

NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

**No meeting in
August 2025**

**Next meeting September 18, 2025
Ryan Pitts**

Bamboo Room

LA Arboretum
301 North Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91007

Please bring something for the raffle

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July Demo, Cesar Ordonez, CBS Artist



Cesar Ordonez did not come empty handed to this demo. He brought a tray full of sumo olive trees that he had dug up when he saw them on the side of the road in the foothills near Sequoia. The trees he brought in for the workshop have been grown by him for about 2-3 years.

The top photos show people looking over and choosing their olive tree for the workshop. On the right are two of his sumo olives from his personal collection. He reviewed what he would do to trim and style the trees and then started going to each person and discussing what he would do to their tree. His main suggestions were to trim the branches shorter, remove any unwanted ones and wire down the branches. It was a lot of fun listening to and seeing what he would do with the different trees. Since the trees were small, he was able to go to each person.



Here is a closeup of two of his trees that he brought to the meeting.







Here are some examples of the finished trees from this workshop.



Cesar repots his trees in 80-70% Akadama and 20-30% black lava. Keep repotting (trimming and leaves, branches and roots) and keep in a small pot so that stays small maintains its aged look. Olives are drought tolerant. If you see yellowing, then the soil is too wet. Don't let it get dry. Best time to repot is late spring to early summer. He collects olives all year round with no problem. He uses Biogold on his personal trees and Apex, slow-release fertilizer on others. Olives grow fast so you need to stay on top of your trees to maintain its style.

Thanks to Peter for helping with questions and support during the workshop.

The winner of the raffle, donated by Ray Blasingame, was Kelly Lui!



Christmas in July 26 Party

Tom and Caroline know how to throw a party! Great food, lots of food, everyone brought all kinds of delicious food!!! And Tom is a GRILL MASTER! Delicious chicken, steak and salmon. Caroline is the MASTER decorator! Everyone had a great time exchanging and trading the white elephant gifts.





Anouncements

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. Details can be found at <https://nakamemorialexhibit.com>. Please see flyer.

August 23 & 24, 2025, Orange County Bonsai Show (OCBS), 10am to 4pm, Cool Japan Center, 4199 Campus Drive, Suite A, Irvine, CA 92612 (across from UCI).

September 14, 2025, Larry Ragle Foundation Scholarship. Applications now open to four \$500 scholarships available to all bonsai club members in Southern California. To apply please send an email to larryrayglefoundation@yahoo.com, with your name, club membership and phone number. Winners will be announced at the San Diego Bonsai Club meeting on September 14, 2025. Please see flyer.

September 27 & 28, 2025, 10am - 5:00 PM, San Diego Bonsai Club 60th Annual Fall Bonsai Show and Sale, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101, 1650 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101. The free event is open to the public. More than 50 unique bonsai will be on display. Activities will include bonsai demonstrations, sales featuring hundreds of trees, pots and other bonsai items.

October 4, 2025 open 9am -5pm, October 5 2025 open 9am – 3:30pm, Chino Bonsai Club 5th Annual Bonsai Exhibit, 261 S. Junipero Serra Dr., San Gabriel, CA. Bonsai Styling demos and sales, free admission. Please see flyer.

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.

January 17 & 18, 2025, 61st Winter Silhouettes Exhibition, 10am-4:30pm, Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai, LA Arboretum Ayres Hall, 301 North Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007.

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

September 18, 2025

Ryan Pitts

October 16, 2025

Tom Vuoung

November 20, 2025

Seth Nelson, CBS Artist

December 2025

No Meeting