# NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Travis Goldstein

Demonstrator

May 18, 2017, 7:00pm

LA Arboretum (Bamboo Room)

301 Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA.

Please bring something for the raffle

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### Field Trip and Lindsay Shiba, Workshop

We went on an informal field trip to Shinzen Garden at Woodward Park in Fresno, Köen-Nai No Bonsai

Fundraiser for the Clark Bonsai Collection. You missed a gem! For pictures of the bonsai collection, please see www.baikoenbonsai.com.





The grounds were beautiful. If you have a chance, you should go. One thing I was impressed with was their drip irrigation setup (see right). I'm adapting my system at home and found that I'm using less water but more efficiently.





Our last meeting was a workshop lead by Lindsay Shiba, but everyone participated by helping each other. Lots of good interaction by everyone as you can see from a sample of pictures below! He began the meeting with a short presentation about deciduous plants, how to trim and fertilize.







He began by saying that we

should fertilize our plants from the end of February through October. One of the things he uses is ammonium phosphate. It's good but very potent, so generally less than 1/2



teaspoon per container. A reliable source of nitrogen and potassium that is relatively affordable and widely available.

The second thing he brought up was how to trim deciduous plants like maples. As you can see from the photo above, the internode space (distance between leaves) increases along the branch. If you want to reduce the size of the leaves, i.e. the same size as the first set of leaves, you need to trim off the leaves frequently. The best is to use tweezers to remove the emerging leave just as they appear and not to let the stem grow. As you can see from the drawing above, he trims the leaves just above the first set of leaves.







The workshop was a fun success and enjoyed by all. Lots of interaction between people and everyone helping

each other. More ever, a time and place to get opinions/advice of what to do as well as the procedure to follow.

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

Shirley Quan, Tom Lau, Gustavo Duran and Debbie Shiba. Thank you for signing up.

#### Announcements

May 20-21, 2017 Santa Barbara, California, Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara: Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1212 Mission Canyon Road. Hours are Saturday 11 AM-4 PM and Sunday 10 AM-4 PM with demonstrations at 1 PM both days. Plant sale by the Club. Native plants suitable for bonsai in the Botanic Garden's nursery. Books and other gifts in the Garden Shop. For more information, contact Joe Olson 805-964-0869, email joeyuccaseed@verizon.net, or visit www.santabarabonsai.org.

May 27-29, 2017, Santa Anita Bonsai Society, LA Arboretum, Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm Demonstrations will begin each day at 1:00PM. There will also be bonsai trees, pots, tools, and related items for sale. For more information, please contact Marge Blasingame at 626-579-0420, or email margeblasingame@att.net

June 3 - 4, 2017 Van Nuys, California, Sansui Kai of Southern California, Annual Bonsai Show and Sale, Japanese Garden, Tillman Water Reclamation Center, 6100 Woodley Ave. Hours are 10 AM - 4 PM with demonstrations on both days. There will be bonsai trees for sale as well as bonsai related things (pots, stones etc.). For more information contact Jack Reynolds, 805-368-0110.

June 10 – 11, 2017 La Canada-Flintridge, California, Descanso Bonsai Society: 48th Annual Bonsai Show at Van De Kamp Hall, Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive. Show hours are 9AM - 4PM both days with demonstrations at 11:00 AM and 1:30 PM. Trees from novice to master exhibitors will be on display. A large selection of trees, pots, plants and bonsai related items will be for sale. All events are free with Garden admission. For more information visit our web site, descansobonsai.com.

June 3 24-25, 2017, Marina Bonsai Show, Venice Japanese Community Center (VJCC), Annual Summer Festival, 12448 Braddock Drive, LA 90066, Time: 12:00pm to 9:00pm Sat; 11:00am to 8:00pm Sunday.

Admission is Free. In addition to the show, there will also be food, games, ondo dancing, cultural exhibits and demonstrations. For more information please visit <a href="https://www.vjcc.com">www.vjcc.com</a>

June 24, 2017, Conejo Valley Bonsai Society, Bonsai exhibition at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts, - Conejo Recreation & Park District, 403 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, in the HCFA Community Room. This will be a one day exhibition in conjunction with an Art exhibition from 9 AM to 6 PM. We will have hands-on discussions and demonstrations through-out the day. Free Admission. For information, call Marj Branson at 805-373-1330 or visit our web site at www.cvbs-bonsai.org

# 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

# 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 <a href="https://www.gsbfconvention.org">www.gsbfconvention.org</a>

#### 2017 Program/Demonstrator List

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

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