



PETER MACASIEB

DAN KASHINSKY

Peter drove in from West Covina and arrived at Sansui-kai early. He brought a black pine and an itogawa juniper to discuss and a California juniper for the demo. Peter had dug up this tree, potted and kept it untouched in a corner for three years, which is the standard amount of time for him to leave a California untouched in the soil from the dig. He described the harvesting process for California's. He likes to work quickly with power tools in the field, wrap up the tree in plastic and move on.

At home he keeps the tree wrapped in plastic, which allows for moisture preservation. Watering is by misters that he feels simulates night moisture in nature. Direct watering is less frequent perhaps once a week.

His California after some discussion was styled as a wind swept. Dan Kahn won the tree and was overcome with joy.

During the demo Peter chatted about his relationship with Harry Hirao the master of yamadori California juniper and Peter's sensei. It was good to experience his respect and admiration for his mentor. The relationship has changed over the years as Mr. Hirao now 92 has adjusted to aging. Peter has not been in bonsai that long. It seems

Cheryl Manning!! November 13
Wednesday 16633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino



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he is a natural. As he left he remarked how relaxed and fun the Sansui-kai Club is. We appreciated his gentle manner of teaching and his love of bonsai. Did you know Peter works on his trees to the "Rolling Stones" music?

The passing of Kay Komai (See Attachment from Ellen Keneshea)

As I See IT

Eric Percifield Club President

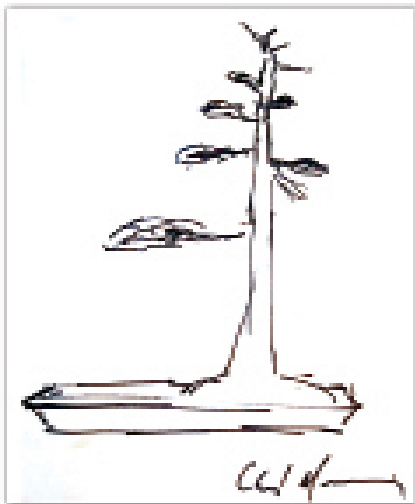
Days are getting shorter and nights are getting colder bringing colorful changes in our deciduous trees. We started off the fall season in October with Peter Macasieb. His demonstration was a Yamadori California Juniper. Peter showed us how to style the tree by highlighting a tree's natural character. A windswept shape best displayed the demo tree's natural movement. The windswept design gave a sense of extreme survival and age. The demo tree was the highlight of the raffle, and lucky winner Dan Kahn took home this beautiful tree to add to his collection.

In November Cheryl Manning will join us. Recall that Cheryl has hosted demos for us in the past, and her knowledge and design process make her a great demonstrator. Cheryl prefers to examine the material and sketch an outline of the finished tree. Her

method is very helpful when trying to decide between styling options. This is sure to be a great demo!

It's time to start considering our 2014 Board of Officers candidates. All board positions are open for nomination. See any current board member if you are interested in helping with club operations in 2014.

For the December meeting, we're planning a potluck Christmas dinner followed by an auction. Members are invited to bring in styled trees, pots, tools, raw stock, accent plants, or any other bonsai related items to auction off. Members will receive the sell price less a 20% donation to the club, which will be used toward future club activities. So start collecting your extra bonsai material and enjoy some great food, great company, and make some extra cash for the holidays! Friends and families are invited.



A drawing of the future look of a SSK members foemina by Cheryl Manning at last years critique. Don't miss her at the November at the November 13 demo 7:30 PM Sepulveda Garden Center 16633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino



Eric Percifield SSK Club President
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*Naka Notes - Lessons from a Master is Jack Reynolds's collection of guidelines primarily from Sansui-Kai founder and master John Naka's texts, **Bonsai Techniques I and II** monthly care of your bonsai.*

Naka Notes

*Lessons from a Master
by Jack Reynolds*

Many trees will go dormant this month. But if your plants have sprouted during the recent warm periods they may need some help. Put your **deciduous** trees in shade and defoliate any that still have leaves by December.

Conifers will not be dormant and will need attention. They will need more water than your dormant trees. But if their foliage starts to yellow cut back on watering and keep on the dry side.

Quick release inorganic fertilizers are ok like 0-10-10 Super Bloom (1/4 tsp. to a gal. with each watering). Quick release inorganic fertilizers are ok like 0-10-10 Super Bloom (1/4 tsp. to a gal. with each watering).

Wiring can be done (careful wood may be brittle) but no **transplanting**. Look for wire digging into branches in all trees. Remove wire by cutting and not unwinding.

October is the last month for **transplanting**. Perhaps quince is an exception. Others allow pot to pot transfer of juniper and black pine.

Junipers can have their **fall clean out and fine wiring**. **Pine candles** can be thinned starting now (David Nguy recommends waiting until December). Remove all but 2 lateral candles on each branch. Old growth **needles**

should be removed or shortened as well as unsightly long needles. This will stimulate new buds if the tree is healthy. Remove all but 3-5 bundles of needles on each branch with fewer needles on top branches and more on the bottom branches.

When **frost** is a possibility as temps drop below 50, tropical trees such as Bougainvillea, or Ficus and even Pomegranate should be put under an overhang or inside for brief periods of time.

Tilt your bonsai pots so water will drain more effectively in the **rain** (what's rain).



THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE RAFFLE AND AUCTION

These names were missing from the last news letter, donation for the BBQ Auction:
Sonja Kobler, Denny Roche, Gloria Downie, and Rick Naber.

Thank you.

Also thanks to Sonja Kobler, Yoko Zipusch, Steve Riley (Web sight), Walter Zipusch and Emma Janzafor last meeting's donations



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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The winner of this beautiful windswept California juniper bonsai is Dan Kahn shown here with Peter Macasieb.



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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13TH
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DECEMBER 11 7:30 POT LUCK AND
AUCTION FALALALALA

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