

NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Ken Bross

Bonsai Display Stands and Trees

**October 17, 2024,
7pm Bamboo Room**

LA Arboretum
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October Demonstrator – Ken Bross



The October meeting will have Ken Bross showing us how he constructs a plant stand, everything you wanted to know about bonsai stands, and more importantly how to match a tree to a stand. Please help his demo by bringing in a tree, any size to this October 17 meeting. Ken will bring about 20 stands that he has, and we can all help select the right stand for the tree and discuss the reasons why the stand is matched with the tree. This will be fun and interesting. For this to work, he needs to have some trees. Please send a picture of your tree with dimensions to Mike Kelly. Mike is helping to coordinate the variety and sizes of trees to Ken's stands for a well-rounded presentation. Mike Kelly's email address is mfkus@yahoo.com or text 818-395-6791.

No, the stands are not for sale because Ken is a vendor at the Pacific Expo, but you may still order a stand, best to contact him. His email address is, barefootbonsai73@gmail.com

September Demonstrator – Robert Hoogeveen



Big Joe found a 4-foot tall Foemina (see photo on the top right middle) juniper for Robert to work on for this meeting.



This could be a challenge for some people since the tree was 4 ft tall, but Robert was well equipped with his tools and expertise to handle this project. Into bonsai since he was about 8 years old, he is a former student of John Naka and is currently president of the Orange County Bonsai Society.

Robert brought in the tree on the top right that he has growing in his yard to show the potential style for the demo tree in the future.



One of the first things you do when working with Foemina, is to wear gloves, very important. The leaves are very prickly. Looking at the tree, the first thing he did was to remove several of the lower branches.



This lowest horizontal branch will become a future jin, but it is the same size as the trunk so Robert removed a



lot of the leaves but kept some of the leave at the end so that the branch will continue to grow and gain girth.

As a side note, the foliage on this tree is all adult, there is very little juvenile leaves. You can make cuttings from this tree, from discarded branches, at most times of the year.



To bend the branch down (the potential jin) lacking raffia, he used some thick twine tightly wrapped around the branch (see above right), then wired the branch down using heavy wire (see far right). Once this was done, the rest of the tree was styled very quickly.



Further trimming of the foliage and branches followed. The lower branch on the left is covered with a cloth to simulate how it would look like when the branch is jined. Guide wires are placed to reposition a branch lower (middle and right photos).



After looking at the tree when he was done styling, he made the comment that the tree should be potted tilted forward, and recommended a rectangular pot.



The finished tree!

In the meanwhile, Ray Blasingame showed us what he brought in for the raffle. It was one of the elms that his mother Marge had trained as a shohin. This was something very special. Thank you, Ray.



The winner at the raffle was a very pleased Brent Matin.



Robert with raffle winner Ryan Pitts



All the raffle winners

Robert, Ryan Pitts and Brent Martin. Congratulations to all.

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai announced that **Sanda Cea** from our club won one of the \$250 Larry Ragle Foundation Scholarships. The names were pulled by Nina Ragle at the San Diego Bonsai Club meeting on September 15. Other winner from the San Diego Bonsai Club were Claire Cykowski and Morgan Fippingier. Justo Avila from Santa Anita Bonsai Club was the other Southern California winner. Sanda is thinking about getting more plants and taking classes with her scholarship money. This scholarship will be awarded yearly.

Kunyll (George) Zhang is the lucky recipient of the free Pacific Bonsai Expo ticket for October 27, 2024.

Big Joe gave a very short presentation showing us a fast simple and efficient way to clean calcium deposits from pots using a pumice stone.



Announcements

Cookie / Snack sign-up for the October meeting.

Refreshments by Peter Macasieb and Kelly Lui. Thank you for signing up.

October 6, 2024, Arcadia Bonsai Swap Meet, 405 South Santa Anita Ave, Arcadia, 10am – 12pm, north end of parking lot.

Kofu Bonsai Kai, 2024 Bonsai Exhibit, October 18-20, 2024, 10am to 4pm, in the John M. Lee Court at the Bowers Museum, Santa Ana. Please see flier.

October 19, 2024, Hulaween Tropical Market free community event, from 10am to 4pm, in Tustin at Mess Hall at Flight located at 1705 Flight Way. Shop small and local! There will be all kinds of plants (carnivorous, aroids, Hoyas, cacti and succulents, fruit trees, exotic hibiscus and plumerias, etc), plant items, pottery and pots, jeweler, artisan soaps, candles, clothes, and much more!

October 26-27, 2024, An Exhibition of Extraordinary Bonsai, Pacific Bonsai Expo, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Oct 26 - 27, 2024, Henry J. Kaiser Center 10 10th St, Oakland, CA 94607

The Pacific Bonsai Expo is a juried exhibit featuring beautiful bonsai and top vendors from across the US. Saturday, October 26 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday, October 27 9:00 - 4:00 pm. For more information, visit <https://pacificbonsaiexpo.org/> Tickets are now on sale at the website.

October 28, 2024, 6:30 pm, Golden Zoom with Jason Chan. Jason will discuss growing, planning, repairing, and developing raw material for bonsai followed by Q&A. The link for viewing will be sent later.

December 14, 2024, Baikoen Christmas Party at Lindsay and Debbie Shiba's home. Please see flier.

January 18 & 19, 2025, 61st Baikoen Winter Silhouette Exhibition, Los Angeles County

Arboretum, Ayres Hall, 10am to 5pm. The first bonsai show of the year, featuring deciduous trees. Please see flier.

January 31-February 2, 2025, California Shohin Society, Santa Nella, CA.

<https://www.calshohin.org>

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. Please see flier.

October 24-26, 2025, GSBF Bonsai Rendezvous, Santa Nella, CA <https://www.gsbfbonsai.org/>

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, as 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 – 2024

October 17, 2024	Ken Bross
November 21, 2024	Elle Nieto-Brodnick, CBS Artist Meet at the Temple City Community Center
December 2024	No Meeting, Happy Holidays
December 14, 2024	Christmas Party, see flier

Baikoen Demo Schedule – 2025

January 16, 2025	No Meeting, Arboretum Light Show
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January 18 & 19, 2025	61 st Baikoen Winter Silhouette Exhibition LA Arboretum
February 20, 2025	CBS Artist
March 20, 2025	Will Baddeley, carver extraordinaire
April 17, 2025	Michael Roberts, return of the cork bark elms
May 15, 2025	CBS Artist
June 19, 2025	Debra Maury-Melitz, Kusamono workshop
July 17, 2025	CBS Artist
August 21, 2025	No Meeting
September 18, 2025	TBA
October 16, 2025	TBA
November 20, 2025	CBS Artist
December, 2025	No Meeting

