

# NEWSLETTER



**Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai**

**Will Baddeley**  
**Carver Extraordinaire**

**Next meeting March 20, 2025**  
**Bamboo Room**

LA Arboretum  
301 North Baldwin Avenue  
Arcadia, CA 91007

Please bring something for the raffle

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## Baikoen New Member Workshop – February 15, 2025







Here is a group picture of all the people that did a tree at the Workshop. We asked that they come of the next meeting and to bring their tree and introduce themselves to other members.



The workshop was a lot of fun and each person, had their own teacher helping and answering their questions. More workshops may be scheduled in the future.



### **March 2025 Demonstrator – Will Baddeley, Carver Extraordinaire**

At a previous meeting in 2019

You need to come to this meeting to see his magical carving with his Drumel.



## February 2025 Demonstrator – Kris Springer



The joy for me is working on trees with people and with the tree. Its health being the most important factor in all choices of work. This is a quote taken from Kris' bio and during his demo, he repeatedly emphasized this idea.

What is "Black Dodge Bonsai (DBD)?" Black Dodge Bonsai is a two man, and one truck, John Rough, Kris Springer and a famous Black Dodge. This is a reoccurring theme and the name of his garden and Kris wore a shirt and shared a shirt with Ted Matson that had a different Black Dodge truck. His truck and friends led him to become one of the best sources for Yamamori in the northeast. For Kris collecting trees is almost as amazing as taking raw stock and creating cool, wild looking trees with motion, emotion and maybe a bit of whimsy.



Joe couldn't find a Yamamori but got the next best thing.







One of the things Kris said was you need to work with the tree and not against it, the same as with yamadori collected trees. He has a more difficult time growing trees in his climate than we do. He works in a three-year cycle, first year wire, second year shape, and third year repot. In LA we can do all these things in one year. Follow the rules, then throw them out.

What does the tree have to offer? Clean up tree to show elements. Show/create taper to show movement. Trees always sow interest in motion. Healing wounds in trees, use Vaseline can increase healing twice as fast. Preparation H ointment can help heal a tree faster, but it must be a tree thate produce resin.

Old friends, Ted showing off his gift of a DBD t-shirt from Kris.





Special raffle prizes, a commemorative pot donated by Ted, and an elm donated by Ray.



The pot was won by Radford Hunt, Cindy Gold won the elm tree, and Steve Riley won the juniper!

## **Announcements**

**Refreshments** will be provided by Ric Thompson, Manuel Dizon, Jeo Cazares and Brent Martin.

**March 1 & 2, 2025, GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale**, Join us on Saturday for our live auction and vendor sales. On Sunday morning, consignment sales will occur along with our vendor sales. Saturday's events begin at 11:00 am and Sunday's events begin at 9:00 am. For more information call 707-762-9154.

**March 8 & 9, 2025, California Bonsai Society Exhibition, at The Huntington.** The Brody Botanical Center at The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. Free with General Admission. Register at [http](http://tickets.huntington.org) Free with General Admission. Register at <https://tickets.huntington.org>



**March 15, 2025, Bonsai Friends Sale, First Presbyterian Church**, 11832 Euclid St., Garden Grove, CA 92840, 9am-2pm. Lots of bonsai trees, pots, and more bonsai related items for sale. Please see flier.

**April 19, 2025, Friendship Through Bonsai at Shisei-En 2.** Save the Date, more info later.

**April 25-27, 2025, April Spring Show and Sale, San Diego Bonsai Club. Saturday April 26, 2025, 10am to 5pm, Sunday April 27, 2025, 10am to 4pm.** Casa del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park, San Diego. Free to the public. Club member bonsai exhibition. Trees, pots, and materials for sale (all sales are cashless). Bonsai technique demonstrations each day at 11:00am and 1pm.

**June ?, 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](mailto:minguseyes@gmail.com) or join us on Facebook at LA Community Bonsai Swap Meet Group.

**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.

**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](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=baikoen+bonsai+club)

## **Baikoen Demo Schedule – 2025**

March 20, 2025	Will Baddeley, carver extraordinaire
April 17, 2025	Michael Roberts, return of the cork bark elms
May 15, 2025	Heike van Gunst, CBS Artist
June 19, 2025	Debra Maury-Melitz, Kusamono workshop
July 17, 2025	CBS Artist
August 2025	No Meeting
September 18, 2025	TBA
October 16, 2025	TBA
November 20, 2025	CBS Artist
December 2025	No Meeting