# **NEWSLETTER**



# Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Marcus Juniel

Thursday, March 16, 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).

#### <u>March Demonstrator – Marcus Juniel</u>



Marcus has been involved in bonsai since the 1990's. He has studied with Harry Hirao, Ted Matson, David Nguy, Roy Nagatoshi, and Jung Soo Kim from Korea. Marcus is known for his work on conifers including California junipers, Shimpaku junipers, Japanese black pine, and Prostrata junipers. Marcus uses his discerning eye to find material with great potential, and he works them into very special trees that express the spirit of the tree. Marcus was one of the demonstrators at the Bonsai-A-Thon this year. He will be working on a juniper at this meeting.

# **February Demonstrator – Maliea Chiem**

Maliea Chiem brought her own brand of bonsai enthusiasm to our February meeting. It was great to have someone that was so expressive and clearly enjoys doing bonsai.

Maliea worked on a nursery stock 5 gallon can Prostate juniper, see right photo.













You can see from the series of photos above that the first step was to clean up the foliage on the lower branches, and then to decide which branches to keep. She keeps the branches long because it gives more options later, i.e., pull in to compact the branch or to change direction.











Removing several branches revealed the existing curves of the trunk so the style of the tree is almost Bunjin-like especially after the branches were wired down. Style is important but not necessary what feels right in a subtle way. Movement of branches mirrors movement of the trunk that enhances the existing beauty of the tree.



Last, Maliea jined the top after cutting off a branch she was going to keep and finished wiring the rest of the branches. And right, the winner of the raffle was new member Cedric Navarro



#### **Membership Dues**

We are collecting 2023 membership dues. Due to of higher expenses, we have made the hard decision to increase membership dues to \$30 for single membership and an additional \$5 for each family member. Please pay your dues by the end of March by mail or online using a credit card on Square or I will delete you from the mail list.

# Cookie / Snack sign-up for the January meeting.

Refreshments by Johan Garcia, Manuel Dizon, and Mitch Fennell. Thank you for signing up. Please remember to sign up for refreshments at the next meeting or there will be no refreshments.

### **Announcements**

# 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 <a href="mailto:kimurabonsai64@gmail.com">kimurabonsai64@gmail.com</a>. 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 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 28 & 29, 2023, San Diego Bonsai Club, Casa del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park, San Diego, Saturday April 28, 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. A bus will transport us. Wait for more details later.

May 13 & 14, 2023. Santa Barbara Bonsai Club. Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 N. La Cumbre Road, Fellowship Hall, 11am to 4:00pm, on the 13<sup>th</sup> 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. <a href="www.seibokubonsaikai.org">www.seibokubonsaikai.org</a>. For additional information: Marsha <a href="mailto:Mekisich">Mekisich</a>, <a href="mailto:springhill.2@outlook.com">springhill.2@outlook.com</a>, Phone: (+1) 6504774761

August 26 & 27, 2023, 37<sup>th</sup> 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, <a href="mailto:shimon@mcn.org">shimon@mcn.org</a>, regarding cost and for enrollment. Visit the REBS website for more information: https://www.rebsbonsai.org/.

<u>October 20-22, 2023, GSBF Rendezvous</u>, 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

<u>Tom's videos:</u> If you have missed any of the weekly videos that Tom has produced, here is the link to view all of them. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=baikoen+bonsai+club">https://www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=baikoen+bonsai+club</a>

<u>Baikoen Demo Schedule – 2023</u>

March 16, 2023

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April 20, 2023
May 18, 2023
June 22, 2023
July 20, 2023
August 17, 2023
September 21, 2023
October 19, 2023
November 16, 2023
December 2023

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