

# Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

## 2018 Membership Dues

\_\_\_\_ 2018 Individual Membership: \$20.00    Or \_\_\_\_ 2018 Family Membership: \$25.00  
(Membership dues are for the calendar year, independent of when dues are paid)

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Would you like to receive the monthly newsletter by email? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Join the mailing list for updates to web site: <http://www.baikoenbonsai.com>  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Meeting date is the third Thursday of the month at the LA Arboretum in the Bamboo room.

Dues Payable to:

Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Bring to Meeting, or Mail to:

Baikoen Membership  
2155 Redell Ave.  
Monrovia, CA 91016

Thank You!!

# NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Al Nelson, demonstrator  
November 16, 2017, 7:00pm

LA Arboretum (Bamboo Room)

301 Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA.  
Please bring something for the raffle

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## Peter Macasieb Demonstrator



We are very fortunate to have Peter as the demonstrator of the month. An extraordinary talented self-taught person, although one of his mentors was Harry Hirado, most well-known for his shohin bonsai. He told us his reasoning for choosing shohin bonsai. He wanted to choose a hobby that he could continue after retiring. If he grew large plants, he wouldn't be able to move or lift as he got older, so he chose to grow smaller shohin bonsai. And plants this size are easier to find. Above left, is the collection of plants that he brought to the meeting. On the right is a sequence of development, right to left, for development of shohin in juniper.



On the picture to the left, he points to the position where he had grafted. He grafted only one (1) scion.



From this one scion, side branches and apex were developed as you can see (left).



Next, he worked on a twisted pomegranate. But this was mainly trimming.





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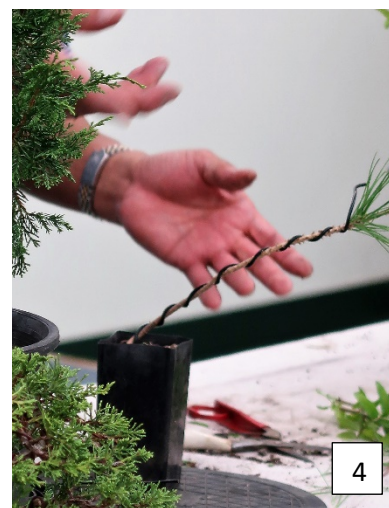


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Then he got into something different. On the left is a pine seedling. He first stripped off some of the needles, and threaded a wire through the bottom of the pot, and wired the pine stem. Then using a jin tool, he twisted and turned the stem (1-10).



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Making tight turns, then use the jin tool to adjust the wire on the turns. This is the most important point. He joked that the more turn, more \$\$\$\$. The



plant will stay this way for about 2 years and the wire is not removed so the branches set.



Here is another example of the twisted stem on the far left, and in the middle and on the right, is an older plant, with more wiring of the secondary branches.



Juniper, one graft, 4 years old. Grow 2 years to increase trunk size, feed heavy, no wiring. Then do first wiring, but wires are loose, not tight, for about one year. This will establish what the plant will look like so very important.



Peter listed four things that were very important in shohin bonsai. 1) Have an eye for the plant stock. 2) know how to graft. If a branch is not where you want it, it can be grafted. 3) Every other year repot so no thick roots. Remember the total size of shohin is 8 inches from the base to the top of the plant. 4) Wire.



One other thing is he uses copper instead of aluminum wire because it is less flexible and holds the stem/branches in place better when using the same diameter wire. A thicker aluminum wire is needed to compensate for the difference in wire strength, then it would look ugly.

The soil mixture he started with was Boon's mix (lava, pumice, Akadama with charcoal and decomposed



granite), but has changed to 50% lava and Akadama. He doesn't use pumice now because it doesn't look good and it floats off when watering. Peter with all the plants he donated to the raffle. And above all the

lucky raffle winners, (L to R) Gustavo Duran, Martha Smith, Peter, Jim Pierce, Hedy Marien, and Victor Plascencia

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

Refreshments by Octavia and Walter Chin, Debbie Shiba, Martha Smith and Elaine Jeche. Thank you for signing up.

Time to renew membership. Greg will be collecting 2018 membership dues, single \$20 or family membership \$25. Please see attached membership form.

### Announcements

#### Ed and Linda Clark, Round Valley Bonsai Nursery, December 9 or 10, 2017 workshop

This is a special invitation to our close bonsai friends. David Nguy's workshop on Sunday, December 10, has space available for more participants. That's the workshop for the smaller trees, which range in price from \$35 to \$85.

The fee for the workshop will be determined by the number of participants, but could be as low as \$55 if we have a full workshop.

David has committed himself to work with you until your tree is finished and you are happy with it. The workshop will begin at 9:00am and may take between 4 to 6 hours, but longer if needed.

You can choose your tree on the day of the workshop -- just plan on arriving early to have time to do so. Or Ed can choose one for you. Or you can come to the nursery before December 10 to choose your own tree. (Just make sure you call to make sure we are at the nursery.)

Once again Linda will be providing a *great* lunch, drinks, and snacks. They will be available for a cost of \$7, or you can make other plans.

We'd really like to encourage you to join us. It will be great fun with a bunch of great people.

Ed and Linda Clark  
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December 2, 2017 Clovis, California, Fresno Bonsai Society: Tenth Annual Bonsai Yard Sale at the Clovis Botanical Garden, 945 North Clovis Ave. Fun starts at 8 AM and ends at 2 PM. Everything bonsai for sale: pre-bonsai, finished trees, pots new and used, books, soil, stands, accent plants, suiseki and more.

Everyone is welcome to buy, sell or trade bonsai related items. Small-town bargain prices. Coffee, donuts, free admission, lots of parking; join old friends for this annual ritual and come early for the best selection. For more information, contact David Soho at [sohofive@yahoo.com.h](mailto:sohofive@yahoo.com.h)

**February 17 ~ 18, 2018 Oakland, California, GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt:** The Annual Mammoth Auction and Sale Fund Raiser will be held at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Lake Merritt. Saturday: Auction preview at Noon with Auction starting at 1 PM. Sunday: Vendor Sales start at 9 AM; Plant Sales start at 10 AM; Demonstrations start at 1 PM. Everyone is encouraged to submit their bonsai and bonsai related items for consideration to be included in the Mammoth Auction at the earliest date possible. The Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt will be open that weekend 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, and Noon to 4 PM on Sunday. Please visit the Garden and observe the many installments under the Garden Revitalization Opportunity (GRO) project. For more information or to sell bonsai, email [bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com](mailto:bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com) and visit <http://gsbf-lakemerritt.org>.

**Feb. 24 ~ 25, 2018 San Marino, California, Bonsai-A-Thon XXII at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens,** 1151 Oxford Road. This is the annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at The Huntington. Event admission is free with Bonsai-A-Thon "early bird" registration between 7:30 AM - 9 AM. Event hours are 8 AM - 5 PM both days. Pancake breakfast, demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle and auction. For more information visit [www.gsbfhuntington.com](http://www.gsbfhuntington.com)

#### **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	Michael Sykes, demonstrator
August 2017	no meeting
September 21, 2017	Bonsai movies, Pot luck
October 19, 2017	Peter Macasieb, demonstrator
November 16, 2017	Al Nelson, demonstrator
December 2017	Christmas Party
January 13 & 14, 2018	54 <sup>th</sup> Winter Silhouette Show
February 15, 2018	Tom Vuong, grafting workshop



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