

NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Happy Holidays to
All

No meeting in December and January

61st Winter Silhouettes Exhibition

Ayres Hall
LA Arboretum
January 18 & 19, 2025

Next meeting February 20, 2025

LA Arboretum
301 North Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91007

Officers

Joe Galgoul

President & Program Chair
(626) 429-0325

Lindsay Shiba

Vice President,
Show Chairman
(909) 806-0937

Charlene Quan

Treasurer
charlenequan@sbcglobal.net

Mary Morrissey

Board Member
(626) 705-3273

Mike Kelly

Member-At-Large
818-395-6791

Greg & Lily Kathol

Benefit Drawing and
Membership
baikoenmembership@gmail.com

Gus Cazares

Refreshment Chair
(909) 277-3867

Shirley Quan

Secretary/Newsletter
shirley_quan@sbcglobal.net

Tom Lau

Social Media
halfclueless@yahoo.com

November Demonstrator – Elle Nieto-Brodnick

Bonsai Journey, Northbrook, Illinois

Tel: 73-230-1744, Email: bonsaijourney@aol.com, Website: www.bonsaijourney.com

Sorry, there is no video on this day. Tom was on vacation.

With relatively few years of experience in bonsai, Elle surprised us with an amazing transformation.



Elle took the time to study the tree and decide what is the style she wanted to train the tree. She wanted to study the basic structure of the tree, look at the flare of the roots. Look at the structure and decide which branches would be used. It's a young tree so maybe make it look older by adding shari to increase the illusion of age. On the photo on the far right, she moved branches apart so you can see that there is another branch that is about the same thickness of the other. So, Elle started cutting off branches that hide the stem,



and then cut more...
What to do, keep both branches or, cut off one or both?



The branch came off and became a jin. There were several branches in the same area, and she used a new tool (see below) to remove the bark on the stem to connect the jined branches.



John Kim, from Joshua Roth, told us that this tool will be available later from the company.

In this case Elle used it to scrape off some the bark from the trunk so that the jined branches would be inter-connected.



Then she started wiring the branches place.



in



Scraping off the bark from the branch. She used a plier and a scraping tool.



Elle's favorite tree to work on is the juniper. In Europe, it's the mango or Scot's

pine. In the US, the Ponderosa pine is the easiest tree to work on. This tree is styled as a Bunjin. It should be repotted in the springtime or March, into a barrel style pot about 4 inches in diameter and about one inch deep. Do

not fertilize for a month, then use start using fertilizer regularly. Elle names her trees.
Another view of the apex after wiring. She had to apply



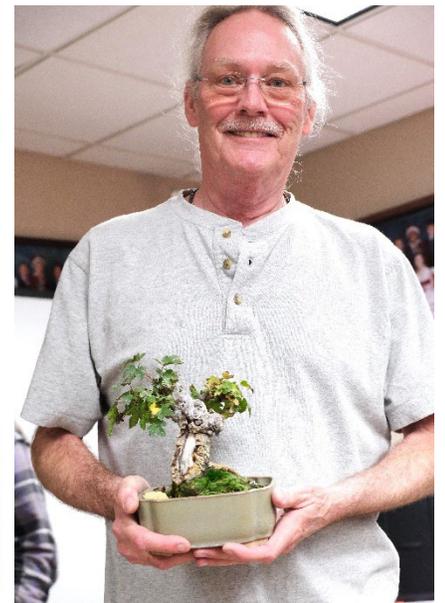
guide wires to bring down and to keep the branch in the right position.



Norman Monterrosa was the happy winner of the raffle tree.



Ray Blasingame brought in some seedling grown liquidambar and zelkova bonsai that his mother had trained and donated them to the raffle. The trees were won by John Kim (center) the liquidambar, and Radford Hunt (right) the zelkova.



Announcements

December 7, 2024, Orange County Bonsai Society Winter Auction, Rotary Room, Downtown Anaheim Community Center, 250 E. Center Street, Anaheim, CA 92805, 6:00 pm. Please see flyer.

December 14, 2024, Baikoen Christmas Party at Lindsay and Debbie Shiba's home. Please see flyer.

January 18 & 19, 2025, 61st Baikoen Winter Silhouette Exhibition, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Ayres Hall, 10am to 5pm. The first bonsai show of the year, featuring deciduous trees. Please see flyer.

January 31-February 2, 2025, 19th Biennial Shohin Seminar, California Shohin Society, Santa Nella, CA., 8am-5pm, <https://www.calshohin.org>. There is still time to register and sign up for workshops.

February 15, 2025, Baikoen New Member Workshop, LA Arboretum, Bamboo Room, 9am to 1pm. New Member Workshop on how to style a bonsai from a garden pot, styled into a bonsai, and repotted into a bonsai pot. Pre-registration required at the Winter Silhouette show.

March 1 & 2, 2025, GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale, Join us on Saturday for our live auction and vendor sales. On Sunday morning, consignment sales will occur along with our vendor sales. Saturday's events begin at 11:00 am and Sunday's events begin at 9:00 am. For more information call 707-762-9154. Please see flyer.

March 8 & 9, 2025, California Bonsai Society Exhibition, at The Huntington.

October 24-26, 2025, GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous, Santa Nella, CA <https://www.gsbfbonsai.org/>

New ZOOM Link. Baikoen meetings will continue to be recorded live and zoomed by Tom. Here is a new link. We will be streaming our meetings live to everyone. However, it is not interactive, as we encourage people to either watch the recording on YouTube or join us in person.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8328571089?pwd=1Fqg0SeV9vFT5RaF5vf3pyeVUAIYoE.1>

Tom's videos: If you have missed any of the videos that Tom has produced, here is the link to view all of them. https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=baikoen+bonsai+club

Baikoen Demo Schedule – 2024

December 2024	No Meeting, Happy Holidays
December 14, 2024	Christmas Party, see flier

Baikoen Demo Schedule – 2025

January 16, 2025	No Meeting, Arboretum Light Show
January 18 & 19, 2025	61 st Baikoen Winter Silhouette Exhibition LA Arboretum
February 8, 2025	New member workshop
February 20, 2025	Kris Springer, CBS Artist
March 20, 2025	Will Baddeley, carver extraordinaire
April 17, 2025	Michael Roberts, return of the cork bark elms
May 15, 2025	CBS Artist
June 19, 2025	Debra Maury-Melitz, Kusamono workshop
July 17, 2025	CBS Artist
August 2025	No Meeting
September 18, 2025	TBA
October 16, 2025	TBA
November 20, 2025	CBS Artist
December 2025	No Meeting