

NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Michael Roberts

Part 2 – Training Cork Bark Elm

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 7:00pm

Ayres Hall

Temporary New Location

Ayres Hall
LA Arboretum
301 North Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91007

Please bring something for the raffle

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New meeting room and entrance to the Arboretum



Returning to meeting at the Arboretum in Ayres Hall, next to the New North Entrance of the Arboretum (see above map).

April Demonstrator – Michael Roberts

Michael Roberts will be returning April 20, for the second installment of his Cork Bark Elm development series. Below is a photo of one of the Elms he boxed at home, which is just beginning to push its new spring growth (on far right). The photo on the middle is the same tree in January after trimming. The first photo is the tree immediately after it was put in the wood box. Mike will review the progress of all three trees (including the raffle tree from the January demo which is the tree won by Mitch Fennel) and discuss and trim the branches and new leaders for the spring and summer growth. Don't miss this important step in the development of these trees.





Second tree

Just after putting in box, and on right after trimming. This is the tree that Mitch won.



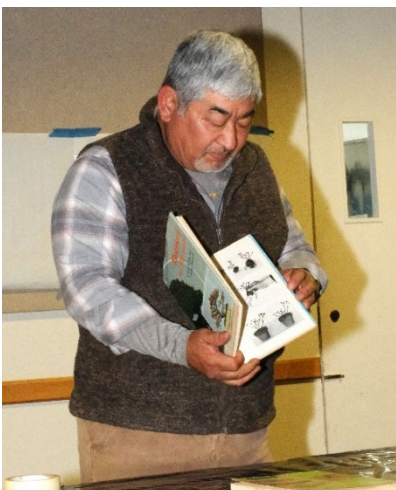
Third tree.

Tree in nursery pot before transfer to a wooden box. Sorry I don't have a picture after trimming.

At the April meeting, Mitch will return with the tree he won at the raffle (tree #1) and club members will decide which of the two remaining trees will be worked on at this meeting. Then the tree will be raffled at the end of the meeting. Come with your questions on what and how you need to do this month.

The September meeting will see all three trees return for the last step in this year's training of the cork barked elm. Many thanks to

Ed and Linda Clark, of Round Valley Nursery, for donating the trees.



March Demonstrator – Marcus Janiel

The March meeting began with the first of three new member orientation presentations by Lindsay Shiba. Lindsay covered the origin, history and meaning of Bonsai with an excellent overview at this session.

As you can see on the left, he also brought in several reference books showing styles and John Naka's famous Techniques book. He went over styles of bonsai and different tools used to care and style the trees.

At the April meeting, Lindsay will discuss wiring and basic care, and conclude with the third orientation in May with pottery selection and basic care of bonsai.

Here is Joe introducing Marcus. On the far left is Marcus' tree and on the right is the demo tree that he worked on at the meeting.



Marcus is a long-time member of Descanso Bonsai Club and was most recently one of the demonstrators at the Bonsai-A-Thon. He was a student of John Naka and Harry Hirao and often went on digs with them.

Marcus brought along one of his trees to show what can be done for make a bonsai from nursery stock. As you can see, from the photo above, at a different angle from the previous picture, there is a lot of dead wood, but only a single branch (where his finger is pointed). He wanted to see what would happen if he cut off all the branches except for one. He calls it a simple tree. The branches were allowed to grow so they are long. He has had the tree for more than 10 years. He liked the twisted trunk and wanted to explore with the exposed dead wood. His approach to bonsai is unconventional by his admission, but as you can see, it works.

With the demo tree, he first wired then styled and he said, "hopefully it will look like something." Later the tree will be raffled off. The winner should let the tree rest outside for at least a week before putting it in full sun.



For this demo he brought in a San Jose juniper that he purchased two weeks prior. He didn't do any styling, just cleaned up the dead foliage and general housekeeping. Here is the tree from different angles. He has an idea of where is the front, but it might change.



To start a bonsai there are a set of rules on what to look for: nebari (roots), branches, front of tree and no pigeon breast (in which the trunk comes toward the viewer and then bends backward away from the viewer). He believes in breaking rules so that the tree will still look like a bonsai. He started wiring using a heavy wire, following the celery theory: when fresh it will snape, if dry it will not. When fresh it is hydrated so the stem/branch will not snape. Marcus uses 50 grit sandpaper to remove the top layer of bark. Cut and clean the bark to create interest. Dead wood sells the tree, it makes it look old but there is



not enough time at the meeting to do any carving. To compress the branches on the tree is one way to style a tree. To move branches down, add bends and compression. You can see the amount of effort it takes to reposition a branch, far left. Loosen up the fibers in the branch so the branch can bend and can be brought down. He uses one piece of wire to wire two branches. Bend heavier branches first, roots are treated the same. Goal is for a tree to look like a big tree but in a container. Wire at a 45 degree angle is optimal. Wire using both hands, one hand to tighten and the other to guide. Being philosophic, spend money/care for the trees but

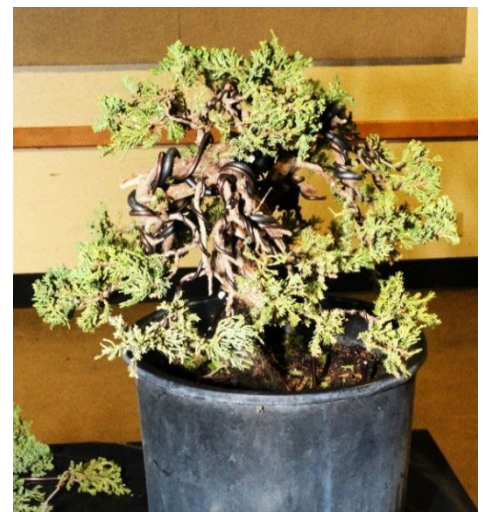


then what to do later? Trees need people, trees need care, pass along to people that care passionately about bonsai.

Remove wire before they cut into the bark. This kind of tree is hardy and can be readily repotted. Remove foliage growing on the bottom of the branch (see above). Marcus uses felt grow bags, ceramic pots are hotter so trees are less likely to have heat damage. Roots hit the edges of the felt bag and stop growing, but this is not the case of a tree growing in a ceramic pot. He uses a ready commercial bonsai mix or 100% scoria. He used to fertilize with pellets and cakes, but now uses Miracle Grow because it is easy. For the future, Marcus would like to do a jin and do some carving on this tree.



Here is the tree front (left) and you can see the wiring that was done. On the right side is the back side of the tree. You can see how he compressed the branches, so they lay closer to the trunk.





Susan Cook was the winner of the raffle tree (left).



Club President Joe Galgoul and Debbie Shiba presented a baby gift to Gus and Isabel, a baby bassinet at breaktime.



We welcome
Baby Emunah Marie Cazares
born March 24, 2023, 5.2lb

Cookie / Snack sign-up for the April meeting.

Refreshments by Dustin Shang, Redford Hunt, the Moritani's, and Mike Kelly. Thank you for signing up. Please remember to sign up for refreshments at the next meeting or there will be no refreshments.

Announcements

We welcome new members: Stephen & Ann Barany, Ken Bross, Christopher & Tracy Brown, Susan Cook, Hank Fawcett, Zack Hamra, Jack Honch, Marcus Juniell, Ellen Keneshea, Cameron McDonald, Norman Monterrosa & Melina Pallars, Evan & Christine Moritani, Darren Rezowell, and Lisa Wang.

Workshops at Kashi no ki-en have resumed.

All class sizes are limited... To best serve you, please contact Kimura Bonsai Nursery to reserve your time in advance. (818) 343-4090 or email kimurabonsai64@gmail.com. Classes to be held at Kashi no ki-en (The garden of the oaks) 30535 Hasley Canyon Rd. Castaic CA 91384

April 8 & 9, 2023, American Bonsai Association, Sacramento (ABAS), 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95816. The American Bonsai Association. Sacramento's (ABAS) 63rd Annual Spring Bonsai & Suiseki Show and Sale will feature headliner, Todd Schlafer of First Branch Bonsai. Open April 8 10am to April 9, 2023. Demonstrations will take place both Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 PM. In addition to our quality exhibition, there will be a large vendor area and consignment sales area! A daily benefit raffle will include each day's demonstration trees and many more bonsai and bonsai related items. A beginner's workshop will be offered Saturday morning. For more information, check out [abasbonsai.org](https://www.abasbonsai.org) or call Dodie Newman at 916-799-9575

April 23, 2023, Andrew Robson, Golden Zoom Series, 6:30pm. Defoliation, When Why and How. Link will be sent out a week prior to the talk.

April 29 & 30, 2023, San Diego Bonsai Club, Casa del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park, San Diego, Saturday April 29, 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm. Bonsai technique demonstrations each day at 11:00 am & 1:00 pm. Bonsai of various sizes and species as well as other bonsai-related items will be for sale by club members at attractive prices. Please sign up for the bus, \$25 plus \$3 tip for the driver.

Lindsay has arranged for a bus to take us to the San Diego Bonsai Show on Saturday April 29, 2023.

San Diego Bonsai Club Bus Trip, April 29, 2023. \$25/person plus \$3 tip/person for the driver. Be at the parking lot by 9:45am, at the LA Arboretum **Depot parking lot**, leave at 10am and arrive at 12:30 pm at Balboa Park. Dinner at 5:30pm, provided by San Diego Bonsai club. Please bring desserts to club dinner. Raffle/auction after dinner. Return to bus at 8:30 for the trip back. Return to Arboretum at 11:00pm. Reserve bus seat by paying \$10 or more deposit. A maximum of 30 people/bus. Contact Lindsay if you want to go by April 16, 2023. You may pay with Square. Here are the links for payment.

<https://square.link/u/fnG8E5S3> this is for a \$10 deposit

<https://square.link/u/DRvi1ucj> This is for the full payment of \$25 plus tip for the driver

Park in the parking lot (Depot across from the shopping mall, sign at the driveway says LA County of Public Works).

May 6 & 7, 2023, Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai 36th Annual Bonsai Exhibit & Sale, Ken Nakaoka Community Center 1670 W. 162nd St., Gardena. 10am to 4pm. Saturday Show & Sales Open, 10am, Beginner's Hands on Workshop, (free to first 15, first time participants only). 1pm Dennis Makishima – Bonsai Presentation., 6pm Private Dinner Reception (SoCal bonsai club members are welcomed, 8pm DIBK Club Auction. Sunday, May 7, 10am o 1pm, Show and Sales Area Open. For more information call Doyle Saito 310-539-9265 or visit bit.ly/DIBK-FB

May 13, 2023, Santa Anita Bonsai Club Auction, 6pm. LA Arboretum, Ayres Hall, 301 N Baldwin Ave Arcadia, CA 91007. SABC is hosting a bonsai auction. There will be no show this year. Santa Anita Bonsai Society (SABC) invites you to join us May 13, 2023, for a special evening of bonsai camaraderie, nibbles, and a live auction. You are invited to bring trees, pots, stands, and any other bonsai (or plant) related item you want to pass on. The deal – SABC is providing drinks and some snacks, and an auctioneer. We are asking you to bring something tasty to share and the items you want to sell. You (the seller) keep 80% of the sale amount, and SABC gets 20%. Please register to attend at this link: <https://forms.gle/RBopaxMgT7ZZuTHq9> If you have

questions or want to volunteer to help, make this fun evening happen, please contact Bryan Nicholson at either 213.709.4171, or homasbwnicholson@hotmail.com

May 13 & 14, 2023. Santa Barbara Bonsai Club. Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 N. La Cumbre Road, Fellowship Hall, 11am to 4:00pm, on the 13th on May 14 Noon to 4:00. Vendor and members selling plants and pots. Silent auction on both days at 2:00pm, demo on both days at 1:00. A bus will transport us. Wait for more details later.

June 3 & 4, 2023, Sei Boku Bonsai Kai Show with world renowned special guest demonstrator David De Groot, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA 94403, 10am to 4pm. In addition to show, world renowned special guest demonstrator David De Groot will provide demo Saturday 1-3pm, with Demo tree raffle following. Sunday 1-3pm, David will lead an open to public viewing workshop, with workshop tree raffled after. Both days 3pm benefit raffle and door prizes. Tree Clinic-Vendor Sales-Plant Sales-Free Admission. www.seibokubonsaikai.org. For additional information: Marsha [Mekisich, springhill.2@outlook.com](mailto:Mekisich.springhill.2@outlook.com), Phone: (+1) 6504774761

June 17, 2023, Kofu Kai Auction and fund raiser. Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92806-4934. This auction is open to all Bonsai club members.

August 26 & 27, 2023, 37th Annual Bonsai Show, Redwood Empire Bonsai Society, Rohnert Park Community Center, 5401 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park, CA, 10am to 5pm Saturday, 10am to 4pm Sunday. Featuring the international renowned bonsai artist Ryan Neil as guest demonstrator. Ryan is the creator and owner of Bonsai Mirai and Mirai Live. Ryan workshops both mornings from 9am to noon. Enrollment is limited. Ryan critique of the show trees from 5:30 to 6:30pm on Saturday. See quality bonsai displays, demonstrations and raff at 1pm, both days, large bonsai vendor area, large member sales, exciting silent auctions, free admission and parking. Contact Bob Shimon, shimon@mcn.org, regarding cost and for enrollment. Visit the REBS website for more information: <https://www.rebsbonsai.org/>.

October 20-22, 2023, GSBF Rendezvous, Santa Nella, California, 10am-4pm. Learning and Friendship through Bonsai. Headliner Bjorn Bjorholm.

November 4, 2023, California Bonsai Society show, The Huntington Library and Gardens

Baikoen meetings will continue to be recorded live and zoomed by Tom. Here is the link to join the meeting. You need to install Zoom software for this link (copy and paste) to work.

**<https://worldvision.zoom.us/j/6843230936>
Zoom meeting**

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/results?search_query=baikoen+bonsai+club

Baikoen Demo Schedule – 2023

April 20, 2023

Michael Roberts

May 18, 2023

Adam Poth, CBS Artist

June 22, 2023

Ted Matson

July 20, 2023
August 17, 2023
September 21, 2023
October 19, 2023
November 16, 2023
December 2023

Mike Lane, CBS Artist
No Meeting
Michael Roberts
Tom Vuong
Hugo Zamora Luna, CBS Artist
Happy Holidays

The Golden State Bonsai Federation presents



BONSAI RENDEZVOUS 2023

October 20, 21, and 22
Friday - Saturday - Sunday

Headliner - Bjorn Bjorholm

Bjorn workshops & demos all day
Friday & Saturday

Open Q&A with Bjorn on Sunday morning

Joshua Roth "Rising Stars" Competition
all day Saturday

Multiple workshops all day Friday & Saturday

Exhibition by the GSBF Collections

All-Access Educational Seminars all 3 days

BYOB Social Hours Friday & Saturday

Saturday Awards Dinner & Live Auction

Silent Auctions (Consignment Sales & Donations)

Tomodachi

Top bonsai vendors all 3 days



Registration opens on May 1

Early Bird Pricing (until July 30)

3-day admission	\$ 80
3-day admission with gourmet banquet	\$130

Regular Pricing

3-day admission	\$ 95
3-day admission with gourmet banquet	\$145
1-day admission is always	\$ 45



Rooms are limited so make your reservation today!

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Hotel Mission De Oro

Access the GSBF website via the QR code to see event updates and sign up for an event reminder

www.gsbfbonsai.org/2023-rendezvous

