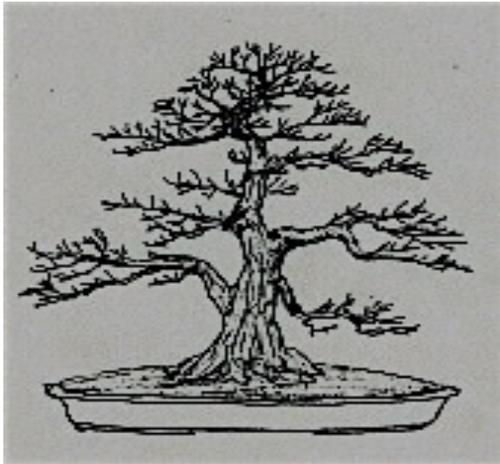


NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

November meeting - November 15, 2012
7:00 p.m.

John van de Wouw
Juniper Demo

Bamboo Room
LA Arboretum
301 Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA

Please bring something for
the raffle.

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Lots of news this month!

Our October meeting was very interesting and lots of fun!!! There were trees, tables and accent plants. First, Lindsay talked about KEi-DO. The art of display. He then set up different displays using different tables and plants and we critiqued it. Others, took turns setting up displays as well. The room was full of creative energy. FUN!!! Copy of the hand-out will follow.

PLEASE NOTE

Our November meeting is November 15. One week earlier because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Lindsay will not repeat the Formal Display Workshop. Instead, we will have John van de Wouw as our guest, who will do a demonstration on Junipers.

Election of Officers

It is that time of year again to elect or re-elect our officers for the club. Any volunteers? Please come to our next meeting. See below, for Bob Ahlstrom's notice with the names of the nominees.

Membership Dues

Elaine Jeché, our treasurer, is collecting dues for 2013. Please fill out the enclosed membership dues form and bring it to the next meeting or send it to Elaine at 453 1/2 Rall Ave, La Puente, CA 91746. Here are two copies, in case, you know someone who would like to become a member. Please fill out form completely. It will help Elaine update the membership roster, as well. Thank you

Our annual Christmas party will be held on December 2, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. at Lindsay and Debbie's house. Please see invitation.

Cookie/Snack sign-up sheet for our November 15 meeting.
Martha Bailey, Octavia and Walter Chin, Tom Lau and Pat Cabe.

Thank you for signing up.

Kei-do

Kei-do- Means the "Way of Viewing". The school of Kei-do teaches the long-time traditions, conventions and disciplines which have brought bonsai, grass planting, suiseki and the art of display to the confines of a room, specifically the tokonoma, or alcove.
(translation from a Japanese article,1994)

Keisho- This root word literally means "shape", but in oriental art it signifies also the properties: it is a law which enforces among other things canons of good taste and suppresses all exaggerations, in artistic peculiarities and grimaces.
(Bowie 1909,"On the Laws of Japanese Painting")

How Do We Begin to Understand Japanese Art?
By the study of:

1. Flower Arranging
2. Painting
3. Landscape Design
4. Bonsai Display

Law of Buddhism- **TEN - Heaven**
 (Triangulation) **JIN - Man**
 CHI - Earth

Law of Contrasts- **YING / YANG**
 (Opposites)

Element of Space- The word "space" (ma) has a very special meaning for the Japanese people. Space is not only that which we occupy, but also it is a rhythm, a time, a distance and a void. When we talk, we even value the physical space between people as well as the silence between words. Space is a necessity of our daily lives.

In the world of arts and crafts, space has always been a topic for discussion and the goal of a quest for adequacy. The school of Kei-do puts emphasis on space for the very same reason.

Kei-do not only discourages the meaningless placement of items, but indicates the rank of items to be displayed, by designating the principal and separating subordinates through the use of space. We strive to elevate space itself as a beautiful element of the whole.

The Spirit of Display- The significance of the art of display is to give status to one's creation or collection, and on the other hand, to exhibit cultivation technique as well as the innate aesthetics of the scene.

Connecting a small natural setting to the great outdoors within a limited space allows the viewer's imagination to capture the limitless universe. Thus the zest and charm of life itself unfold before the viewer.

We often hear the word staging in relation to Kei-do. The word staging may put undue emphasis on the act of producing the display, while the intent of bonsai and suiseki is one of grace, taste and elegance. They highlight not the host, but his or her refinement, taste and devotion to the art. To display them effectively may require a staging. But the method is never the goal. Artistry and quality are.

One needs no costly bonsai or suiseki, nor expensive tools and accessories to accomplish Kei-do. An atmosphere of elegance calls only for simplicity and modesty. Yet to create such a world, correctness and dignity can be achieved only through the conventions and rules of Kei-do.

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*****Note: 2013 Dues must be paid in order to show tree at Winter Silhouettes*****

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Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai
Club Officers and Board of Directors Nominees for 2013

Ken Teh, President

Lindsay Shiba, Vice President

Elaine Jeche, Treasurer

Bob Ahlstrom, Secretary

Mary Morrissey, Member at Large

A vote will be held at the November 15, 2012 meeting at the Los Angeles Arboretum at 7:00 pm by those members in good standing.



*Baikoen
Christmas
party*

Phone 909 473-0099 email ljshiba@juno.com
227 Lytle Creek Rd, Lytle Creek CA 92358

December 2, 2012

1:00 p.m.

*At the home of
Debbie and Lindsay Shiba*

*Debbie and Lindsay will provide the Ham, Lasagna,
chicken and gravy with rice*

Please bring a side dish or dessert

R.S.V.P.

before November 30, 2012

and let Debbie know what you are bringing.

There will also be a white elephant exchange.

Please bring something

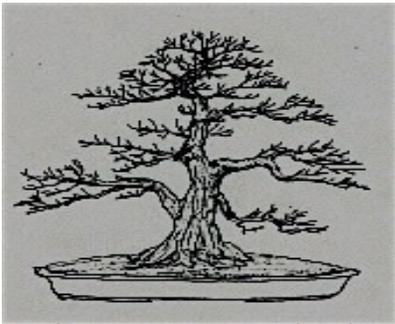
that you no longer use for our white elephant gift exchange

or a gift under \$10.00

please contact Lindsay or Debbie at 909 473- 0099 or email ljshiba@juno.com

2013 Program/Demonstrator List

January 26	Mary Morrissey - Intro to Bonsai
February 23	Lindsay Shiba - Workshop
March 22	Jim Barrett-Workshop
April 26	Lindsay Shiba-root and forest
planting	
May 24	Vickie, House of Bonsai Talk/demo Black Pine
June 28	Kathy Benson - Bunjin Demo
July 26	Harry Hirao - Workshop
August	No meeting
September 27	Tak Shimazu-workshop
October 25	Lindsay Shiba Formal display workshop
November 15	John van de Wouw Juniper Demo
December 2	Christmas Party



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