

# NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Our next meeting will be on  
May 16, 2019

Tomohiro Masumi  
Shohin Workshop  
(See special announcement)

LA Arboretum (Bamboo Room)  
301 Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA

Please bring something for the raffle

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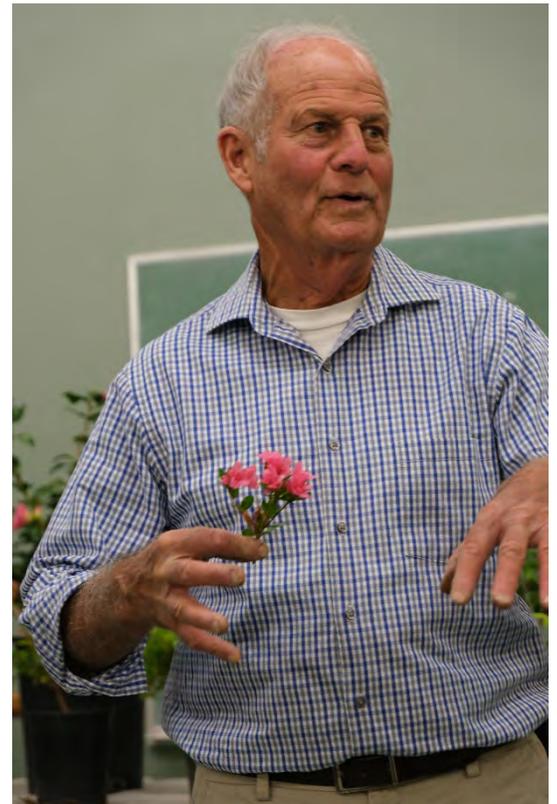
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## Tom Nuccio, Nuccio's Nursery talk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0RdF4NwgoU>



Boy were we in for a treat when Tom Nuccio came to our club meeting!!! Little did we know that camellias and azalea came in so many different colors, shapes and sizes, and he knew everything and anything about them with stories that entertained us all at a rapid non-stop pace. This was an amazing evening and it made us all immediately want to go to Nuccio's Nursery right away.



A lot of the camellia flowers are ending, but the azaleas are still going strong. He paired flowers with



the plants, as you can

see above. The azalea flower, left top, is an interesting one in that there is a complete flower within a flower. If you pull the petals, it will come out and another set of petals is just underneath, a whole separate flower.

The flower above and to the left is a genetic mutant and not from a virus. What is interesting about this flower is that the color of the petals is the same as the stamens (easier to see on the above left), see the colors are parallel in the petals and stamens (it's not a reflection). Everyone loved this plant. Its growth habit is more like a cascade and the purple flowers put's them over the top. It was one of the prime raffle prizes



that Johann was lucky to have won. This plant, Tiny Gem, with

the colorful foliage has flowers that are small (see top left). The foliage varies from dark green to bronze and is a colorful addition to the garden.

Tom chose to bring plants that could be used for bonsai. The plants he did bring are not bonsai styled. The two species that we usually see in the garden are Japonica and Sasanqua, so he brought in several other kinds of camellias and azaleas.





Look at the different sizes of flowers. Then look at the



Satsuki azalea, right, flowers can be solid colored or variegated. Then look at the flowers Tom holds on the right. The flowers are

as big as his fist!

Now look at different leaves. On the top left corner, you see a plant with leaves that are a mixture of greens and bronzes. The plant is upright, and the leaves are flat

narrow with a pointed tip. Now look at the in the pot above, leaves are evenly green, but a lot of leaves are "folded" in half. Usually when you see this type of thing, the plant is sick, or infected or harboring an insect. Not this plant, it grows this way.

OK, we've covered flowers and leaves and now he brings out a plant that looks like it has been wired funny, but it grows this way naturally. Unryu, the name of the plant is a contorted camellia. 'Unryu' means "dragon in the clouds" in Japanese, suggesting the twisting of a dragon as it ascends to the sky.





The plant on the left is another example of the contorted camellia. More plants with different colored leaves. The rest of the pictures are various plants from his talk.



Seed pods (brownish ends) on a plant



A very enjoyable, entertaining and informative presentation by Tom Nuccio on camellias and azaleas. He also donated most of the plants in his presentation to the raffle. Now is the best time to go visit the nursery.

Thank you very much Tom Nuccio for your generosity and time.

## Special Announcement

At the May 16 meeting, Baikoen will host a work shop with Tomohiro Masumi, one of the most respected and well-known Shohin masters in Japan. He is owner of Kyoto Koju-En in Kyoto Japan, and President of All Japan Shohin bonsai Association. Reservations are being accepted for 15 slots, at \$20 each. You can bring two or three trees, that are pretrained and potted (no rough material). Please submit your reservations to Big Joe, [joegalgoul@yahoo.com](mailto:joegalgoul@yahoo.com), or (626) 429-0325, no later than May 12.

A tree is a Shohin Bonsai when under 25 cm (10") tall. Experts believe that you must be able to hold the Shohin tree in one hand, indicating the exact measure of the height of the tree is not strictly important.

## Cookie / Snack sign-up for the May Meeting.

Refreshments by Martha Smith, Lindsay Shiba and Gus Duran. Thank you for signing up.

## Announcements

**May 4-5, 2019, Gardena, California, Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai, 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonsai Exhibit, "Serenity through Bonsai",** Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162<sup>nd</sup> St, Gardena, show open 10-4:30 both days. Novice to master exhibitors, daily demonstrations and drawings, bonsai plants, tools, and accessories on sale throughout the show. Free admission and parking. For more information visit [www.daichibonsaikai.com](http://www.daichibonsaikai.com).

**May 18-19, 2019 Santa Barbara, California, Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara: Annual Bonsai Exhibition and plant sale** in Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 N. La Cumbre (Corner of Foothill Rd.). Show hours are 11 AM - 4 PM Saturday and Noon - 4 PM Sunday with demonstrations at 1 PM on both days. Free admission. For more information, contact Joe Olson 805-964-0869, email [joeyuccaseed@verizon.net](mailto:joeyuccaseed@verizon.net), or visit [www.santabarbarbonsai.org](http://www.santabarbarbonsai.org).

**May 19, 2019 Van Nuys, California, Sansui Kai: Annual Bonsai Show** at the beautiful Japanese Garden, 6100 Woodley Ave. Show hours are 10 AM - 4 PM with a demonstration at 1 PM. Come view member trees, members sale table, Bonsai demonstration and tour the beautiful Japanese Garden. For more information contact: Steve Riley at [tonapahal1953@gmail.com](mailto:tonapahal1953@gmail.com)

**May 25-27, 2019, Arcadia, California, Santa Anita Bonsai Show, Ayres Hall, 9am-5pm each day.** The Santa Anita Bonsai Society will present trees trained to look like miniature forest giants. Trees up to four feet tall such as maples, junipers and pines will be displayed. Vendors, sales area, demos each day at 1pm.

**June 15&16, 2019, Descanso Bonsai Society Show, 9am-5pm, Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Dr, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011**

**October 5 - 6, 2019 Thousand Oaks, California, Conejo Valley Bonsai Society: 16th Annual Bonsai Exhibition** at the Resource Center at the Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd. Show hours are 9

AM – 4 PM with demonstrations in the Bandstand at 1 PM both days. Free Admission. No sales of bonsai related items. For information, call Marj Branson at 805-373-1330 or visit our web site at [www.cvbs-bonsai.org](http://www.cvbs-bonsai.org)

**October 24-27, 2019, Riverside, California.** Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention 42, Bonsai Forever. Convention Center, headliners, Taiga Urushibata, Shizuoka, Japan, Enrique Castano, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, Ryan Bell, Jackson, Mississippi, featuring Kathy Shaner, David Nguy, Peter Macasieb, Lucy Judd, Tak Shimazu and more.

### 2019 Demonstrator List

January 17	Lindsay Shiba, workshop
February 21	Elsa Bourdori-Greece/Italy CBS Guest
March 21	Bill Baddeley, carving
April 18	Tom Nuccio, Nuccio's Nursery
May 16	Tomohiro Masumi-Shohin Kyoto CBS Guest
June 20	Dennis Makishima, Black pine
July 18	Lilana Marcela Tello Ortiz- Columbia CBS Guest
August	no meeting
September 19	Jason Chan
October 17	Tom Vuong, Bending
November 21	Todd Schalfer - USA, CBS Guest Artist
December 2019	No meeting/Happy Holidays

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