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Next Meeting on Wednesday May 15 at 7 PM at Nakaoka Community
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President's Message



Hard to believe that May is already here. It's been a really busy spring; our February guest Elsa Bourdouri was well received by all the clubs and we were the host club for a very successful Bonsai-A-Thon. We put on great show at the Huntington in March, special thanks to Ann Erb and everyone else who worked hard to make that happen.

The last weekend of the month we partnered with the Newhall Old Town Library to put on a fun little event. Mostly new members who live in the valley area provided some pretty nice trees for a small display that was very well received. Lots of people hung out for both demos. Several long-time members and a handful of new members were on hand all day to answer questions and share their passion with the public who really seemed to be soaking it up. I want to thank everyone that showed trees and who hung out and spent the day talking bonsai with people. I have to give a special shout out to Mel Carrillo who is like the Ever-Ready Bunny, he never stops, for sharing his passion and enthusiasm and to Doyle and Jason Saito who drove all the way up from the south bay and who are always there to help out whenever there is a need. Its people like these that will keep bonsai alive and relevant well into the

Events and Opportunities

Sansui Kai Annual Bonsai Show & Sale

May 19, 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM
The Japanese Garden
6100 Woodley Ave.
Los Angeles 91011

Santa Anita Bonsai Society Annual Show

Memorial Day Weekend
May 25, 26, and 27
9 AM - 4 PM each day
Vendors, Club Sales Area,
Demo each day at 1 PM
No Reception

Orange County Bonsai Society Annual Show

June 8 and 9, 10:00 AM till 4:00 PM
Demonstrations both days at 1 PM
Orange County Buddhist Church
909 S Dale Ave, Anaheim 92804

future....and who will be the one's who continue our club's proud history.

I think these kinds of non-bonsai people events are something we should actively seek out and do more of. They are great opportunities to introduce this art to new people and to help us fulfill our main purpose which is to promote and educate people about this amazing art form that we all love.

Our May 15 meeting brings us a guest artist that I personally am really looking forward to, Tomohiro Masumi, one of the top shohin masters in Japan will be here to share his skills and knowledge with us. The program that night will consist of his critiquing members' shohin trees and, with the owners permission, maybe making some improvements. I'm asking that members bring in some of their shohin sized trees for Tomohiro to discuss and possibly improve. The more members who participate by bringing in trees the better the program will be and the more information he can share with us.

We've lost several long time members recently, Manny Martinez, May McNey and Maggie Carpenter. Our hearts go out to the families and friends of these cornerstones of our community.

We are currently accepting applications for the second annual Ben Oki Scholarships. I hope you will encourage students and friends to participate and apply. The application period will be from April 15th through May 30th annually with the scholarships awarded by June 15th. Applications will be accepted from anyone in the bonsai community. Awarding of the scholarship will be done by random drawing. Anyone in the bonsai community can apply by sending a short note stating that they are applying for the Ben Oki Scholarship. Applications should include name, address and email of applicant as well as name of teacher, workshop leader etc. and dates of said classes or workshops or other activity to improve one's bonsai knowledge. All applications need to be postmarked by May 30th.

Applications should be mailed via US postal service to Ben Oki Scholarship
c/o 17230 Roscoe Blvd. Northridge CA 91325

Anyone interested in contributing to the scholarship fund as a way to honor Ben is more than welcome to contact me. Several members have donated trees to be auctioned or sold and we of course would be happy to accept cash donations.

Our next meeting will be in July rather than August. It will feature a very special guest artist one of the rising star female artist's, Liliana Marcello Tello Ortiz from Colombia by way of Costa Rica. I hope to see a full house to welcome her to Los Angeles.

Looking forward to seeing you all on May 15th with your shohin trees.

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CBS Welcomes Tomohiro Masumi



This Is A Critique!! Bring A Tree.

Tomohiro Masumi, Shohin Bonsai Master, is co-owner of Koju-en and Chairman of the All Japan shohin Bonsai Association.

From Kyoto, Japan we welcome Tomohiro Masumi to Southern California.

This program will be a critique of member's trees. The more trees that are at the meeting, the better the demonstration will be for everyone. You're tree will be evaluated and discussed by Mr. Masumi. It will be up to you whether you want him to do anything to it or not so be not afraid.

Please join us with your shohin tree and make help make this a memorable event.



California Bonsai Society Show at the Huntington, March 23 and 24, 2019



The CBS show at the Huntington was a raging success with fine trees, a historic repotting of Goshin III, an auction of a beautiful saikei to raise funds for the Ben Oki Scholarship fund and a lively reception.

The show was heavily attended by the general public as well as fellow bonsai enthusiasts.

Jack Sustic, Ted Matson, Doug McGavin and Mel Carrillo did the repotting of Goshin III



