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California Bonsai Society

In Person Meeting with Mike Lane, Wednesday July 19 at 7 PM

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President's Message

Well after the strangest, longest winter/spring ever summer has finally shown up, seemingly overnight. Which means that its pine decandling time and tropical tree work time.

Just in time too for our next visiting artist from Florida- Mike Lane- who just so happens to specialize in shohin and tropical trees. Mike has been making quite a name for himself these last couple years both here in the US and even in India. Now thanks to our Visiting Artist Program we have him here on the best coast to share his passion and knowledge with us. So I hope many of you show up and take advantage of the variety of knowledge and experiences the Visiting Artist Program gives us.

Another one of our means of promoting the art is the Ben Oki Scholarship Fund which last month gave two \$1000.00 scholarships to bonsai enthusiasts from Tennessee and to one of our own members Kelly Liu to study and share what they learn with others. I hope everyone realizes how important these programs are and how much they do to promote this art we all love. I don't know of any other club that is doing so much to be the resource to the community we are. I believe these are the kinds of things that this club exists for.

We're quickly coming up on our 75th anniversary in 2025 and I think we need to do something memorable to celebrate that. Its quite an accomplishment and deserves to be celebrated. I'd like for us to put on another convention, but that means lots of work and help from all of you. Please follow this link <https://forms.gle/8qNyeZzMwtsrk3aq6> and answer the questions so we can determine if this is possible. If we are going to do something special its going to take lots of effort from our members, especially our younger members, this is your club and your efforts will make the difference and determine what our club is. So please take ownership of the club and get actively involved.

Don't forget this year our show is going to be a fall show - the first weekend in November so start thinking about what you want to show.

Our condolences go out to the friends and family of Ted Oka whom we recently lost. He will be missed.

See you all in a couple of weeks, I hope we have a great turnout and welcome our visitor Mike Lane.

Robert Pressler

CBS Welcomes Visiting Artist Mike Lane



•My journey in bonsai began late in 2008, after receiving a small juniper as a gift. Following this tree's untimely demise caused by my ignorance, I began looking for classes online and stumbled upon Wigert's Bonsai in North Fort

•2010 - I was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1000 by the Bonsai Societies of Florida, by placing first in the states annual styling competition.

•Using this scholarship, I traveled with my teacher to Mexico for the 2010 FELAB convention where I met and learned from artists such as Mauro Stemberger, Min Lo, Robert Steven, Vlad Novak, and Enrique Castano.

•2012 - marked the year I began teaching, starting with several workshops and demonstrations throughout the state of Florida, as well as teaching a monthly help

session aimed at providing continuing education for students finishing the beginner and intermediate classes.

- Over the years I have dedicated myself to primarily shohin, and tropical bonsai design and have been working toward spreading their appeal and understanding.
- I have displayed at the state level several times as well as having my work accepted to the U.S. National Bonsai show on two occasions.
- Over the last 5 years I have traveled all over the country giving lectures, demonstrations, and exhibit critique. I have visited clubs in New York, Knoxville, San Antonio, Houston, Austin, and New Orleans as well as many

- other states and cities.
- My work has had the honor of appearing in the popular publication Bonsai Focus on numerous occasions.
- During the Pandemic I expanded my services to include online and zoom presentations and so, have engaged with and taught students all over the world. During this time, I continued traveling and did two, 15 day tours throughout Texas and Louisiana.
- 2022-2023 marked the launch of our website and education center, www.kitsunebonsai.com. An online resource for classes, programs, and merchandise.
- I have recently been invited to Hyderabad, India, to share my teachings, and have new tours booked to New England, and California as well as recurring classes in Austin, Houston and New Orleans .



Our Last Meeting with Visiting Artist



Adam Toth gave an entertaining and detailed talk on improving the root spread of a trident maple. Kelly Liu got an up close view.



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3-day admission	\$ 80
3-day admission with gourmet banquet	\$130

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3-day admission	\$ 95
3-day admission with gourmet banquet	\$145

1-day admission is always	\$ 45
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www.gsbfbonsai.org/2023-rendezvous



The Bowers Museum Welcomes the

KOFU BONSAI KAI

2023 Bonsai Exhibit

Thursday September 14 - Sunday September 17
10 AM to 4 PM in the John M. Lee Court

Bonsai Demonstration Saturday at 1 PM by Jason Chan

Bonsai club members will be at the exhibit to answer visitors' questions.
Admission to the bonsai exhibit is free. Admission charges apply to the museum.
Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St. Santa Ana



It's time to work on getting trees ready for the annual CBS show at the Huntington.

