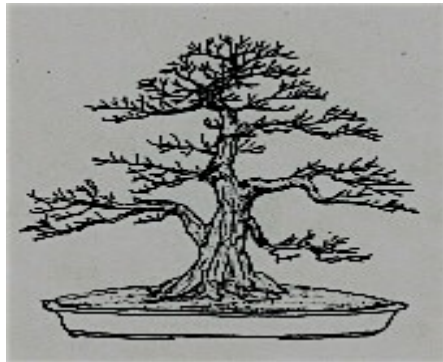


# NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

**Michael Sykes, demonstrator**

**July 20, 2017, 7:00pm**

**August No Meeting**

**September 21, 2017 Potluck and Movies**

LA Arboretum (Bamboo Room)

301 Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA.

Please bring something for the raffle

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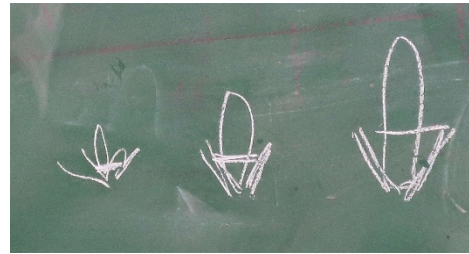
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## Fred Miyahara ~ Demonstrator

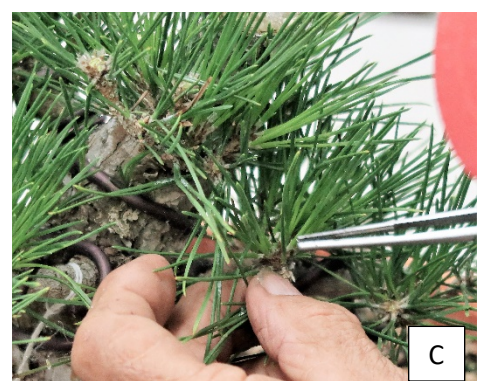


We were very fortunate to have Fred Miyahara, Master of pines, as our featured demonstrator last month. It took him 4 hours to drive from San Diego and he made it just in time for our meeting. Above is a picture of the trees he brought. The big tree on the far left was for the raffle as well as the two smaller trees on the right side. The middle three trees were what he worked on to demonstrate candle cutting for us. He will use these trees at his workshop at the Golden State Bonsai meeting this coming October.

Pines are trimmed twice a year, 1) decandling and 2) fall pruning. There are three reasons for candle cutting or decandling; 1) shorter internodes, 2) shorten needle length, and 3) increase ramification. Most important, the tree must be healthy. Pines are apical (top) dominant (they grow from the top). Also, timing is important. A big tree is easiest in that there is more foliage so decandling can be done in stages, starting from the bottom. Wait 10 days and decandle the middle section, wait another 10 days and decandle the top portion of the tree.



The second approach to reducing vigor involves leaving a stub at the base of the candle (see drawing above). Leaving a stub preserves tissue that produces auxins, the hormones involved in the development of adventitious and lateral buds. The longer the stub, the more auxins, and the slower the adventitious buds are to develop.

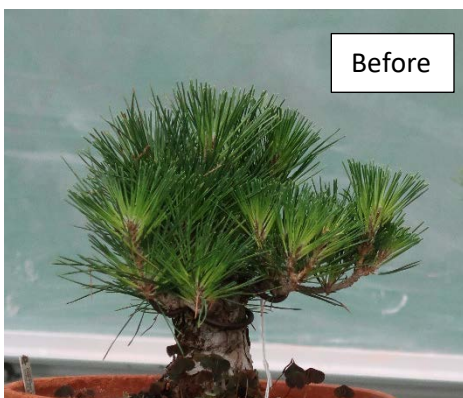




As you can see from the series of photos (A-C), he identifies where to cut, below the empty space and just above where needles are located (A), cuts just above where the needles are (B), and then removed old needles



with a set of tweezers by pulling up and out in the direction of growth (C). He leaves between 5-8 sets of needles, or about 30% of the original needles



develop than shoots that were



The decision of when to decandle also depends on the size of the tree. The more time summer shoots have to develop, the longer new needles will become. Put another way, if we decandle on the early side, new shoots will have a longer time to decandle a few weeks later



Here is an excellent website for more detailed information on decandling pines.  
<https://bonsaitonight.com/2016/07/22/decandling-black-pine-bonsai-overview/>



After decandling, stop fertilizing for about one month, then slowly resume. He repots January through March but also in the fall. Pines need wind sun and water.

Spray with liquid copper, 1 teaspoon Deconol/gal, once a month, anti-fungicide. Sprays for spider mites with Kalthate. Lime sulfur twice from November to January, 13 tablespoons/gal drench. Sorry I'm not sure I got the names of the chemicals right.

Wire fall/winter.

New member Michael Robinson heard that Fred was going to demonstrate and brought in his black pine because he didn't know what to do. Here are the results.



Nick was the proud and lucky winner of the raffle prize and Joe won the other two pines that Fred donated to the raffle. Congratulations to all the winners.

## Cookie / Snack sign-up for the June meeting.

Joe Galgoul, Gustavo Duran, Greg Kathol, Alex and Hedy Marien Thank you for signing up.

## Announcements

There will no meeting in August.

The September 21 meeting will be a club potluck and movie night. Debbie will coordinate the food. Look for further details later.

August 20-21, 2017, Nan Pu Kai, 28th Annual Show, JACCC Doizaki Gallery (Little Tokyo),

10:00pm to 5:00pm

John Naka's club will host special guest exhibitors as well as club member's trees.

Additional information about Nisei Week can be found at: [www.niseiweek.org](http://www.niseiweek.org)

August 30-September 3, 2017. Kofu Bonsai Kai. 2017 Bonsai Fest at the Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main Street, Santa Ana, CA, daily 10am-4pm.

Featuring bonsai trees of the members of Kofu Bonsai Kai and special presentations by noted speakers. 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/>. Free to Bowers Museum members or with paid museum admission. Questions? Call the museum at (714) 567-3695 or email Michael Walsh at [michaeljwalsh@outlook.com](mailto:michaeljwalsh@outlook.com).

September 23 - 24, 2017, San Diego Bonsai Club: Fall Bonsai Exhibition at the Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park, San Diego.

Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM both days with demonstrations at 11 AM and 1 PM. Free admission. Bonsai pots and trees for sale, as well as other bonsai-related items. For more information visit [www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com](http://www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com) or contact Janice Hale.

September 23-24, 2017, Viet Bonsai Today Society, 2nd Annual Bonsai Exhibition, Location: Bao Quang Temple, 713 N Newhope St., Santa Ana, CA 92703, Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm

For more information, please contact Dinh Nguyen at (949) 302-3048, or Tom Vuong at (714) 878-8004.

October 7 - 8, 2017, Conejo Valley Bonsai Society: 14th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Resource Center at the Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd, Thousand Oaks, CA

Hours are 9 AM - 4 PM both days with Demonstrations in the Bandstand at 2 PM. 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) The October event will be in the Summer & Winter issue of GS's Calendar of Events.

**October 25-30, 2017, Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF) Convention 40 "Bonsai New Horizon", Riverside Convention Center, 10:00am to 4:30pm**

Headliners: David Nguy, Kunio Kobayashi, Boon Manakitivipart. Guest artists: Bill Castellon, Tom Elias, Frank Goya, Jim Gremel, Gary Ishii, Peter Macasieb, Ted Matson, Frank Mihalic, Fred Miyahara, Pauline Muth, Mike Pistello, Bob Pressler, Steve Price, Kathy Shaner, Tak Shimazu, Bob Shimon, Cary Sullivan, Michael Sykes, Jonny Uchica, Bill Valavanis, Steve Valentine. On-line registration opens on July 1, 2017. For more information, please visit [www.gsbfcconvention.org](http://www.gsbfcconvention.org)

### 2017 Program/Demonstrator List

January 19, 2017	Sean Smith, workshop
January 21 & 22, 2017	Winter Silhouette Show
February 16, 2017	Tom Vuong, demonstrator
March 16, 2017	Bob Pressler, demonstrator
April 20, 2017	Lindsay Shiba, workshop
May 18, 2017	Travis Goldstein, demonstrator
June 15, 2017	Fred Miyahara, demonstrator
July 20, 2017	Michael Sykes, demonstrator
August 2017	no meeting
September 21, 2017	Bonsai movies, Pot luck
October 19, 2017	Peter Macasieb, demonstrator
November 16, 2017	Al Nelson, demonstrator
December 2017	Christmas Party
January 13 & 14, 2018	54 <sup>th</sup> Winter Silhouette Show
February 15, 2018	Tom Vuong, grafting workshop

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