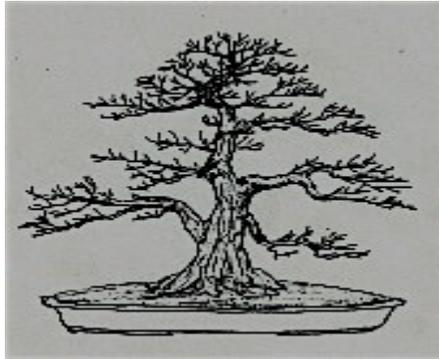


NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Our next meeting will be on

July 23, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Travis Goldstein
Demo

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

Please bring something for the raffle.

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June meeting with Mel Ikeda



Mel came well equipped. From bringing his own personal fan, and power tools to the normal tools, wire, rocks and soil.

He started off by showing us how he shapes cuttings into pre-bonsai by wrapping wire around several cuttings together and then bending and shaping before inserting into soil for rooting (top middle picture).

Mel again does his magic on a raft style bonsai. Mel is classic artist, blending the old techniques while inventing his own. Mel explains that as a demonstrating artist there is an infinite limit of pre-stock you can have ready at any one time. The technique he showed us that day makes any leggy conifer, in this case a *Shimpaku*, into a raft style bonsai with a little help of a

wooden board, screws, and zip-ties.

Prior to the demo, he built a wood box, with removable sides, and wired all the branches of the plant. On the day of the demo, he removed the plant from the pot, reduced the root ball, and started to arrange the branches on top of the wood base. When he was satisfied with the arrangement he attached the branches to the base with plastic ties through holes drilled in the base (see middle row of pictures). Trimming and arranging the

branches followed. Sides of the box attached and about 1 ½ to 2 inches of soil added. Roots should form within a year. The plant was generously donated to the raffle and won by Shirley Quan.

We are still looking for someone to take over the duties of Club Treasurer. If you are interested, please contact Ken Teh (626) 822-0077 or Lindsay Shiba (909) 473-0099 for more details.

Cookie / Snack sign-up for the July meeting.

Martha Smith, Peter Macasieb, Dick Ryerson and Tom Lau. Thank you for signing up!

GSBF Bonsai Convention. October 29- November 1, 2015, 38th Convention.

Bonsai Fusion · *"Where Tradition Meets Innovation."* · Go to www.gsbconvention.org Riverside Convention Center, 3637 5th street, Riverside Ca. (951) 346-4700

September 23 – 27, 2015, Santa Ana, California

Kofu Bonsai Kai: 2015 Bonsai Fest at the Bowers Museum "The Bonsai Tradition: Cultural Arts of Japan" – John M. Lee Court, 2002 N. Main St., Hours are 10 AM – 4 PM daily. Featuring bonsai trees of the members of Kofu Bonsai Kai and special presentations by noted speakers. Free to Bowers Museum members or with paid museum admission. Final speaker and presentation schedules will be posted on the Bowers Museum Website: <http://www.bowers.org/> and Kofu Bonsai Kai: <http://www.kofukai.org/>.

September 25 – 27, 2015 Portland, Oregon

The Artisans Cup held at The Portland Art Museum. The Artisans Cup is the premier exhibition of American Bonsai. The event will also feature select artisans who are creating distinctive supporting elements such as ceramics, woodwork, tools, and more. For further information, visit our website at <http://www.theartisanscup.com/>.

Notice of Stolen Bonsai – San Gabriel Nursery & Florist. On June 17, 2015, person(s) unknown stole numerous expensive, high quality bonsai, valued at \$1,000 to \$10,000 each, by breaking into the San Gabriel Nursery & Florist retail nursery at 632 South San Gabriel Boulevard. Some 20 bonsai were stolen. According to Mr. Saburo Ishiara (Ishi), eight prized bonsai, including a juniper and a black pine, were stolen by cutting the wire locks. Please contact your local police if you are approached by anyone trying to sell questionable bonsai.

2015 Program/Demonstrator List

January 22

Club workshop/ Elect club officers

February 26

Peter Macaseib - Demo

March 26

David Nguy - Demo

April 23

Bob Pressler- Demo

May 28

Ted Matson - Demo

June 25

Mel Ikeda - Demo

July 23

Travis Goldstein - Demo

August

No meeting

September 24

Takashi Shimazu - Workshop?

October 22

Al Nelson - demo

November 19 (Note change in date)

Kathy Benson - Demo

December

Christmas Party