

# NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Jose E Rodríguez

Workshop

Bring your trees, tools and wire

Thursday, July 21, 2022, 7:00pm

Bamboo Room

Arboretum of Los Angeles County

301 North Baldwin Avenue

Arcadia, CA 91007

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Please bring something for the raffle

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## July Demonstrator ~ Jose E. Rodríguez, July 21, 2022



“My name is Jose E Rodríguez and I was born in Puerto Rico in 1977. I started doing bonsai in the summer of 2007 and began working at Futago Bonsai Nursery in January 2008.” In 2009, Jose participated in the organización at the World Bonsai Convention held in San Juan, Puerto Rico and in 2010 he won first place in the new talent contest for the Federation Latinoamericana y Caribbean de Bonsai, FELAB, in Merida, México. In 2014 he represented Puerto Rico as a demonstrator at the Latin American Bonsai Convention.

Jose has given talks and workshops on tropical trees in Florida, Houston, and Brazil and has been working at Futago Bonsai for 14 years. He enjoys working most of the time with native trees and cultivating imported tropical trees.

Jose will lead a workshop on this day. Please bring your trees, especially tropical (ficus, buttonwoods, your sheffleras, hibiscus, bougainvillea, adenium, jatropha, portulacaria), tools, and wire. Take advantage of this workshop opportunity for questions or problems with your trees.

## June 16, 2022 Demonstrator ~ Peter Macasieb

Peter is famous worldwide for his shohin bonsai. His backyard must have more than 500 trees of all variety

and sizes, and not all are shohin sized.

For Peter, shohin is the bare essence



of what bonsai is down to the fundamentals. Mainly, the trunk, 3-5 well placed branches and nothing else. Peter once told me that his favorite tree is a black pine, and he has pines in as many sizes and styles (see what he brought with him to the demo above.

He started with some Mikawa black pine whips which he purchased from <https://kaedebonsai-en.com/> or



Matthew Ouwinga. He buys them in bundles of 100 at a time. For us, he prepared the whips by wrapping the stem in raffia and wired ready to be shaped. At left is a tree that was wired and shaped, and the wires removed to show us what is possible. But first, you need to cut the candles and trim the branches. Cutting candles is the act of selectively removing or reducing the size of the candle to reduce or restrict the growth of the tree itself.

Work from the weakest part of your tree to the strongest part. When working with a layered tree, the weakest branches are the bottom branches whereas



the strongest branches are the top branches. Cut the candles on the bottom layer first, then wait 5-10 days. After that move onto your second layer, then wait, and so forth. This will ensure that your tree remains healthy and strong

throughout the process.

But Peter says the most important thing is timing. In this area, he usually cuts during the second week of June. For shohin, you want short needles so cut back in late or the end of June. Cut buds where 2-5 buds meet so needles are shorter. You want left and right buds, so you need to remove three buds and keep

two. Cut weakest buds first and wait till October to cut the second flush of buds. Cut the dominant buds left and right so needles are the same length. And only decandle if needed.



Notice the positions of Peter's hands in the above series of pictures showing his technique for shaping trees. His

left hand is anchoring/stabilizing the bottom of the stem to the soil and his right hand is moving/positioning the stem, up, down, sidewise

and turning clockwise and counter clockwise. to create the unique twisting movement that he is famous for.



Each table was given one whip to twist and turn to give movement to the tree. On the left are the whips that were collected after people worked on them, and on the right are the whips after Peter trimmed or decandled and added more twists and turns. Big differences aren't there?



Next Peter took a black pine that is about 6 years old (below right). He

looked and changed angles using wedges to decide where the front is. Then he pulled old





needles off and cut candles. He cut straight across, not at an angle, but leaving about 3-4 needles from the bundle.

Then he began wiring. After he finished decandling and looked at the tree, he said that the style would be a cascade so one side would have branches shorter than the

other.



This is the back side



And

This is the front



Peter generously donated all the trees that he worked on to the raffle.



And the happy winner of the tree was Gus!!! Thank you Peter!

Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Ben Oki Scholarship. There were many good applicants but only two could make it. Thank you to all who applied. Our congrats to **Michael Roberts** of Baikoen and Kevin Faris of Ohio who are this year's winners.

Baikoen t-shirts still available, \$20 for members. Please contact Shirley for size availability and I can bring to the meeting. We have more size medium and large shirts.

Cookie / Snack sign-up for the July meeting.

Refreshments by Shirley Quan, Charleen Leong and Peter Macasieb. Thank you for signing up.

## Announcements

July 2, 2022, Harley Newman's Bonsai Sale, 1068 El Camino Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626, Time: 9am to 1pm. What is for sale, 260 pots, 30 bonsai trees, tools, soil, stands, and turn tables. Viewing time from 9-10am, 10am numbers will be drawn, and the number holder may select what

they want to purchase.

July 2&3, 2022, 22<sup>nd</sup> The Vietnamese Bonsai Society presents their Annual Bonsai and

Nonbo Exhibition 2022. Vietnamese American Temple, 12292 Magnolia St., Garden Grove,

CA 92841 (Magnolia/Lampson), 9am to 5pm. Demonstration at 1:00 PM on both days.

Plants, Old pots Sale & auction, for more information, [www.hoicavkiengvietnamusa.com](http://www.hoicavkiengvietnamusa.com) or 949-331-4050.

July 9, 2022 Oakland, California, Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM):

BGLM will conduct a special one day auction and sale of bonsai trees from the personal collection donated by Dennis and Joanne Makishima, on July 9, 2022, at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Lake Merritt, Oakland, California. Preview of auction will start at 11:00 a.m. and live auction at 12:00 p.m. Sale follows immediately after auction. This event is predicated on the largest single donation ever made to BGLM. Bonsai trees include legacy pines, cedars, maples, and more, dating back to the early 1950s and 1960s. All proceeds go to support the newly created Dennis and Joanne Makishima BGLM curator fund. For further information, contact George Haas at [gwhaas@comcast.net](mailto:gwhaas@comcast.net) or visit the BGLM website <http://bonsailakemerritt.com>.

Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17, 2022, Plant-O-Rama 2022, Sherman Library & Gardens, 2647 East Coast Highway Corona del Mar, CA 92625, 10:30-4. Plant Sale.

July 23, 2022, Christmas in July, Tom and Caroline's house. White Elephant Gift exchange and potluck dinner. See separate flyer. Please let Shirley, text 323-828-2162 or email, know what you plan to bring.

August 6-7 2022 Orange Empire Bonsai Society Annual Exhibition, Sherman Library & Gardens, 10am to 4pm. East Coast Highway, Corona Del Mar, Ca. 92625, admission tickets \$5.

Trees on display, Workshop on Saturday, and demonstration on Sunday. Sherman Library & Gardens is responsible for selling tickets to attend the Saturday workshop. The Sunday demonstration is free to attend. Please go to the Sherman Library & Gardens website for more information.

August 20-21, 2022, the second John Y. Naka Memorial Bonsai Exhibition (former known as Nampu Kai) during Nisei Week, George J. Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, 244 So. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, 10am to 5pm.

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September 9-11, 2022, Bristlepine Cone Forest trip, more details to follow. The Great Basin Bristlecone Pines are not just the oldest things in California or even North America, they are the oldest living non-clonal organisms on our planet! They are gnarled, weather-beaten, and resilient. Come see the

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forest before the bark beetles destroy the trees.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/inyo/specialplaces/?cid=stelprdb5129900>

**October 8 & 9, 2022 Santa Nella, California, GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous 2022:** Annual GSBF event held at Hotel Mission de Oro, 13070 S. Highway 33, Santa Nella, CA 95322. Free and open to the public. 30+ vendors from northern and southern California as well as several out of state vendors will be on hand both days. Admission is free, donations are appreciated. Free demonstrations throughout the days. Bring-your-own bonsai work area. Mel Ikeda and his tomodachi group will demonstrate the art of creating bonsai amongst friends. Silent auctions of bonsai trees and related material will be held both days. Consignment silent auction sells opportunities are available. Rendezvous hotel room rate \$155 two-night minimum. For more information contact Rich Guillen at [richguillen@att.net](mailto:richguillen@att.net) or [\(831\) 348-5015](tel:8313485015).

**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](http://www.pacificbonsaiexpo.com).

**January 21 & 22, 2023, Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai 59<sup>th</sup> Winter Silhouette Show and Sale,** Temple City Live Oak Park Community Center, Live Oak Room, 10144 Bogue St., Temple City, CA 91780, 10am to 4:30pm. Temporary new location for the show. Sales and demonstration at 1pm on both days. Deciduous bonsai are featured from club members and invited guests. The Nagata-Komai award will be presented, and there will be a demonstrator at 1pm on both days. There will be a sales area with club and vendor plants, pots, tools and more. For more information, please visit [www.baikoenbonsai.com](http://www.baikoenbonsai.com) or email Joe Galgoul, [joegalgoul@yahoo.com](mailto:joegalgoul@yahoo.com).

Baikoen meetings will continue to be recorded live and zoomed by Tom. Here is the link to join the meeting

**<https://worldvision.zoom.us/j/6843230936>  
Zoom meeting**

**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/UC7fXUS6h9DwoBFihagik-wA>

## 2022 Important Dates

July 21, 2022

Jose Rodriguez, CBS Artist

August 18, 2022	No Meeting
September 15, 2022	Jack Reynolds
October 20, 2022	Lindsay Shiba
November 17, 2022	Caroline Scott, CBS Artist
December 2022	Happy Holidays
January 21 & 22, 2023	59 <sup>th</sup> Winter Silhouettes Show Live Oak Park, Temple City