

NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

**No December meeting
Happy Holidays**

Bamboo Room

LA Arboretum
301 North Baldwin Avenue
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Please bring something for the raffle

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November Demonstrator – CBS Seth Nelson



Seth Nelson kept busy with this large Prostrata juniper. He worked his way from the bottom to the top, pruning and cleaning, creating jin and extended shari on the trunk. You can see some of these steps in the following pictures.



Seth wrapped electrical tape from Home Depot around the branch then put heavy wire over the tape, instead of using raffia to protect the bark (above).





Ray Blasingame generously donated an American Elm (top) and a crab apple (below) Top, Esteban won the elm and Peter won the crabapple (below)



The styled tree! It will be raffled at our show in January.

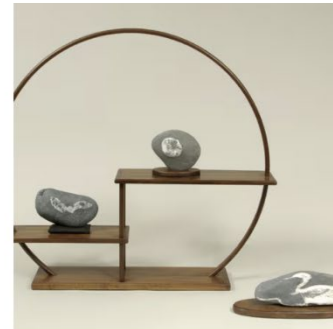
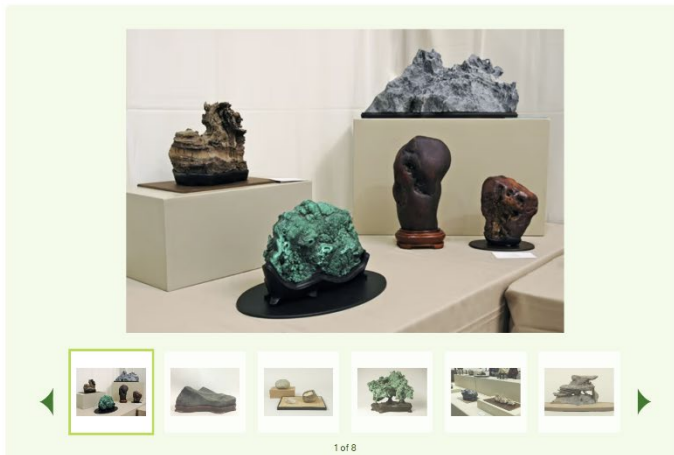
Announcements

December 6, 2025, Christmas Party at the home of Debbie and Lindsay Shiba, 1pm start. Don't forget to RSVP to Debbie. Please see flyer.

December 26-30, 2025, The California Aiseki Kai presents its 36th annual show featuring outstanding examples of suiseki and other viewing stones. The Huntington, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108

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Practiced in Asia for centuries and gaining popularity around the world, the art of viewing stones invites contemplation of the subtle, often fanciful forms that have been shaped by nature, the elements, and time.



Fri., Dec. 26, 2025, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 27, 2025, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 28, 2025, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 29, 2025, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Tue., Dec. 30, 2025, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Free with general admission

Various locations: Brody Botanical Center,
Ahmanson Classroom and Banta Hall



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Peter's new web site: <https://www.petersshohin.com/>

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. First bonsai show of the year, trees in their leafless beauty. Pre-bonsai, pots, and tools for sale. Giant raffle/auction and entertainment. Demonstrations both days at 1:00 pm. Nagata-Komai Award Presentation to Cheryl Manning.

- [The 2027 Pacific Bonsai Expo will be held on February 6-7, 2027, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, California. We'll have updates about the event soon so stay tuned!](#)
- [The 2026 Winter Shohin School will be held on January 31 – February 1 at Lincoln Park's Harrison Recreation Center in Alameda, California. Registration will open in about a week.](#)

[The event features one day of display education \(Saturday\) led by Daisaku Nomoto, a judge for the Gafu-ten exhibition in Japan, and one day of workshops. This year we're teaming up with Eric Schrader of Bonsaify to provide hand-picked workshop material, and we'll have time for bring-your-own-tree sessions too. Vendors will be on hand with trees, stands, and containers for shohin bonsai. More info coming soon!](#)

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.

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
Please remember to turn off your microphone when viewing the video.

Baikoen Demo Schedule – 2025

December 2025

No Meeting

Baikoen Demo Schedule – 2026

January 2026

No Meeting
Winter Silhouettes Exhibition

February 19, 2026

CBS Artist

March 19, 2026

Josh Miller – grafting

April 16, 2026

Ryan Pitts

May 21, 2026	CBS Artist
June 18, 2026	Ernie Hasan
July 16, 2026	CBS Artist
August	No meeting
September 17, 2026	TBA
October 15, 2026	TBA
November 19, 2026	TBA
December, 2026	Happy Holidays