

NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Julian Tsai

CBS visiting Artist Program

Thursday, February 17, 2022, 7:00pm

Bamboo Room

Arboretum of Los Angeles County

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Please bring something for the raffle

February Demonstrator ~ Julian Tsai CBS Artist, February 17, 2022

Please come join us when Julian Tsai does a demo with the Fern Leaf Hinoki Cypress. This meeting will not be a workshop.

Background on Julian Tsai. Check out his Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/julian.tsai.585>, on his current projects,



My name is Julian Tsai. I'm currently an apprentice at Fujikawa Kouka-en. After getting increasingly involved and hooked over the past few years I decided to make the jump and commit to pursuing bonsai as a career. I hope this blog can serve as a resource, not only for my readers but one for me to meet people and broaden my opportunities.

I began my interest in bonsai in summer of 2014. At the time I was an avid surf fisher hitting local Southern California beaches to catch perch, croakers, and the occasional shark. On my last outing instead of hooking any PRs, I found a large rock reminiscent of a mountain caught in the whitewater of the surf. Immediately I thought a tree would look cool on it and in my efforts to see if I could do so, I found bonsai. I was hooked.

Bonsai has since become a huge part and passion of my life. It's a creative outlet for me where I can pursue horticulture, art, and instill patience and perspective in my values. There really is nothing else like it out there and I hope to integrate it in my life for many years to come.

Apprentice at Fujikawa Kouka-en
August 2018–

Harry Hirao GSBF Award Receptient
October 2018

UC Riverside BS in Material Science and Engineering
June 2018

We welcome new members to the club: Soumitra Athavale, Daniel Betancourt, Eddy Castillo, Tessenia Reyes, April Castillo, Art Galindo, Jason & Renee Chan, Colleen & Steve Gates, Zack Hamra, Michael Hernandez, Robert Hoogeveen, Radford & Martha Hunt, Shawheen Keyani, Godwin Milrer, Manny & Denise Montanez, Marren Padrones, Nelson Sanabria, Grace & Chris Sato, Dustin Shang & Charleen Leang and Toshio Yorita.

58th Winter Silhouettes Show – January 22 & 23, 2022

With beautiful weather, our show opened to crowds eager to see our trees. After the high winds experienced by many the night before, peace and sunny days reigned at our show. There were 31 bonsai trees organized by Lindsay Shiba at Ayres Hall at the LA Arboretum. Meeting new and old friends was the highlight of the day and just being out and about to see bonsai trees made it a perfect day.

Here are trees that were shown at the show from club members and guests.



Catlin Elm – Ellen Keneshea



Chi Chi Ginkgo in Honor of Jim Barrett – Manuel Dizon



Chinese Elm – Jacqueline Zinder



Chinese Elm – John Neilson



Chinese Elm – Mary Morrissey



Chinese Elm – Robert King Marina Bonsai Club



Chinese Quinces – Ted Matson



Cork Bark Elm – Michael Roberts



Cork Bark Maple – Joe Galgoul



Crape Myrtle – Kathy Benson



Ginkgo – Greg Kathol



Ginkgo – Brian Grant, South Coast Bonsai Association



Ginkgo – Robert Hoogeveen



Hackberry – Jeovanny Cazares



Hawthorne – Takuo Nakamura



Japanese Maple Shishiohime – Ed Clark



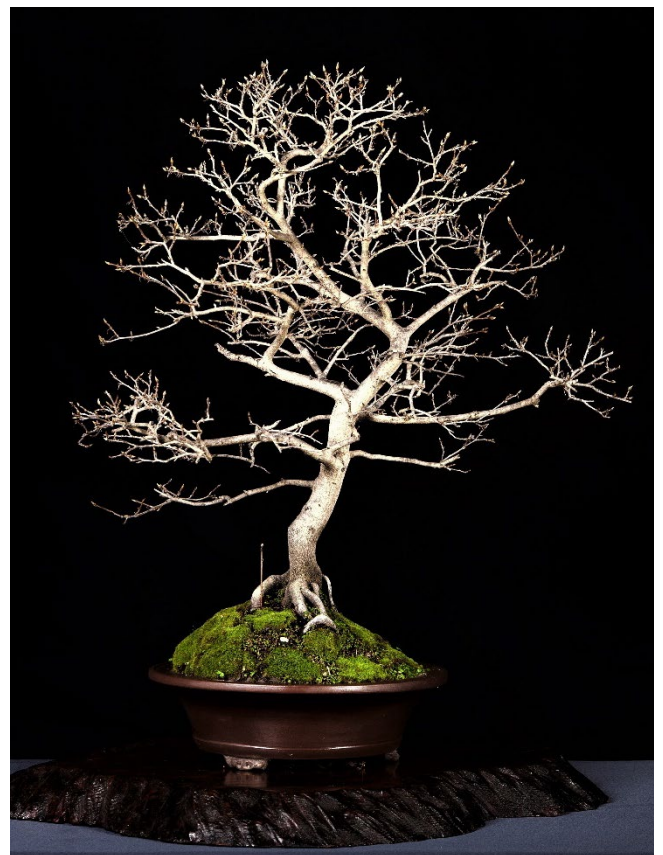
Kiyohime Maple – Tom Lau



Korean Hornbeam – Alex Marien



Liquidambar – Cesario Perez, Descanso Bonsai Society



Princess Persimmon – Kenji Ikari



Shohin Display – Peter Macasieb



Shohin Display – Steve Valentine



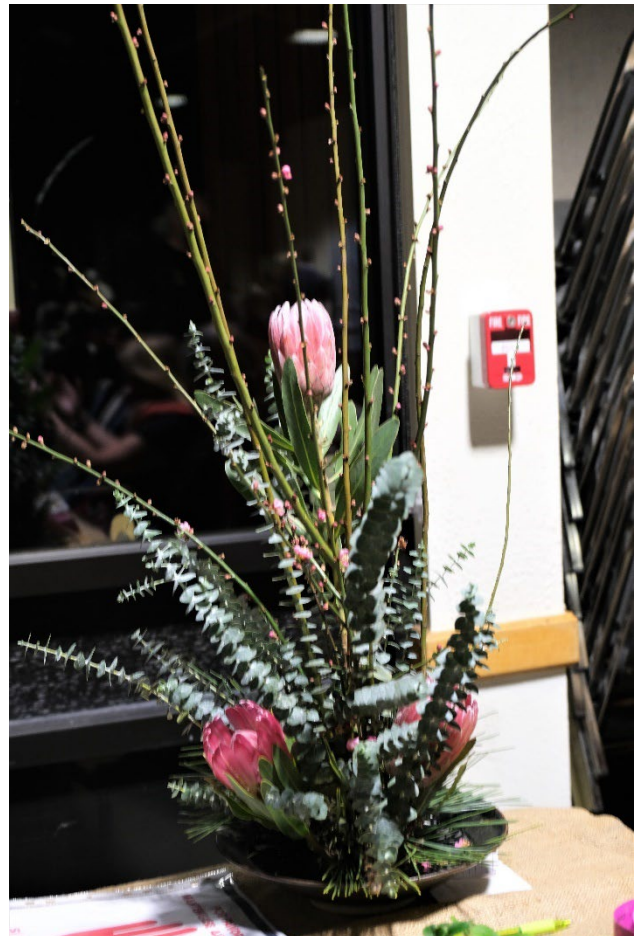
Small Leaf Linden – Jack Reynolds



Ume – Ken The



Trident Maple – Dave Miles, Santa Anita Bonsai Society



Right: Floral arrangement of Protea, and ume with eucalyptuses.



Trident Maple – Lindsay Shiba



Winged Elm = Jaime Chavarria



Ume – Shirley Quan



Ume – Tom Lau



Catlin Elm - Robert Pressler



Chinese Elm - Carol Upston, Kofu Bonsai Kai



There was a demo on Saturday and Sunday. Ken Teh did a demo using I believe a maple on Saturday and Lindsay did a critique and a question and answer with individual trees on display (top right). Then we celebrated Lindsay's birthday with his favorite paradise cake (it was delicious!)





NAGATA-KOMAI AWARD

Recipient ~ Jaime Chavarria (in front of our beautiful new tokonoma)



The reception on Saturday evening was lots of fun and entertaining. It started off with a delicious dinner organized by Debbie Shiba (center) and her helpers, (Hedy, Gus, Isabella, Nate, Mitch,

Nathan, ? and ?) who served the food.



Awarding the Nagata-Komai Award to Jaime Chavarria by President Joe Galgoul and Lindsay Shiba.



Then we were treated to a special Taiko Drum entertainment and a mochi making ceremony.





And they asked for volunteers to help pound the rice.



Then the fun began. Sales of raffle tickets was brisk, and the prizes were many. Here you can see the front of our new club tablecloth.



Nic Rozman worked on this tree at our November meeting. It was in the auction.



Bidding was tough, but Mike Kelly and Squidly Line were in fierce competition with each other. Guess who won the tree?

The day ended with a lot of happy people collecting their raffle and auction prizes. A wonderful day renewing

friendships, meeting new people, buying, and thinking about bonsai.

Announcements

February 19 and 20, 2022 Annual Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale, Oakland, California. Annual Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt Mammoth Auction & Sale will be held on Saturday, February 19 and Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 666 Bellevue Ave., Lakeside Park Garden

Center in Oakland. You are invited to the biggest auction and sale of bonsai, pre-bonsai, pots, books, stands, and related material. A Mammoth fundraiser with all proceeds going to support the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt. Saturday auction preview starts at 12:00 p.m. with auction starting at 1:00 p.m. Sunday sale from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., large showing of vendors, plant sales, and much more. Purchase your bonsai needs. For further information, contact George Haas at gwhaas@comcast.net or stay tuned to [BGLM Website](#).

March 19 & 20, 2022. California Bonsai Society Exhibit at The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens.

April 2 & 3, 2022. GSBF Bonsai-A-Thon, The Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens, 10am to 5pm. Tour the expanded Chinese Garden, Walk through the Bonsai Nursery, Enjoy Vendors, Demonstrations, Auctions, Raffles, Huge Sale Area, Exhibits, Food and Friends. Suiseki, the Japanese Art of Stone Appreciation talk by Suiseki Master Tom Elias, Foemina Grove creation by Huntington Bonsai Curator Ted Matson. Free for all bonsai club members, but pre-registration is needed. More details later but remember there is still a possibility of cancelation. Check out <http://www.gsbfhuntington.com/> for a preview of trees that will be auctioned off.

November 12-13, 2022. Pacific Bonsai Expo, The Bridge Yard, Oakland, California, The Pacific Bonsai Expo is a juried exhibition featuring 70 outstanding bonsai displays and a selection of the community's top vendors. Jurors Bjorn Bjorholm, Ryan Neil, and William N. Valavanis will select the trees. Tree submission period from February 1 to April 30, 2022. For more information, www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com.

A Message from the California Shohin Society. Sorry to say that the Shohin Seminar 2022 has been postponed until February 3-5, 2023.

Tom's videos: If you have missed any of the weekly videos that Tom has produced, here is the link to view all of them.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7fXUS6h9DwoBFhagik-wA>

2022 Important Dates

January 22 & 23 2022	Winter Silhouettes Show
February 17, 2022	Julian Tsai, CBS Artist
March 17, 2022	Jason Saito
April 21, 2022	Jason Chan
May 19, 2022	Yannick Kiggen, CBS Artist
June 16, 2022	Peter Macasieb

July 21, 2022	Jose Rodriguez, CBS Artist
August 18, 2022	No Meeting
September 15, 2022	Cheryl Manning
October 20, 2022	Jonas Dupuich
November 17, 2022	Caroline Scott, CBS Artist
December 2022	Happy Holidays

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