

BAIKOEN BONSAI KENKYUKAI

PRESENTS

“Winter Silhouettes”

Founded by Frank Fusaji Nagata

53RD ANNUAL EXHIBITION

DEMONSTRATIONS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

1:00pm

SALES AREA

Open to the Public

Plant, Pots, Tools, and More

SATURDAY NIGHT RECEPTION

6:30pm. to 9:00pm

Taiko Drum Entertainment

Food, Giant Raffle, Live Auction

NAGATA-KOMAI AWARD CEREMONY

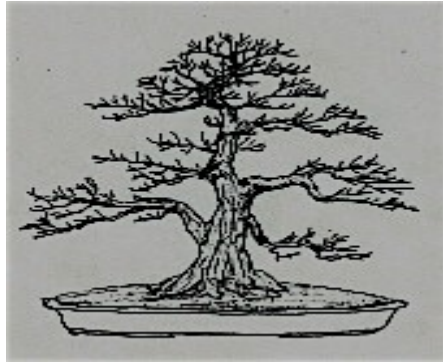
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**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
JANUARY 21st & 22nd, 2017
10:00A.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

**AYRES HALL OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
ARBORETUM of LOS ANGELES COUNTY
310 North Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, California**

NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Our next meeting will be on

January 19, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Sean Smith
Workshop

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

Please bring something for the raffle

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Steve Valentine, November Demonstrator Christmas Party at Lindsay and Debbie's house

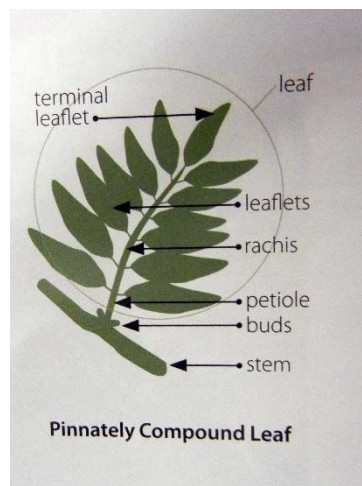
Our own Steve Valentine brought his magnificent Brazilian Pepper Tree for us to see. As you can see it is huge (and very heavy)! It had been allowed to grow freely for about 6 months and Steve brought it in to trim and to teach us how to care for it.

The Brazilian Pepper tree is an evergreen tree, very tolerant of cold and heat, has stiff and brittle branches tolerant of drought, invasive nuisance in the wild but a beautiful bonsai.

If you look very carefully at the picture on top,



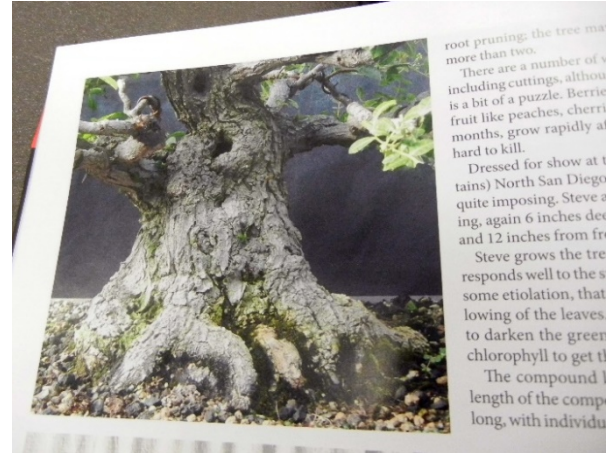
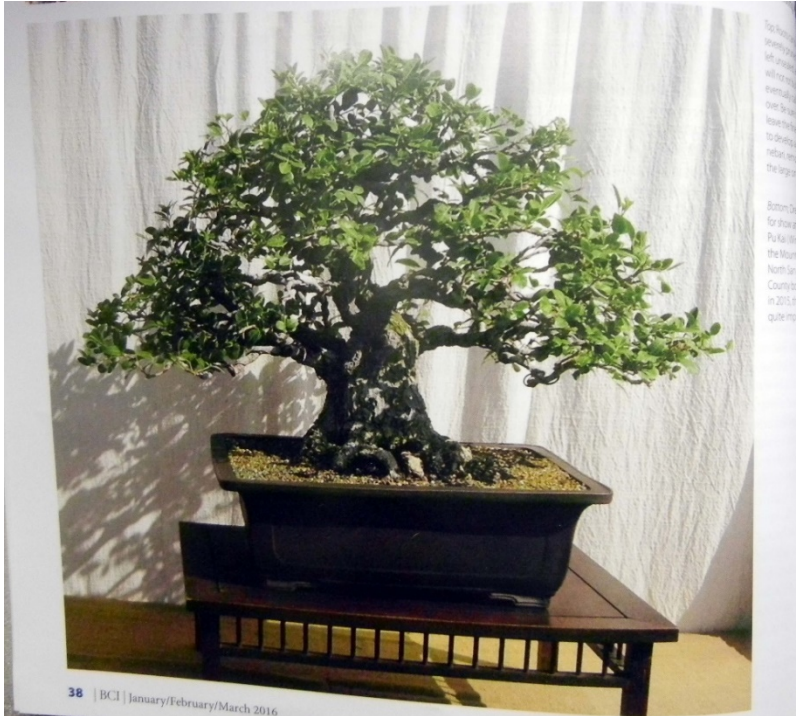
you can see flowering shoots (on the outer portions of the tree. He thinks that this is a male tree because it has never set berries. Again, if you look closely, you can see the variety of shapes and sizes of the leaves. In the diagram, below



left, which appeared in bci January February March 2016 issue, which he co-authored, you can see where to make your cuts and where you can expect to see buds.

If you make a cut where you see Two leaflets next to the stem, buds can/will push out at the base of the petiole as well as the base of the leaf where it is

attached to the stem are potential sites for buds. Constant pruning will result in a plant with smaller leaves and can produce different number of leaves on each petiole.



Hard at work trimming the tree. The picture above shows detail of how he prunes. He is cutting and leaving just two leaflets on each leaf set. The plant is very vigorous and healthy and can tolerate a hard prune although the best time is during the summer, because it is a tropical plant.

The tree at the end of the evening (far right).



Next Steve brought out 3 cork elms. These were all taken from an elm that did not cork (see trunk) and the top air layered. The cuttings were taken from the air layered top and are believed to



be a sport (mutant) from the original plant. Notice that the leaves

are all small, but

unusually shaped. The plant (above right) was donated for the raffle.

Last he took out a client's ficus. Originally the plant had a lot of long stems with nothing near the trunk. In June, he cut all the branches back to the trunk and has let the plant grow. Eventually he will do some wiring to correct the direction and to create some movement.



Last, he showed us his latest find, a PotLifter. This thing made it relatively easy to move and lift the Brazilian Pepper plant (its large and wide and heavy).



Farn was the happy winner of the raffle (he is holding the plant he won).



Special workshop for January 19, 2017. Sean Smith will be here. He lives in the United States in Marysville Pennsylvania, where he owns and operates Custom Oriental Wood-craft.

He makes bonsai display tables, and carves daiza for renowned bonsai and suiseki enthusiasts all over the world.

He has lectured on suiseki as well as bonsai in the United States and Europe, and is internationally known for his skills in bonsai and suiseki. Sean has won numerous suiseki and bonsai awards.

He will be able to work on your show plants or other material at this workshop.

Christmas Party at Lindsay and Debbie's house

Mix good food and friends together and what do you get? A great time! Here are some



pictures from the party.



Jim Barret
presented the Tenth
Order of the Golden
Chopstick to Mary.



Ed Clark, Round Valley Nursery January 8

Field trip to Ed Clark, Round Valley Nursery on January 8. Tom again oversees organizing the trip. There will be no breakfast (so we can return earlier) but lunch is either on your own or at the nursery, charge about \$6? Some of the fall foliage may still be visible but the deciduous trees should all be bare. Please let Tom know if you want to go to the nursery and on the Tamarisk, dig ASAP.

Tamarisk Dig February 11-12

It's great for a group retreat - we have large groups all the time... Golden State and this club have been there.

Look at the website for pictures: www.sunsetranchoasis.com. It takes about an hour and 45 minutes from Monrovia to get to the Ranch (210 to the 10) - it is in Mecca in the East end of the Coachella Valley. Tamarisk roots easily in water, or the plant can be dug out of the ground. Below see some photos from past visits.

The web site shows the nice area around the house and fishing lake (bass, catfish and bluegill), but there is a lot of Tamarisk covered land on the rest of the property.



Cookie / Snack sign-up for the January meeting.

Martha Smith, Debbie Shiba, Shirley Quan and Gustavo Duran will bring refreshments. Thank you for signing up.

Announcements

Winter Silhouette Show will be on January 21 & 22, 2017. New meeting day and room change for 2017.

Meeting day will change to the third Thursday of the month and we will meet in the Bamboo room

(downstairs). All able-bodied Club members should work at least one 4-hour shift during the show AND help with the buffet dinner at the Reception Saturday night starting at 4:30. Bring a side dish (no desserts) enough for 30 people. On Friday January 20, starting at 10am, if you can please come to help setup the show. Lunch will be provided. Please let Debbie know what you will bring for the buffet and give Lindsay info about your show plants, both by January 11. Questions contact Mary Morrissey (626) 705-3273

December 26-30, 2016 San Marino, CA

27th Anniversary Exhibition of Viewing Stones Show at the Botanical Center of The Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA Hours are 10:30-4:30 each day. Free parking. For more information, see our website aisekikai.com and or contact sashaichris@gmail.com

February 19 - 20, 2017 Oakland, California, GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: The annual Mammoth Auction and Sale Fund Raiser will be held at 666 Bellevue Ave. (Garden Center Building). Saturday: Auction preview at noon with Auction starting at 1 PM. Sunday: Vendor Sales start at 9 AM, Plant Sales start at 10 AM, and demonstrations at 1 PM. The date for this year's event is a week earlier than in the past to let attendees and vendors participate in both the Mammoth and the Bonsai-a-Thon. You are encouraged to submit your bonsai for consideration to be included in the Mammoth Auction as soon as

possible. Items will be considered on a first-come-first-considered basis. The Bonsai Garden will be open 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and Noon to 4 PM on Sunday, so you can check out the many changes that have been made this year. For more information or to sell trees, email bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com and visit www.gsbflakemerritt.org.

Feb. 25 – 26, 2017 San Marino, California, Bonsai-A-Thon XXI at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. This is the annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at The Huntington. Event admission is free with Bonsai-A-Thon “early bird” registration between 8 AM -9 AM. Event hours are 8 AM - 4:30 PM both days. Pancake breakfast, demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle and auction. For more information, visit www.gsbfhuntington.com

2017 Program/Demonstrator List

January 19, 2017

Sean Smith, workshop

January 21 & 22, 2017

Winter Silhouette Show

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