

October 2024 Newsletter

Usually Meeting at the Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim

No October Meeting at the Church

Our meeting will be Jason Chan's demo at the Bowers at 1:00 PM October 19

There's a lot going on so please read this newsletter.

Show Time

Our annual show at the Bowers Museum is rapidly approaching. **Set-up is on Thursday October 17, at 4 PM.**

The show runs from Friday Through Sunday, October 18-20, 10 AM - 4 PM each day. Jason Chan will again be doing the demo on Saturday the 19th at 1:00 PM. Admission to the show is free.

Please contact me if you'd like to show a tree. There are still one or two slots. We are encouraging creativity so if you want to hang a scroll with your tree or display a small painting as part of your arrangement, we look forward to seeing what you come up with. Three item displays are also welcome. I know we have one display that features a tree growing from a ruined Irish cottage. If you are not sure, send me a photo of what you have in mind.

We will have a table honoring Larry Ragle. Fred Miyahara is generously driving up with a Larry tree for the show.

It will be hard to top last years amazing variety of trees, especially the flowering and fruiting ones but I'm confident that we can rise to the occasion. Exhibitors do not have to be members of Kofu Kai, we welcome guest trees.

There are some issues we need to fix. Last year we had a big fail after the show. Most people who helped take down the show left without going over to Mike Viljak's house to stow the gear in his basement. It was just Mike and Joe Galgoul putting it all away. Let's not let that happen again. Two of our biggest helpers are dealing with physical challenges and can't lift things so we need to make sure we have enough volunteers.

If you can help with set up and take down please contact me now.

In other news, the September meeting was the last one in the classroom. We will be moving into the choir room in November, which is the room next to the main church. **There is no October meeting.** We've been in the choir room before and it should be fine. The church is demolishing the building with the classrooms and building a new food bank facility to further their mission.

We will still be able to use the large hall when needed for the auctions.

See you all at the show!
Carol Upston



Mike Viljak Styles an Olive
The September meeting featured long time Kofu member Mike Viljak styling an olive from Jason Chan's nursery. Mike wants to style this tree to look like an actual olive tree so with enthusiastic audience participation he removed the branches that would not contribute to the quality of the design. He warned against ignoring the suckers that grow from the base because if you let them grow you can lose the quality of your apex. Thank you Mike.

Yes, I forgot to take an after photo.



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The Bowers Museum Welcomes the

KOFU BONSAI KAI

2024 Bonsai Exhibit

Friday October 18 - Sunday October 20
10 AM to 4 PM in the John M. Lee Court

Bonsai Demonstration Saturday at 1 PM by Jason Chan

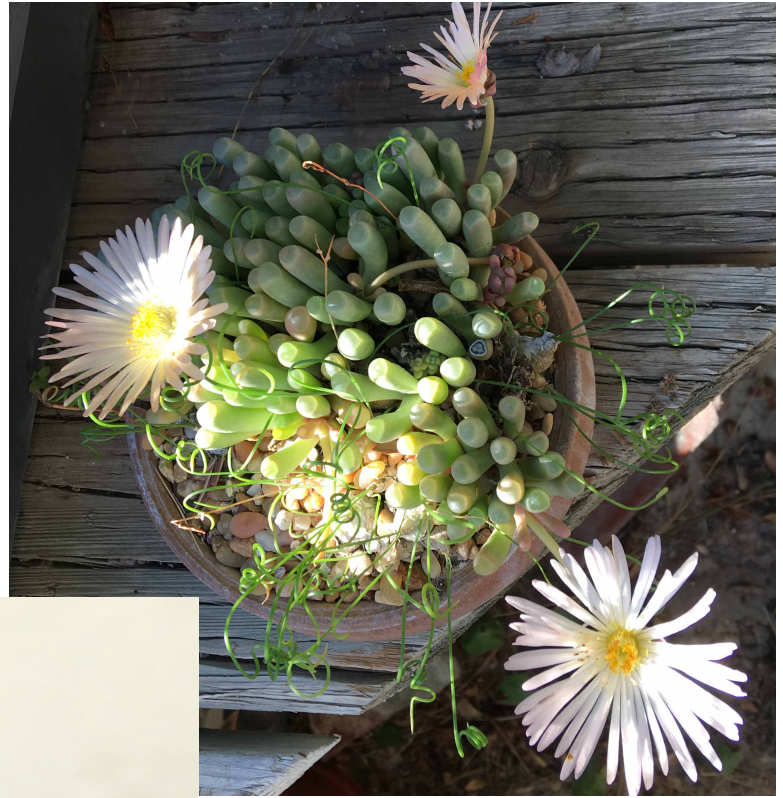
Bonsai club members will be at the exhibit to answer visitors' questions.
Admission to the bonsai exhibit is free. Admission charges apply to the museum.
Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St. Santa Ana



Accent Plants and Objects

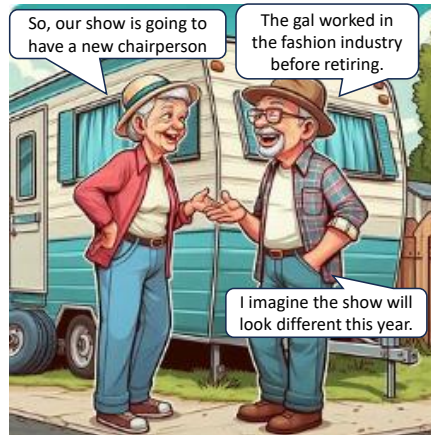
Just a gentle reminder that the purpose of an accent plant or object is to add something to the feeling or illusion of a scene that we are creating by displaying a bonsai. That can mean many things like suggesting a season or an environment that the tree might be growing in or showing a figure that might be found in that place or a scroll that suggests a location, season or mood.

Often as the show approaches we choose a pretty accent and that is fine of course, I just want to remind you that there are wider opportunities for creativity when arranging a display.



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