

NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Debra Maury-Melitz
Kusamono talk & workshop

Next meeting June 19, 2025
Bamboo Room

LA Arboretum
301 North Baldwin Avenue
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Please bring something for the raffle

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June 19, 2025, Demo - Debra Maury-Melitz, Kusamono talk & workshop.



Debra is a teacher, person of many talents and dept of knowledge. She will provide us with some history, background, definitions of Kusamono, and styles of Kusamono and if there is enough time, will have a short workshop. She supplied Young Choe with plants last year when Young Choe had a workshop at the Bonsai-A-Thon and as you can see from these examples, any plant can be used to create an arrangement. Come to the next meeting to see and hear what Debra has to say. These pictures are from 2022 at a Santa Anita Bonsai meeting.

May Demo - Heike van Gunst



Heike spent the first part of the meeting just looking at the



tree and poking and bending branches to see how the tree could look, then decided to remove some of the lower branches that were not needed. You



notice that she did not cut off close to the trunk but left a stub that could be made into a jin. Later she started making a shari on the trunk.





Bob Pressler won the raffle plant prize, donated by Ray Blasingame.





Lily won the grand raffle prize.

Announcements

Refreshments will be provided by Esteban Garcia, Kate Holloway, and Debbie Shiba

May 1-31, 2025, Ben Oki Scholarship applications due. Please see flyer.

May 31 – June 1, 2025, Coastal Bonsai Club Annual Show, Sherman Library and Gardens, 10am to 4pm. There will be a demo on both days. The Fuchsia Society annual sale will also be there. For more information, please see www.coastalbonsaiclub.com

June 28-29, 2025, Orange County Bonsai Society Bonsai Show (OCBS), Cool Japan Center in Irvine, 4199 Campus Drive, Suite A, Irvine, CA 92612.

June 8, 2025, LA Bonsai Swap Meet, 10am to 12pm, Woodley Park, 6076 Woodley Ave, Van Nuys (south end of parking lot). Enjoy a day of shopping, swapping, or selling bonsai plants, tools, and pots. EVERYONE is welcome to this free event. For more information, email minguseyes@gmail.com or join us on Facebook at LA Community Bonsai Swap Meet Group. Please see flyer.

July 19, 2025, Christmas in July, dinner and white elephant exchange, 6pm at the home of Tom and Caroline Lau. Please see flyer.

August 16, 2025, Kofu Kai annual benefit auction, in the large hall at Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim. Drop off auction items from 5 PM, auction starts at 6:30

August 16 & 17, 2025, John Y. Naka Memorial Exhibit Bonsai Show, George J. Doizaki Gallery at the Japanese American Community Cultural Center (JACCC), 244 So. San Pedro St. in Little Tokyo, 10am to 4pm. The Naka Memorial Exhibit is a juried exhibition where jurors will help select the best trees out of the submission pool. This means we need your help to make this show the best it can be! Our 4 jurors are Carmen Leskoviansky, Matthew Galacio, Ryan Pitts, and Julian Tsai. Please use this link for submission instructions: [Submissions](#). **Deadline for application submission has been extended to June 1, 2025.** Details can be found at <https://nakamemoralexhibit.com>.

October 24-26, 2025, GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous, 9:00 AM – 5pm, 9:00 AM – Oct 26, 2025, 1:00 PM, Mission del Oro Hotel, 13070 CA-33, Santa Nella, CA 95322, USA

Biennial GSBF event. Headliners, Suthin Sukosolvisit and Mauro Stemberger will host BYT workshops on Friday. Multiple workshops will be held Friday and Saturday. Vendors all three days. Free educational seminars and BYB hospitality hours. Live and silent auctions. Registration for the convention and workshops will open on June 9, 2025 at 9am. For more information, www.gsbfbonsai.org

***Date change, November 14-16, 2025, Kofu Bonsai Kai annual exhibit at the Bowers**

Museum in Santa Ana. Set up is on Thursday November 13 setup and the show is the 14 - 16. Contact Carol Upston to show a tree.

New ZOOM Link. Baikoen meetings will continue to be recorded live and zoomed by Tom.

Here is a new link. We will be streaming our meetings live to everyone. However, it is not interactive. We encourage people to either watch the recording on YouTube or join us in person.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8328571089?pwd=1Fqg0SeV9vFT5RaF5vf3pyeVUAIYoE.1>

Tom's videos: If you have missed any of the videos that Tom has produced, here is the link to view all of them. https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=baikoen+bonsai+club

Baikoen Demo Schedule – 2025

June 19, 2025	Debra Maury-Melitz, Kusamono talk & workshop
July 17, 2025	Cesar Ordonez, CBS Artist
August 2025	No Meeting
September 18, 2025	TBA
October 16, 2025	TBA
November 20, 2025	Seth Nelson, CBS Artist
December 2025	No Meeting