast enough to be effective.

Branches are brittle and can easily break. Start your wiring with the lowest branches, proceed to the top, but only wire those branches that need to be repositioned. Strive for a delicate graceful appearance with Japanese maples and a more rugged ramification on trident maples. Hide the cuts by making them slanted to the back, making sure they are concave. Seal all raw scars over 1/4 inch diameter.

This a good month to graft conifers with Shim-paku.

DON'T OVER WATER
WATCH THOSE WIRES
DECIDUOUS CLEAN UP
LOW OR NO NITROGEN FERTILIZER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALIFORNIA AISEKI KAI HUNTINGTON
DECEMBER 26TH

BONSAI-A-THON XX FEB. 28-MARCH 1, 2015
HUNTINGTON LIBRARY
8AM TO 4PM

THE ANNUAL FUND RAISER FOR THE
GSBF COLLECTION

VOLUNTEER AT THE HUNTINGTON BONSAI
COLLECTION

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WINTER SILHOUETTES
JANUARY 16TH 17TH ARBORETUM



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