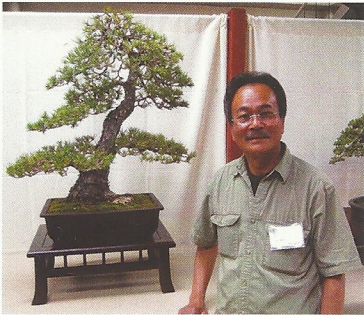




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## *Headliners*



David Nguy



Kunio Kobayashi

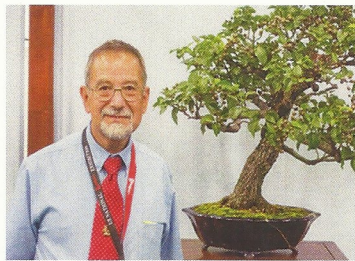


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## *Seminars*



Kathy Shaner



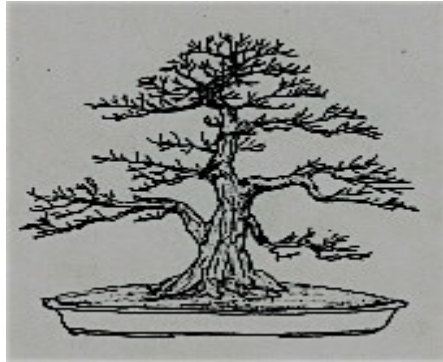
Bill Valavanis



Tom Elias

**Guest Artists:** Bill Castellon, Frank Goya, Jim Gremel, Gary Ishii, Ted Matson, Peter Macasieb, Frank Mihalic, Fred Miyahara, Pauline Muth, David Nguy, Mike Pistello, Bob Pressler, Steve Price, Kathy Shaner, Tak Shimazu, Bob Shimon, Cary Sullivan, Michael Sykes, John Uchida, Bill Valavanis, Steve Valentine

# NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Lindsay Shiba

Workshop

April 20, 2017, 7:00pm

LA Arboretum (**Oak Room**)

**Note temporary change in room**

301 Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA.

Please bring something for the raffle

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## Bob Pressler, Demonstrator



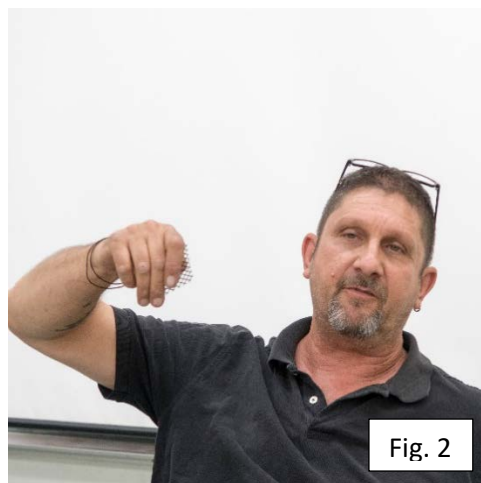
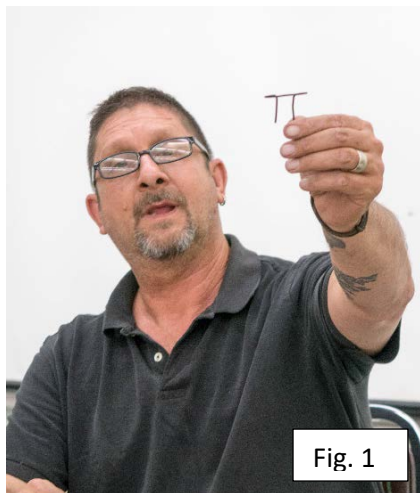
We are very pleased to have Bob Pressler return to demo how to repot a plant. His humor and common sense approach to a sometimes-mystical procedure was a refreshing approach.

He brought two plants, a nursery plant to a bonsai pot, and a tree already in a bonsai pot to another slightly larger bonsai pot.

First thing that needs to be done is to prepare the pot. The very first thing is to choose a pot, but to minimize the number of things he had to

bring, the nursery plant went into the old bonsai pot, and the plant that was already in a bonsai pot went into another pot. Pots need to be cleaned if it has been used before, then screen must be put over the drainage hole

On the top left, Bob is holding a wire that has been bent in a shape to be most stable in the pot. And as you can see in the next set of pictures, the ends of the wire stick out from the bottom of the pot.



But Lindsay suggested that the wires be inserted the opposite way. So that the bent ends are on the bottom of the pot. The advantages of doing this is to prevent scratches onto the stand and it is less likely to catch on things.

This picture shows the bottom of the pot (left). The screen is gutter screen on sale from Home Depot or Lowes that he got on sale for cheap.



Fig. 5

On the picture on the left, you can see the tie wires coming through the drain holes as well as wire that holds the screen. He puts two lengths of wire, through the holes. The wires are equal in length, but hang out of the pot in different lengths on each side (one end is longer than the other so each side has a long and short wire, Fig. 8). You can see the bottom of the pot from the picture above (Fig. 4).



Fig. 6



Fig. 7



Fig. 8

The tie wires are important to tie down the tree to the pot. Bob ties each plant to a pot. During one of the earthquakes, some of his plants fell. The ones that had the plants tied down were intact but with the plants just set into the pot, the pots broke into several pieces and the root ball broke.

His soil mixture (Fig. 9) is scoria/lava and pumice (equal portions), no organics, a well-draining soil. Everything needs to be ready before starting to repot. Take the plant out of the pot and clean off the top of the soil and look at the roots.



Fig. 9

The olive plant that was in the bonsai pot had a lot of fine root hairs



Fig. 10

and from this Bob thought that the plant was from a cutting. Comb out the roots in the direction that they were growing, trimming as necessary. Comb all around the plant, remove big roots and keep the fine roots. Roots should not dry. Position the plant off center in the pot on top of a layer of soil. After scooping in some soil around the plant, start working in the soil





Fig. 11



Fig. 12



Fig 13

with chop sticks (by poking and moving in different directions), followed by sticking your finger (in the hole where the chop stick was) to work in the new soil in with the roots, so there are no voids or empty spaces in the soil (Fig 12). Empty spaces mean places where the roots can die. Work the soil into the edges of the pot using a trowel so that there is a space at the edge of the pot can soak into the soil instead of running off (Fig 14) the surface.



Fig. 14

Remember the tie wire (you can see them in Fig 12)? The wire needs need to be brought up and tied together (Fig. 13) from opposite directions. Then reconnected with another wire so that the plant is securely tied down in the pot (Fig. 15). Here you can see Bob tightening the tie down wires with jin pliers.

To



Fig. 15

transplant a plant from a nursery pot, aside from



Fig. 16

preparing the pot and soil, the most important thing is to comb all the

soil off the roots. If the plant is not healthy or a lot of large roots needs to be removed, then only remove half or a portion of the old soil at that time and at the next repotting time, only remove the old soil that was not removed before. Then trim off the roots so that the plant can fit

into the new pot.





Fig. 17

Here, Bob is cleaning out the old soil from the bottom of the pot with a chop stick (Fig. 17).



Fig. 18



Fig. 19



Fig. 20

Fig. 18 shows him fastening the juniper with the tie wires using jin pliers; Fig. 19, working in new soil with chop stick followed by his finger working in the soil so that there are no empty holes; and last Fig. 20 using a trowel to grade the edge of the soil to the pot so water does not drain off the top.

Water the plant so that all the soil is wet and water is draining out the drain holes. In the beginning, there may be fine particles “dust” from the planting mixture, this is good. Fine particles can interfere with good drainage so water till the water runs clear. Keep in the shade for about a week before putting it in the sun.

Thank you, Bob, for an entertaining and practical demonstration.

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

Martha Smith, Peter Macasieb, Alex & Hedy Marien, and Lindsay Shiba. Thank you for signing up.

### Announcements

April 22-23, 2017, Fresno, Shinzen Garden at Woodward Park, 9:30pm to 4:30pm

2nd Annual Kōen-Nai No Bonsai Fundraiser for the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen. Enjoy a wonderful bonsai weekend in the beautiful setting of the Shinzen Garden at Woodward Park, at Friant and Audubon Roads. Hours are Saturday 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM and Sunday 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM.

Peter Tea and David Nguy will provide demonstrations for this event. The event will include a huge bonsai auction with a wide selection of trees, complimented by a mammoth vender area. Toko-Kazari Display Competition will provide beautiful artistry together with tours of the Regional Bonsai Exhibit in the

garden. Several Shohin workshops will be offered. For more information, contact Bob Hilvers at [bonsaigui@comcast.net](mailto:bonsaigui@comcast.net).

Tom Lau is going to the Shinzen Garden in Fresno. If you want to follow him by caravanning (not carpooling), meet in Pasadena at 5:45am. Schedule is, stop for breakfast, arrive at the show about 10, leave about 3pm, and back home about 7pm. Contact Tom for more details and at this month's meeting.

### Field Trip to San Diego Spring Show! April 28

Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai is sponsoring a trip to visit the San Diego Bonsai Club for their 52th anniversary Spring Show on Saturday, April 28th. As guest to this event we ask you to bring a dessert for their SD bonsai club reception. Please let Lindsay Shiba (909)806-0937 or [ljshiba@juno.com](mailto:ljshiba@juno.com) know if you plan to go. A bus costs too much money so a van will be rented. **The van size will depend on the number of people that plan to go, therefore it is very important to let Lindsay know if you want to go ASAP. Members will be charged \$20 and nonmembers \$30.**

April 29 -30, 2017, San Diego Bonsai Club: Spring Bonsai Exhibition, San Diego Balboa Park at the Casa Del Prado Room 101, 10:00pm to 5:00pm

San Diego Bonsai Club: Spring Bonsai Exhibition at the Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park. Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM both days with demonstrations at 11 AM and 1 PM. Free admission. Bonsai pots and trees for sale, as well as other bonsai-related items. For more information visit [www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com](http://www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com) or contact Janice Hale.

May 20-21, 2017 Santa Barbara, California, Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara: Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, 1212 Mission Canyon Road. Hours are Saturday 11 AM - 4 PM and Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM with demonstrations at 1 PM both days. Plant sale by the Club. Native plants suitable for bonsai in the Botanic Garden's nursery. Books and other gifts in the Garden Shop. For more information, contact Joe Olson 805-964-0869, email [joeyuccaseed@verizon.net](mailto:joeyuccaseed@verizon.net), or visit [www.santabarbarabonsai.org](http://www.santabarbarabonsai.org).

### 2017 Program/Demonstrator List

January 19, 2017	Sean Smith, workshop
January 21 & 22, 2017	Winter Silhouette Show
February 16, 2017	Tom Vuong, demonstrator
March 16, 2017	Bob Pressler, demonstrator
April 20, 2017	Lindsay Shiba, workshop
May 18, 2017	Travis Goldstein, demonstrator
June 15, 2017	Fred Miyahara, demonstrator

July 20, 2017  
August 2017  
September 21, 2017  
October 2017  
November 2017  
December 2017  
January 20-21, 2018

Michael Sykes, demonstrator  
no meeting  
Bonsai movies, Pot luck  
TBA  
Al Nelson, demonstrator  
Christmas Party  
54<sup>th</sup> Winter Silhouette Show

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