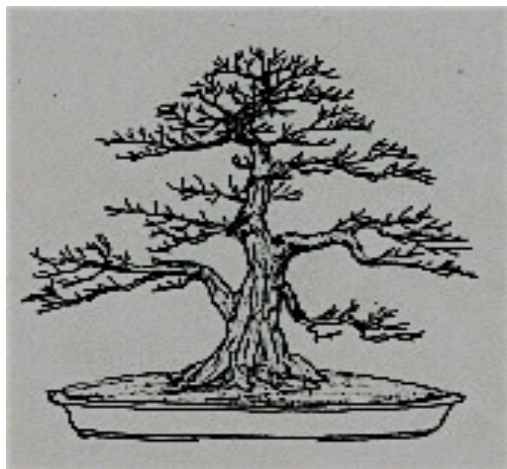


NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

February meeting - February 28, 2013.

Elaine Grazzyk

Demo/workshop - Banyan tree.

Please bring a plant and tools, also,
to work on.

see note below.

Bamboo Room
LA Arboretum
301 Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA

Please bring something for
the raffle.

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Elaine Grazyk

Elaine Grazyk is scheduled to do a demo on the Banyan tree. Unfortunately, Elaine hurt her knee. We will switch over to a workshop, if necessary, so, please bring a plant and your tools to the meeting.

January Meeting.

We started out the meeting by celebrating Lindsay's birthday. Ken brought in a delicious birthday cake and Lindsay was presented with three very nice Chinese brush painting brushes.

Lindsay thanked all the volunteers who worked so hard at the Winter Silhouette show. He was so impressed at how smooth everything went. Thank you volunteers!!!

Lindsay then talked about a March workshop with Mauro Stemberger that will be held on March 28, 2013. (See enclosed flyer).

Marge Blasingame talked about the Bonsai-A-Thon that is coming up on February 23-24, 2013. She needs volunteers to help with the show. To sit the exhibit, for example, for a couple of hours. Please contact Marge for further details at (626) 579-0420 or margeblasingame@att.net

It was then time for Mary Morrissey's talk on Bonsai 101.

Mary Morrissey's Bonsai 101 talk was very informative. Mary brought books, tools, pots, hand-outs and plants to the meeting. The plants were given to the new members who then sat down with the "old timers" who, in turn, helped them work on their bonsais.

Enclosed in the newsletter is the hand-out that Mary brought to the workshop. Everyone enjoyed your talk, Mary, thank you very much!

Cookie/Snack sign-up for February 28 meeting

Radford Hunt, Joe Gutierrez, Carlos Padillo and Alex and Hedy Marien.

Thank you for signing up.

Donations

These are the members who have made donations to the club.

Harley Newman.

Sarah Gyer.

Yamaguchi Nursery.

Shig and Mary Miya.

Harry Hirao.

Marybell Balendonck.

Thank you so much for your generosity!!! It is very much appreciated!!!

New Members

We would like to welcome these new members to our club.

John Voss, Steve and Pam Urban, Grace Kang, Christian Gutierrez, Gib and Elissa Hoxie, Robert Aderette, Veronica Raymond, E.K. Waller and Chris Wallace.

Thank you for joining. We hope you enjoy our club as much as we do.

Reminder!

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so now.

Please contact Elaine at (626) 330-3170 or elainejeche@hotmail.com

Thank you.

Bonsai 101 with Mary Morrissey



Introduction to Bonsai Terms, Tools and Tips

Mary Morrissey ~ Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai - January 2012

Japanese traditional style - we aspire to recreate what we see in nature

There is a lot to learn about Bonsai and it is very helpful to join at least one Bonsai Club AND to take classes. You will progress much faster with an instructor than self study.

What are characteristics of trees that make good bonsai material for a beginner?

- Small leaves
- Dwarf varieties
- Good bark
- Hardy (hard to kill!)

What types of one-gallon material should beginners look for?

- Procumbens nana juniper
- Olive
- Caitlin elm (small leaf sport of Chinese elm)
- Ginkgo - 5 or 7 small ones make a nice group planting for beginners

What makes a good Bonsai?

- Good roots - strong, balanced
- Nice taper of trunk from roots (wider) to top (thinner)
- Good branch placement
- Branches are thicker at bottom, gradually thinner and shorter at top
- Good apex - strong or soft triangle
- Bow to the front

- No "reverse taper"
- No bar branches
- No crossing branches/trunks
- No pigeon breast
- No "eye pokers"

- Healthy!
- Well groomed
- If wired - done neatly and not too tight or too loose

Where do we find our bonsai material?

Ordinary nursery stock
Bonsai nurseries
Air layerings from larger trees
Digging up old yard trees and shrubs
Going on "digs" to find mature specimens in the boondocks
Club raffles
Club shows often have sales tables
Bonsai-a-thon at the Huntington in February of each year (a "mini-convention")
Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention in late October each year
(alternates between Southern and Northern California)
California Bonsai Society Annual Sale on Thanksgiving weekend

Where do we find our bonsai tools?

Vendors at club shows, Bonsai-a-thon, conventions
Bonsai nurseries

Where do we find our bonsai pots?

Club raffles
Vendors at club shows, Bonsai-a-thon, conventions
Bonsai nurseries

Recommended Books & Magazines

Bonsai Techniques I and II - John Yoshio Naka (Vendor tables, ebay?)

Four Seasons of Bonsai - Kyuzo Murata - 1984 (bonsai nurseries, ebay)

Masterpieces of Bonsai - Edited by Yoshio Takayanagi - 1986 (ebay)

Bonsai in California - volumes 1 to 27 (Calif Bonsai Society show in March would have some of the recent issues, try ebay for older ones)

International Bonsai Digest - Fall 1974 and 1976 (very few - vendors at convention?)
Nice background on early bonsai pioneers in California

Golden Statements Magazine- GSBF - 6 times a year (subscription)
News about clubs, shows, conventions

Bonsai Focus Magazine - 6 times a year (subscription about \$75/year)
European based - articles on Japanese & American Artists, too

Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

PRESENTS

Mauro Stemberger

Thursday—March 28th at the
L.A. Arboretum - Arcadia, Ca



ONE-ON-ONE WORKSHOP:

3pm to 6pm; limited to 15 persons;

Bring your own tree; Fee for

instruction \$30 per person;

Silent observers welcome.

DEMONSTRATION:

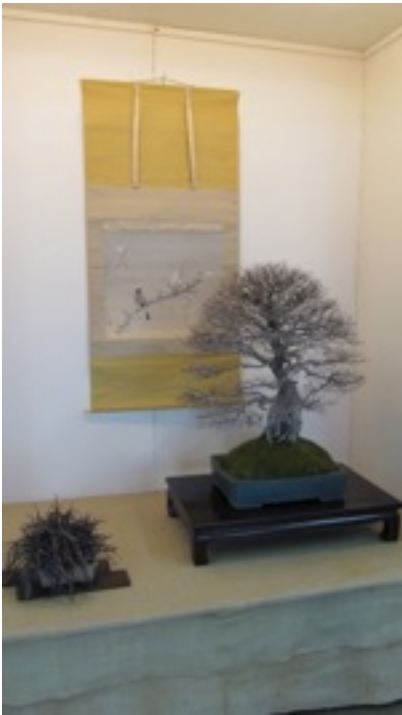
7pm to 9pm; Open to public;

Live Auction following Cal

Juniper Demo.

For more information contact: Lindsay Shiba (909) 473-0099
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Winter Silhouette Show, January 19-20, 2013



Bonsai-A-Thon, February 23-24, 2013.

The Huntington Library, botanical center

1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA 91108.

(626) 405-2100 or www.huntington.org

10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Event includes exhibits, demonstrations, live auction on both days that start at 3:00 p.m., a “bonsai bazaar” prize drawings and many more.

Bonsai workshops for adults and children will be offered on Saturday. Please contact the Huntington for these classes.

The proceeds from the event will go to the Golden State Bonsai Collection at the Huntington.

General admission. Below is a free pass for the members. Please show this pass to the guard at the gate.

Volunteers needed!

Please contact Marge Blasingame if you can spare a couple of hours to volunteer.

She needs volunteers to sit the exhibit, cook hamburgers or for any other spot that needs to be filled.

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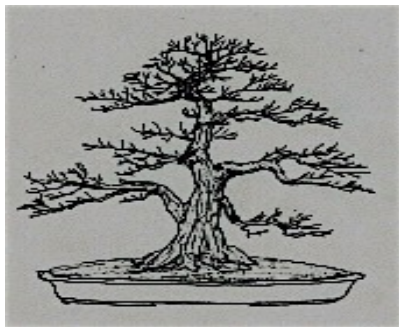


**Feb 23 – Feb 24
2013**

Bonsai-A-Thon Participant

2013 Program/Demonstrator List

January 24	Mary Morrissey - Into to Bonsai
February 28	Elaine Grazyk - demo. Banyan tree
March 28	Mauro Stemberger
April 25	TBA
May 23	TBA
June 27	TBA
July 25	TBA
August	No meeting
September 26	TBA
October 24	TBA
November	TBA
December	TBA



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