

NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Our next meeting will be on
March 21, 2019

Bill Baddeley, CBS Guest

Carving

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

Please bring something for the raffle

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Elsa Bourdori-Greece/Italy CBS Guest Demonstrator

We were pleased to have Elsa Bourdori from Greece/Italy come to give us a demonstration as part of the



CBS Visiting Artist Program. Elsa lives in Italy, and although we share the same Mediterranean climate, she has not worked on this species before. Big Joe brought the plant, San Jose, for her to study earlier in the week.

Her approach to bonsai is to look for solutions, to improve the tree. Need to look for the right angle, look for the



front, would it be improved by grafting, create jin or shari? Look at the branches, see strength vs. the trunk, clean the bark, is the tree healthy, check elasticity of the branches (if you want to bend), look at the movement of the tree, and foremost respect the tree first. Do the



minimum amount of work and not push the limits of the tree.



One of the first things she did was to use a metal brush to clean off the bark on the trunk (above).

The next thing she did was to wrap the branch she wanted to bend with splicing tape. This tape stretches and sticks to itself is from Home Depot, rubber electrical tape #2242. The sticky side goes inside and is thick (maybe 1 mm) so it can stretch. She sometimes puts raffia under the tape before wiring



depending on how thick or tight, she wants to bend. The raffia helps to keep the branches intact and to protect the bark when wiring, and if a severe bending is done, it will spread out the strains through a branch or trunk to prevent cracking.



The two branches she is pointed at have been wired and positioned. They may be jin in the future but in the



meanwhile the twists and turns created by the wiring will set the branch and will make it interesting. She is using a multi-purpose turn table and lift from Bob Pressler.



There is not enough time during the meeting to complete wiring or to decide what to do with the covered branch. It is covered to mask the branch so we can decide whether remove or keep. What do you think? At the end of the meeting, the tree was put in the raffle.

And the winner was Bob Pressler!

We welcome new members: Shai Amiel, Art & Khajmuk Boonjaleangoon, John Busick, Mel Carrillo, Manny Cheung, Daniel Deephouse, Miguel Flores, Jonathan Jee, Debra Mauzy-Malitz, David Melitz, Charles Schreyer, and Tak & Chieko Shimazu.

Cookie / Snack sign-up for the March meeting.

Refreshments by Sara McGee, Tom Lau, and Gus Duran. Thank you for signing up.

Special Announcement, March 30, 2019, Juniper Dig, meet at Golden Acorn Casino, 1800 Golden Acorn Way, Campo, CA 91906, at 9am. **RESTRICTED TO PAID BAIKOEN MEMBERS ONLY, NO FRIENDS OR STRANGERS.** There is Jacumba Hot Springs Resort & Spa, 44500 Old Hwy 80, Jacumba, CA 91934, phone 619-766-4333 if you decide to go or stay earlier or later. Bring your passport, sack lunch, water, snacks, wear sturdy (not tennis) shoes, and everything you need to dig a tree (shovels, picks, burlap wrap, twine, plastic bags, everything you need to bring a tree back). You are in the middle of nowhere, it will take about 3+ hours travel so allow enough time. The dig area is about 30 minutes to an hour away from the meeting place, ground is level and not hilly, no 4-wheel drive needed. Contact Tom Lau (cell (626) 664-6238, email: halfclueless@yahoo.com) if you plan to go, give him your name, email and cell phone numbers, by March 22. Thank you, Steve Valentine.

Announcements

Membership due renews, see separate membership flyer. Single \$20, family \$25. If you need/replacement name tag, please let Shirley know. New members do not have to pay for the name tag.

March 11 - 12, 2019 Fresno, California, GSBF Clark Bonsai Collection: Sponsoring Will Baddelley (British bonsai wood carving expert par excellence) for two days. On Monday Will is scheduled to work on selected assets of the CBC and observers are welcome. On Tuesday, interested persons may attend a bring-your-own-bonsai to a workshop with Will. Fee for the BYOB workshop is \$50 and will be collected at the door. The activities on both days will occur in the CBC reserve area work shed. Contact Bob Hilvers @ (559) 909-1051 to obtain additional details.

March 23-24, 2019 San Marino, California, California Bonsai Society Show, at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, Ahmanson room, 10am-4:30. Reception hosted by The Huntington, 5:30-7:30pm on Saturday, Brody Botanical Center, is open to all club members.

The Golden State Bonsai Federation and The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens will be regaining an important bonsai masterpiece on Saturday, March 23, 2019, as the California Bonsai Society hosts Jack Sustic, former curator of the North American Bonsai Collection at the US National Arboretum in Washington, DC, to lead the replanting of "Goshin III" during the 62nd annual CBS Bonsai Exhibition. The public demonstration will take place from 1 - 4 pm in the Botanical Auditorium on the lower level of the Brody Botanical Center (near the elevator) at The Huntington, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, 91108.

The original "Goshin," or Guardian of the Spirit, is a forest-style bonsai created by John Naka, and is far and away the

most famous American bonsai. The planting features 11 foemina junipers (*Juniperus chinensis* 'Foemina'), with training of the oldest starting in 1948. As arranged, the trees represent John's children and grandchildren.

John donated the tree to the National Bonsai Foundation in 1984, and it moved to the US National Arboretum where it remains to this day. However the California bonsai community felt the loss of such an important masterpiece and requested John to re- create it. So, at two different convention events in the 1990's, John and a team created replicas. Known as "Goshin II" and "Goshin III," the plantings were subsequently given to each of the GSBF Collection sites, the GSBF Bonsai Museum at Lake Merritt in Oakland, CA, and the GSBF Collection at The Huntington, respectively. "Goshin III" arrived at The Huntington in February, 2001.

Due to various circumstances, including some of the aggressive work during the initial planting and using trees that had less developed root systems, "Goshin III" suffered. A couple trees died; others were weakened by degraded soil. In April, 2015, the forest was dis-assembled and the individual trees were planted in separate pots with good bonsai soil. Over the past few years, they were brought back to health and groomed to build more complete, refined foliage pads. In addition, additional trees have been developed as replacements, so the replanted piece will look mature when completed.

Jack Sustic will lead the replanting team. While serving as curator of the US National Bonsai Collection, Jack was responsible for the maintenance and care of the original "Goshin" for many years. However, as a friend and devotee of John's, Jack also participated in the creation of both "Goshin II" and "Goshin III." With the other original team members passed on, Jack is the most qualified of any to ensure a faithful reproduction of the original.

Started by John Naka in 1950's, the California Bonsai Society is a club with members predominantly at the advanced level of the art. The 62nd annual exhibit will feature masterpiece quality bonsai, with a focus on trees that have been in training over a long time--often decades--so they no longer show evidence of training. In addition, the exhibition often has a mix of fine viewing stones. The exhibit runs from 10 am - 5 pm both Saturday and Sunday in the Ahmanson Classroom and Banta Hall.

April 6-7, 2019, Santa Cruz, California. The Santa Cruz Bonsai Kai will be hosting their 31st Annual Bonsai Exhibit on April 6 and 7 at the Museum of Art and History (MAH), 705 Front Street, Santa Cruz, CA. The show opens at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. We have the Watsonville Taiko performance on at 11am Saturday and the Nori Project performance at 11am Sunday. We have a demonstration on both days at 2:00 p.m. -- Saturday's demonstrator is Mike Pistello and Katsumi Kinoshita on Sunday. We would also like to extend our invitation to join us for lunch if you happen to be at our show during the lunch hour--wear your club's name badge so we will be able to acknowledge your attendance!

April 13 - 14, 2019 San Jose, California, San Jose Betsuin Bonsai Club: 48th Annual Spring Exhibit at the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, 640 North Fifth Street. Hours are Noon - 5 PM Saturday and Noon - 4 PM Sunday. Demonstration at 1 PM by Steve Iwaki on Saturday and Mr. Katsumi Kinoshita from Monterey on Sunday. Club member sales of plants and containers. For information call Carl Morimoto at (408) 296-7660.

April 27-28, 2019 San Diego, California. The San Diego Bonsai Club will be hosting the 54th Annual Spring Show, Casa del Prado in Balboa Park, both days 10-5.

May 4-5, 2019, Gardena, California, Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai, 34th Annual Bonsai Exhibit, Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St, Gardena, show open 10-3 both days.

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, or visit 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

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 Schaffer - USA, CBS Guest Artist
December 2019	No meeting/Happy Holidays

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