# NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

No Meeting in August

Next meeting

September 16, 2021 Mel |keda

Rapand Rock Planting
(You'll have to come to the meeting
To find out what it is)

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## Workshop for July 17, 2021 meeting - Chris Sambolin

We had a fun evening catching up with old and new friends that we haven't seen in a long time. First in-

person meeting at the Arboretum and it was a workshop. So nice to see everyone and to see their trees. Here is President



Joe Galgoul introducing our guest, Chris

Sambolin and Tom setting up the camera to share the meeting via Zoom with our on-line members. Chris went around to everyone that brought in a tree and individually gave suggestions on what to do with their trees.









Michael Jonas hiding behind his ficus. You can see some of the work he has done with the roots from this view.





Alex listening to Chris talk about his cork bark jade tree.





Peter Macasieb talking with Chis a about his shohin narrow leaf ficus, below.





Manuel looks very apprehensive next to his Peruvian Pepper (?) plant

But more at ease with his bougainvillea below.











Shirley's bougainvillea on the top right had a lot of dead

wood around the base and in the center all the way up to the very top. Chris told me to dig out all the soft dead wood. You can see above right, the center of the tree before cleaning out the dead wood. A lot of termites came out when digging out the dead wood, UGH!!!





The tree, on the top left before digging out the

dead wood and on the right and below, after. After removing most of the dead wood from the center of the tree, Time Out, a spray termite application was used all over the inside of the tree. Chris told me to spray for termites every month and to apply marine varnish to preserve the hallow dead wood in the center.

As you can see on, the right above, the tree is fine and starting to grow like crazy. I'll spray with Time Out again, and then apply the marine varnish. Now it looks like a tree on stilts.

One question that was raised was what kind of soil is used for tropical plants. Chris said a well-draining mixture with 50-75% organics. He adds mycorrhiza to the soil, feeling that it improves the up take of nutrients to the plant. pH is also very important.

### Announcements

Jim Barrett is at home and about the same. He is selling the last of his bonsai trees. If you did not get the notice, please let me know.

2021 Ben Oki Scholarship Winners!!! California Bonsai Society is thrilled to announce the winners of the 2021 annual Ben Oki Scholarship. Tom Ross of Michigan and Seth Nelson formerly of Florida now of Nagoya Japan of each the recipients of \$1000.00 to study bonsai and each have committed to give back to the bonsai community by sharing what they learn.

August 13-15, 2021, Chino Bonsai Club, 1025 Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA. Inaugural Bonsai Exhibit, Bonsai Styling demos and sales. August 13, 11am to 6pm, August 14, 11am to 8pm., August 15, 12pm to 4pm. For additional information please call David Nguy at 323-842-6188 or Jerry García at 909-270-7776.

<u>September 16, 2021, Mel Ikeda Special demo</u>. Here is a list of some of the people that have influenced Mel's bonsai career. See how many names you recognize or do not know and see if you can guess their role or why they are important to Mel. You'll have to come to the meeting to know the answers. Names are not in any order.

Harry Hirao

Hatanaka Nursery

John Naka Guy Goodry New Orleans

Gary Marshel Louisiana Von Banton
Mr. Mitsuya Masahiko Kimura
Tohru Suzuki Jack Sustic

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Kathy Shaner Mas Muroguchi
Warren Hill Mas Imazumi
Tosh Subarumu David DeGroot
Tak Shimazu Bjorn Bjorholm
Khan Komai Masauki Ikeda
Frank Goya Mas Ishii
Shig Miya Richard Ota

Dennis Nakashima

September 25 & 26, 2021, San Diego Bonsai Club, Balboa Park, 55th Annual Show.

2021 GSBF Bonsaí Rendezvous, Saturday, October 2 - Sunday, October 3, 2021. Hotel Mission de Oro, Santa Nella, California

Get ready and plan for attending the 2021 GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous. The event theme is "Bonsai Rendezvous." A two-day event for renewal and celebration for the love of bonsai. No registration fee. Open to the public. Free bonsai demonstrations both days. Free professional bonsai critiques, Bring Your Own Bonsai and Do It Yourself Bonsai settings. Vendors from Northern and Southern California in one huge location. There will be silent auctions for quality bonsai and related items. There will be no banquet dinners. Additional information and schedule of activities forthcoming shortly. Stay tuned to GSBF website "Convention" section of the GSBF website.

October 9, 2021 (Date change), 10am, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual LA Community Bonsai Swap meet, Jesse Owens Park, 7100 White Oak Ave., Van Nuys.

January 22 & 23, 2022, Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai 58th Winter Silhouettes Show, Los Angeles Arboretum and Botanical Garden, Ayres Hall, 10am to 4pm.

If you have missed any of the weekly videos that Tom has produced, here is the link to view all of them.

## 2021 Important Dates

August No meeting

September 16 Mel Ikeda

October 21 Tom Vuong

November 18 Nik Rozman, CBS Artist

December Happy Holidays

January 22 & 23 2022 58th Winter Silhouette Show

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