

# NEWSLETTER



## Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Our next meeting will be on  
October 17, 2019

Tom Vuong, Bending

LA Arboretum (Bamboo Room)  
301 Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA

Please bring something for the raffle

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## About Jason Chan, September's demonstrator

[https://youtu.be/p-9Q\\_C4oFfM](https://youtu.be/p-9Q_C4oFfM)

Jason Chan is the owner of Eastern Leaf, <https://www.easternleaf.com>. His web site has a lot of informative u-tube educational and tour videos that you should check out. Jason brought a dwarf juniper, *Juniperus procumbens Nana*, commonly called Nana juniper for the demo. It is a compact plant that



grows slowly. Nana is his favorite plant to work with in bonsai.

He started off by rotating the plant so that we could see the plant from all sides and to find the front? We voted on what was the front. He looks for three things first: 1). root base, 2). taper and 3). movement. First, he cleans out leaves growing underneath branches and cleaning up the tree. He



looks at proportions and if there are triangles of leaves on the branches and to see what can be done.

Jason starts with the first branch. He pays the most attention to this branch because after it is set, the rest just follows. Nana has very rigid branches with compact growth, so all the branches do not need to be wired. Branches are arranged in a sweeping motion. He suggests testing to see if the right size wire is used by checking if the branch moves after it is wired. If it moves, then the wire is too



small, so you need to go one size up, or sometimes a double wire of the same size can be used, but then too much wire may show which doesn't look good.

Nana can be repotted anytime of the year. He suggests a rectangular pot about 80% of the width of the tree, so about 8-9" wide. He fertilizes with Miracle-Gro, uses



60:40 Akaeama: lava, sometimes add organic soil, LGM soil mix, and pumice. No organics with black pines. Wants to have well-draining soil mixture.

When wiring he uses his thumbs to move leaves so that the wire goes into a groove on the branch. He works under and at the bottom of the plant first, or systematic from the bottom to the top. As he wires and trims the tree, how the tree will look is revealed. When the tree is cleaned, you can see the structure. Layers and pads of leaves (pie/triangular shaped) begin to reveal themselves as the tree is wired and branches set.



Jason generously donated the finished tree to the raffle. Ken Teh was the happy winner! I want to thank Greg Kathol and Tom Lau for pictures and the video since I was on vacation on the day of the meeting.

### Cookie / Snack sign-up for the May Meeting.

Refreshments by Victor Shelton, Martha Smith and Michael Kelly.

**November 21 demonstrator ~ Tom Vuong.** Tom will show his very special method/technique for bending California juniper branches. Be sure to come to the meeting to see his amazing technique.

### Announcements

**October 5 - 6, 2019 Thousand Oaks, California, Conejo Valley Bonsai Society:** 16th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Resource Center at the Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd. Show hours are 9 AM - 4 PM with demonstrations in the Bandstand at 1 PM both days. Free Admission. No sales of bonsai related items. For information, call Marj Branson at 805-373-1330 or visit our web site at [www.cvbs-bonsai.org](http://www.cvbs-bonsai.org)

**October 12 - 13, 2019 Oakland, California, East Bay Bonsai Society:** Annual Show at the Lakeside Park Garden Center at Lake Merritt, located at 666 Bellevue Avenue. Show hours are Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM and Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM with a demonstration at 1 PM on Sunday by Sergio Cuan, notable bonsai artist awarded the "finest deciduous bonsai" at the US National Bonsai Exhibition. There will also be a benefit drawing and sale of bonsai and related materials. For additional information, visit [www.eastbaybonsai.org](http://www.eastbaybonsai.org).

**October 19-20, 2019, Jim Barrett Bonsai Sale- Stock Only, 9am-4pm.** 480 Oxford Dr., Arcadia, CA 91007, 626-445-4529. 20% discount on stocks and coffee table books.

**October 19, 2019 Cupertino, California,** Midori Bonsai Club: 58th Annual Show at the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Rd. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM with demonstration by John Thompson at 1:30 PM and demonstration tree raffled off afterwards. Enjoy our new location and show room with over 60 trees on display. Show will include many vendors selling bonsai related items. Included a large club tree sale, and Doctor Bonsai will be there for guest who bring in an outside bonsai trees. Formal in class bonsai school for outsiders at 10 AM who want to purchase a bonsai starter tree for a nominal charge. Free admission, and plenty of free parking outside the building facility. For further information contact: Jack Christiansen (408) 280-7539, or [Jackchristiansen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Jackchristiansen@sbcglobal.net).

**October 24-27, 2019, Riverside, California.** Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention 42, Bonsai Forever. Convention Center, headliners, Taiga Urushibata, Shizuoka, Japan, Enrique Castano, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, Ryan Bell, Jackson, Mississippi, featuring Kathy Shaner, David Nguy, Peter Macasieb, Lucy Judd, Tak Shimazu and more. For more information see [www.gsbfbonsai.org](http://www.gsbfbonsai.org).

**November 9, 2019 Las Vegas, Nevada,** Las Vegas Bonsai Society: Viva Las Bonsai: A Bonsai Exhibit and Show at the Nevada Garden Center, Northwest corner of Lorenzi Park, 800 Twin Lakes Drive from 10 AM to 4 PM. Bonsai Demonstration by Jan Culek, professional bonsai artist from the Czech Republic. Discussion on Zen and the Arts by Zen Master Ji Haeng. Bonsai Exhibit of Society member trees. Local vendor sales of bonsai related items and club tree sale. Parking and admission is free but donations are welcome. Raffle and silent auctions immediately following the demonstration. For further information contact [irasisson@hotmail.com](mailto:irasisson@hotmail.com).

**November 23rd, 2019 Clovis, California,** Fresno Bonsai Society will conduct their eleventh consecutive bonsai yard sale from 8 AM until 2 PM at the Clovis Botanical Garden. The garden is located at 945 North Clovis Avenue in Clovis. The sale will be held under and around the big tent area. The event is free and the parking is free. Vendors of bonsai, pots and all related items are welcome free of charge. Everyone is welcome to buy, sell, or trade. There will be bonsai from both private collections and from the GSBF Clark Bonsai Collection. There will be used pots, hand-thrown pots from local potters. Look for books and magazines and display stands. The coffee is free and sandwiches will be available for \$10. Come early for the best deals. Vendors are very welcome. Please contact Mike Saul ([tinytreeme@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tinytreeme@sbcglobal.net)) for assistance. This is an entertaining event every year and a wonderful opportunity for new bonsai hobbyists to acquire better quality material for very reasonable prices.

**January 18 - 19, 2020 Arcadia, California,** Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai, "Winter Silhouettes", 56th Annual Exhibition, at the Los Angeles Arboretum, Ayres Hall of Environmental Education, located at 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 91007. Show hours on both days are 10am to 4:30pm. Deciduous bonsai in all their leafless glory are featured from club members and invited guests. The Nagata-Koma award winner will be announced, 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 [baikoenbonsai.com](http://baikoenbonsai.com) or email Ken Teh at [kenwteh6@gmail.com](mailto:kenwteh6@gmail.com).

## 2019 Demonstrator List

September 19	Jason Chan
October 17	Tom Vuong, Bending
November 21	Todd Schalfer - USA, CBS Guest Artist
December 2019	No meeting/Happy Holidays

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