

NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Nik Rozman, CBS Artist
November 18, 2021, 7pm

Temporary change in location
10300 Key West Street, Temple City 91780
Dinner at 5pm

Don't forget to bring something for the raffle

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October Demonstrator – Tom Vuong



But first some club business. Lindsay wanted to thank Tom Lau for continuing to make bonsai related videos. During these unsettling times, Tom has given us weekly videos visiting gardens, businesses, and presenting bonsai techniques. The videos have been viewed by many people all over the world, bridging the gap between club meetings and no meetings. We all benefit from viewing these videos. At the right, John Kim initiated and followed through with designing the official Baikoen



T-shirts (see attached flyer. Joe models the size large sample on the right. Orders are being taken and t-shirts will be delivered in December and January. Please see separate flyer.



What do you say about a person who can transform a plant that looks like a bush (above left) to a bonsai tree (above right, yes, it is not refined or finished but you can still recognize that it is/will be a bonsai tree), all within two hours? Yes, years of experience, a tree with potential (thank you Joe for selecting and nurturing the tree for the last two years after you purchased it from Ed Clark), and the knowledge, that comes from experience, on what he can cut off and why.

The tree is an Itoigawa Shimpaku Juniper is about 20 years old probably from a cutting. First thing Tom does is to look for the first and secondary branches and to look for movement in the trunk. Tom will cut off about 90% of the branches to maintain the proportion of the branches to the trunk. The trunk is about 2 inches wide. The height must balance the tree. Cut the branches even to the stem or stub (so there is an anchoring point if you need to bring down branches) or jin. The plan is to reveal the apex, jin the branch to create deadwood, and bring small branches down by pushing down with wires that are anchored to cut off

branch stubs. For the future, repot into a shorter bigger pot so that the roots can grow out (best time to repot is in early spring (Feb to April) put in shade, feed with lots of fertilizer, move to in full sun after you start to see green back budding, and allow it to grow.

To see a serial pictorial of what Tom did to the tree, follow these pictures.







The finished tree at the right. You can see above, , the sequence of how Tom selected which branches to cut and which ones to leave. Two rows up, you can see two branches paralalled to each other, see which one he keeps in the next picture.

There are some straight branches that he has left to back bud and these will be allowed to grow and the straight portions cut off. Other branches left on to help healing after big branches were cut off. And then you can see where he created a jin at the top of the tree. The front is marked with two pieces of branches above.



The finished tree at the left. It will be cared for by Joe and then auctioned off at our show in January. Various pictures of people looking and talking about the tree that Tom worked on. Lots of branches for people to collect for cuttings.



Further notes: the tree is rough styled. More work needs to be done. The branches have been cut back to increase movement and to increase the width of the tree. There are several straight branches that are waiting for back buds to emerge before they are cut off. All the cut ends need to be sealed.

After care for a collected Utah juniper. After repotting, water thoroughly, plant in a box in 100% pumice. Cover top with peat moss and do not water for one month. Mist only at night. Put in shade for 6 months and start watering only when you see buds break and turn bright green. Follow natural habitat conditions. Mist 3-4 times a day. Keep foliage wet, the root system is not active yet, do not water during the day. The most cause of death is too much water. Keep root ball intact, can plant in pumice and DG.

Wire from the bottom to top. Shape into a triangle form, branches seek sun, so make branches shorter, lower branches and spread out. Make sure when you wire to wire in the direction of the bend, that way the branch is supported, and the branch will not break. Counterclockwise so you can bend to the left, clockwise goes to the right. Bend wire to support the direction you want the plant to grow, as it supports in the back, so you can twist and flatten out leaves. Wire large to small branches. Repot juniper in a pot that is half the dept, put in full sun, Tom uses fertilizer 999 super iron, or 14:14:14.

Announcements

Help Catch the So California Bonsai thieves



As many know there has been a rash of break-ins into Southern California Bonsai Nurseries in the last several weeks. Many trees some priceless have been stolen seemingly by the same group of people.

We are setting up a fund to help the local bonsai nurseries catch the perpetrators by offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thieves and to help to local bonsai nurseries beef up their security with cameras and or alarm systems.

If the bonsai nurseries keep suffering these losses then we all suffer because they will not be able to sustain staying open. The whole community loses when one of our few resources has to close.

Half the monies collected will be distributed evenly between the southern California Bonsai nurseries to beef up security and

the rest will go towards the reward for information that leads to either the recovery of the trees or the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

Lets everyone please show our support for the business that make our passion possible.

Robert Pressler, organizer

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-catch-the-bonsai-thieves/donate>

November 12-? 2021. Sale of pots, tools, stands, stones, pot molds, glazes and miscellaneous supplies and equipment for making pots from Jim Barrett. Continue sale of remaining bonsai supplies. Make an offer. Please contact Helen Barrett at 626-445-4529 for an appointment.

November 12, 2021. Road trip to Ed & Linda Clark's Round Valley Bonsai Nursery, lead by Tom Lau. 24022 Ave 230, Lindsay, CA 93247. If you want to caravan meet at Starbucks (Hasting Ranch) 3699 E Foothill Blvd, Pasadena, CA 91107. **LEAVING AT 6am SHARP from Pasadena.** Contact Tom to let him know if you want to go. Tom Lau: 626-664-6238. ETA 10:30-11 for arrival time at Ed and Linda. Stop for gas and food in Bakersfield about 9am.

November 28, 2021, CBS Annual Member's Sale, Yamaguchi Bonsai Nursery, 1905 Sawtelle Blvd., West Los Angeles, 90025, 9am-12pm. Arrive early for best selection. No early holds or sales allowed. www.californiabonsaisociety.com.

January 22 & 23, 2022, Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai 58th Winter Silhouettes Show, Los Angeles Arboretum and Botanical Garden, 10am to 4pm, Ayres Hall of Environmental Education, located at 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007. Show hours on both days are 10am to 4:30pm. Deciduous bonsai in all their leafless glory are featured from club members and invited guests. The Nagata-Komai award will be presented, and there will be a demonstrator at 1pm on both days. There will be a sales area with club and vendor plants, pots, tools and more. For more information, please visit www.baikoenbonsai.com or email Joe Galgoul, joegalgoul@yahoo.com.

February 4-6, 2022, 18th Biennial Shohin Seminar, Hotel Mission De Oro. Registration opens November 1, 2022. For more information, www.calshohin.org

February 19 and 20, 2022 Annual Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale, Oakland, California. Annual Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale will be held on Saturday, February 19 and Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 666 Bellevue Ave., Lakeside Park Garden Center in Oakland. You are invited to the biggest auction and sale of bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, books, stands, and related material. A Mammoth fundraiser with all proceeds going to support the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. Saturday auction preview starts at 12:00 p.m. with auction starting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday sale from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., large showing of vendors, plant sales, and much more. Purchase your bonsai needs. For further information, contact George Haas at gwhaas@comcast.net or stay tuned to [BGLM Website](#).

February 26 & 27, 2022. GSBF Bonsai-A-Thon. Tour the expanded Chinese Garden, Walk through the Bonsai Nursery, Enjoy Venfors, Demonstrations, Auctions, Raffles, Huge Sale Area, Exhibits, Food and Friends. Suiseki, the Japanese Art of Stone Appreciation talk by Suiseki Master Tom Elias, Foemina Grove creation by Huntington Bonsai Curator Ted Matson.

November 12-13, 2022. Pacific Bonsai Expo, The Bridge Yard, Oakland, California, The
Pacific Bonsai Expo is a juried exhibition featuring 70 outstanding bonsai displays and a selection of the community's top vendors. Jurors Bjorn Bjorholm, Ryan Neil, and William N. Valavanis will select the trees. For more information, www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7fXUS6h9DwoBFfhagik-wA>

2021 Important Dates

November 18	Nik Rozman, CBS Artist
December	Happy Holidays at the Shibas
January 22 & 23 2022	58 th Winter Silhouette Show

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