

# NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Yannick Kiggen  
CBS Artist

Thursday, May 21, 2022, 7:00pm  
Bamboo Room

Arboretum of Los Angeles County  
301 North Baldwin Avenue  
Arcadia, CA 91007

Please bring something for the raffle

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## May Demonstrator – Yannick Kiggen, May 21, 2022



Yannick spent time studying at Shunka-en Bonsai Museum in Tokyo under Kunio Kobayashi, and he currently operates his own bonsai business in Belgium, teaching and selling bonsai art. <https://www.yama-bonsai.be>

On YouTube, Bojorn Bjorholm talks with Yannick Kiggen of Yama Bonsai Studio in Belgium. Yannick spent time studying at Shunka-en Bonsai Museum in Tokyo under Kunio Kobayashi, and he currently operates his own bonsai business in Belgium, teaching and selling bonsai art. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FH2Ue1RvxnQ>

## April 21, 2022 Demonstrator – Jason Chan



This was a fun workshop!!! Jason began by drawing a sketch of what a literati or bunjin style tree would look like (see left). Then he went to look at one of the trees to see the nebari (roots).



As you can see (below) all the Prostrata Juniper trees were different shapes and sizes. He said

these were the trees that people who come to his nursery would automatically reject. But check out the results at the end of the workshop and you will be surprised and to see how similar the final shape of the trees is to the drawing.



Here are photos of people working on their trees. The trees were randomly distributed one to each table and anyone at that table worked on the tree. The first thing Jason said was don't cut the branches, but it was too late for some. Then he said look for movement and layers, limit cutting. See what happened.



Godwin and Manuel looking at branches (above left), Mitch and Jason (right) discussing branches. Look at what he has already cut.



Ron, Daniel, Ed and Nate gathered around looking at angles and branches (on right). Above Ron and Nate, and above to the right, Greg and Hugo watch Peter so that he doesn't cut off all the branches.



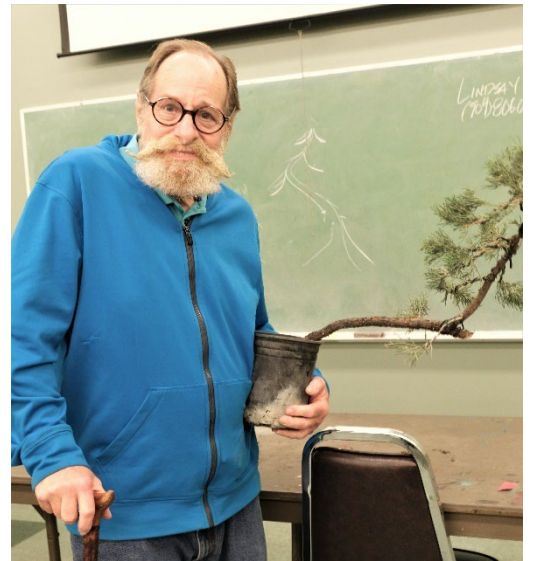








And the winners are...



Top left to right: Nate, Ron, Godwin, (next row) Manuel, Mitch, Alex and Big Joe (next page). Sorry I missed one person and the tree.





Jason looked at all the finished trees and comparing them to his original drawing. Two of the trees were almost exactly like his drawing (look at the chalk board). Thank you very much Jason for leading this special demo/workshop. It was FUN and everyone got to participate hands on. To see a video of the meeting, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-pZo-rqOnY>



At the end of the evening Gus came up to thank everyone for contributing to his and Isabel's wedding gift. Debbie collected and purchased a BarBQ grill and a lot of accessories, ranging from wood chips, a chicken roaster, tool set and a chimney starter. We all wish Gus and Isabel happy grilling and a long and wonderful happy marriage.

Baikoan t-shirts still available, \$20 for members. Please contact Shirley for size availability and I can bring to the meeting.

Cookie / Snack sign-up for the March meeting.

Refreshments by Grace Sato, Daniel Betancourt, Mike Kelly and Shaween Keyani. Thank you for signing up. If you are unable to bring refreshments, please let Shirley know.



San Diego Bus Trip, April 23, 2022. This was a fun trip. It was Earth Day and Balboa Park was filled with people and vendors and the weather was beautiful. The trees from the San Diego



Bonsai show were exceptional. Here are a few pictures.



## Announcements

**The California Bonsai Society (CBS) has set up a scholarship fund to honor Ben Oki** - a man who devoted most of his life to enjoying and sharing bonsai. Ben was happiest when he was sharing his knowledge or working on a tree. To honor that sharing spirit Ben had we will be making two \$1000.00 grants available to anyone in the bonsai community to be used to attend classes, workshops, study with a pro or other bonsai related educational activity. The winners will also need to do something to give back to the bonsai community- such as a club demo or on-line video showing what you learned, or some other method of giving back to the community. To apply, the applicant should send an email to [CaliforniaBonsaiSociety123@earthlink.net](mailto:CaliforniaBonsaiSociety123@earthlink.net)

In that email they should explain what they intend to do with the money to improve their bonsai skills and what they intend to and will commit to doing to give back to the bonsai community. Be creative.

Applicants who receive scholarships agree that in return for these funds within 15 days of completing class etc. they will provide CBS photos and a short write up of what they did with the funds to improve their bonsai skills that will be published on our website and in our newsletter. They will also have to come up with and complete a way of giving back to the community and commit to doing this.

**The application period will be from May 1st through May 30th annually with the scholarships awarded on June 15th.** Applications will be accepted from anyone in the bonsai community that can deposit a check from a US bank. Awarding of the scholarships will be by decision of a committee of California Bonsai Society Board members after going through all applicants. All committee decisions are final.

Everyone in the bonsai community is encouraged to apply for this chance to expand your own bonsai knowledge and to help contribute to the bonsai community.



Anyone interested in contributing to the scholarship fund as a way to honor Ben and to help promote bonsai is more than welcome to contact Robert Pressler -President of The California Bonsai Society at the above email. We are a privately funded 501c3 corporation so any contributions may be tax deductible.

May 7&8, 2022, Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai, 35<sup>th</sup> annual bonsai exhibit and sale, Ken Nakaoka  
Community Center 1670 W. 162<sup>nd</sup> St., Gardena, 10am to 4pm Saturday, 10am to 1pm  
Sunday. Serenity through Bonsai Show and sales, bonsai demo at 11am on Saturday,  
auction at 2pm. The sales area will feature beautiful trees from Legacy Cork Oak as well as fantastic  
vintage pots from Nelson Sanabria. demonstration honoring our club supporting sensei Frank Goya on  
Saturday at 11am. The demonstration will feature students of Frank's and will showcase the techniques  
and styling used in landscape planting. For more info please call Doyle Saito (310) 539-9265, or  
[bit.ly/DIBK.FB](http://bit.ly/DIBK.FB).

May 28 – 30, 2022, Santa Anita Bonsai Society 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonsai Show, LA  
Arboretum, Ayres Hall, 9am-4:30pm. exhibit, sales table, demonstrations. For more information,  
please check web site, [www.sabonsai.org](http://www.sabonsai.org)

July 9, 2022, Auction and sale of Dennis Makishima trees, Bonsai Garden at Lakeside Park  
Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Lake Merritt Oakland, California  
BGLM will conduct a special one day auction and sale of bonsai trees from the personal collection  
donated by Dennis and Joanne Makishima, on July 9, 2022. Preview of auction will start at 11:00 a.m. and  
live auction at 12:00 p.m. Sale follows immediately after auction. This event is predicated on the largest  
single donation ever made to BGLM. Bonsai trees include legacy pines, cedars, maples, and more, dating  
back to the early 1950s and 1960s. All proceeds go to support the newly created Dennis and Joanne  
Makishima BGLM curator fund. For further information, contact George Haas at [gwhaas@comcast.net](mailto:gwhaas@comcast.net)  
or visit the BGLM website <http://bonsailakemerritt.com>.

July 23, 2022, Christmas in July, Tom and Caroline's house. More details to follow.

September 9-11, 2022, Bristlepine Cone Forest trip, more details to follow. The Great Basin  
Bristlecone Pines are not just the oldest things in California or even North America, they are the oldest  
living non-clonal organisms on our planet! They are gnarled, weather-beaten, and resilient.  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/inyo/specialplaces/?cid=stelprdb5129900>

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.  
Tree submission period from February 1 to April 30, 2022. For more information,  
[www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com](http://www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com).



Baikoen Meeting. The meetings will continue to be recorded live and zoomed by Tom. Here is the link to join the meeting. Meeting will continue to be live and filmed simultaneously.

**<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/channel/UC7fXUS6h9DwoBFfhagik-wA>

### 2022 Important Dates

May 19, 2022	Yannick Kiggen, CBS Artist
June 16, 2022	Peter Macasieb
July 21, 2022	Jose Rodriguez, CBS Artist
August 18, 2022	No Meeting
September 15, 2022	Jack Reynolds
October 20, 2022	Lindsay Shiba
November 17, 2022	Caroline Scott, CBS Artist
December 2022	Happy Holidays