

NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

No meeting in August, 2024

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Take time to look at your trees. Trim, defoliate your deciduous trees as needed. Repot your tropicals. Weed. Water and fertilize your trees.

Liliana Marcela Tello Ortiz – July Demonstrator

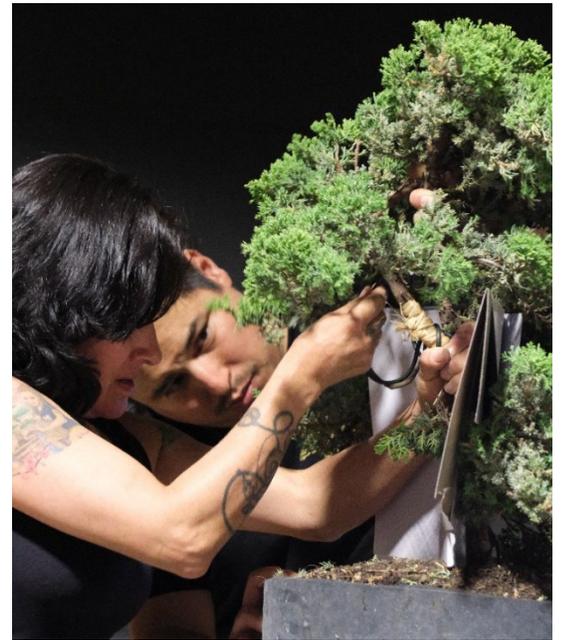


Big Joe brought the demo tree at a nursery for \$45, good price. But no one realized that the tree had two trunks. Liliana quickly found out and used pieces of a cardboard box to visually separate out the branches (below). One side was very tall (below left) and full and the other branch (below right) was low and not as vigorous. So the question was, what to do with this smaller branch? To cut or not to cut?





First Liliana wrapped the branch she wanted to lower with raffia to protect the bark and branch (to help prevent cracking). She used the twist and turn method of applying the raffia. Using a large gage wire she wired the branch and moved it into position before using "Jack", a bonsai bender.







The branch that was wired over the raffia was pulled into position with best friend “Jack”. It was difficult to position the branch because there was nothing strong and stable to hold the guide wire except the plastic pot. As you can see below right, with the guide wire and the wired branch, together the branch is kept in position.

If you were wondering what happened to the smaller stem, Lilianna cut the top portion off and left the bottom.

Some notes about Lilianna’s talk, junipers and tropicals are her favorite trees. Her best friend is named Jack, the Bonsai bender. The first thing to do with a new tree is to choose a design and clean up the tree. She wanted to compact the tree with bending, wire down branches and jin. Junipers are the best to study because you learn many techniques, but not defoliation. A nursery tree will not be perfect. Ideally each tree will have little wire, with branches put in position. She prefers to cut to compact the tree, then let grow out and up. She prefers to cut then arrange branches.



Back view of the tree



Front of the tree



And the winner of the raffle? Mr. Squiggle line himself!

Bob Pressler

It was a fun evening.

We all had a great time at Tom and Caroline's home for the Christmas in July party. Here are a few pictures.



Announcements

Larry Ragel Foundation Scholarship. Applications open for bonsai club members in Southern California, with less than ten years of experience in bonsai, living in Los Angeles or San Diego areas. Two \$250 scholarships will be awarded to Los Angeles residents and two \$250 to San Diego area residents on September 28/29, 2024, at the San Diego Show. Please send email to larryragelfoundation@yahoo.com

with your name, address, phone number, email address, name of bonsai club that you are a member of, and number of years of bonsai experience.

August 3, 2024, Larry Ragle Plant and Pot Sale, 9am to 4pm.

There will be a plant and pot sale from the estate of Larry Ragle at the home of Fred Miyahara, on Saturday, August 3rd from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Fred will assign time slots to manage the flow of shoppers and can be reached at (619) 316-8189. This sale will benefit the Larry Ragle Scholarship Fund which the SDBC oversees and is administered by Fred. Every September the winner will be announced at our Fall Show.

Anyone with less than 10 years of bonsai experience may enter the Larry Ragle Scholarship Award Contest and apply the \$250 award to any bonsai class, material, or bonsai related experience they choose. Fred will be accepting applications by phone or in person at the August and September SDBC Club meetings. Only your name and phone number are needed to enter.

August 17 & 18, 2024, John Y. Naka Memorial Bonsai Exhibition at Nisei Week, 10am to 5pm,

Japanese American Community Cultural Center (JACCC), George J. Doizaki Gallery, 244 So. San Pedro St. Los Angeles, CA 90012. For more information, please contact Ted Matson, 626-398-8412 or tmatson@earthlink.net

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.

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.

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

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

August, 2024

No Meeting

September 19, 2024

Robert Hoogeveen

October 17, 2024

Debra Mauzy-Melitz – Kusamomo

November 21, 2024

Elle Nieto-Brodnick, CBS Artist

December 2024

No Meeting, Happy Holidays

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