

# NEWSLETTER



## Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

### Michael Roberts Part I - Training a Cork Elm

Thursday, January 19, 2023, 7:00pm  
Ayres Hall

**Temporary New Location**

Ayres Hall  
LA Arboretum  
301 North Baldwin Avenue  
Arcadia, CA 91007

**Please bring something for the raffle**

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## New meeting room and entrance to the Arboretum



New meeting room will be in Ayres Hall, next to the New North Entrance of the Arboretum (see above map).

## **Christmas Party – December 10, 2022**

Lindsay and Debbie Shiba hosted a fun filled Christmas party. Here are some photos of the white elephant gift exchange.



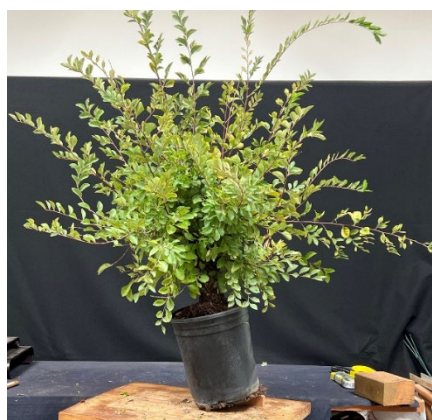
## Looking Ahead – Three Part Sessions on How to Train a Cork Elm with Michael Roberts

Baikoen meetings return to the Arboretum in Ayres Hall in January 2023.



Meetings will be in three parts, January 19, 2023, April 20, 2023, and September 21, 2023. See how Michael cares, prunes, and fertilizes his Cork Bark Elms so that you too in a few years can have a gorgeous tree like the one he showed at the Baikoen 2019 Winter Silhouettes show. The sessions will start with three different Cork Bark trees. Here are pictures of the trees (all generously donated by Ed Clark of Round Valley Bonsai Nursery).

Michael will work on one of the trees, selected by the club members at the meeting day. He will show us how he styles a nursery stock tree at



different times of the year and what it entails. Not sure if he will repot the tree in a wood box at this time.

The tree will then be put up in the raffle. The same techniques that were used with this tree will be applied to the other two trees later by Michael and Joe separately.

At the April meeting, all three trees come back, and Michael will show us again what he does. A second tree of the remaining two trees will be

selected at that time, worked on at the meeting, and then raffled off at the meeting, just like the first. In September, all three trees return, and Michael shows us what he does during September with his trees and the last tree is raffled off. Where else can you get this kind of real time instruction (three times), have all your questions answered and a Cork Bark Elm for the price of a raffle ticket? Of course, it will take a few years of caring for the tree for it to become a masterpiece. If you're confused, come to the meeting and it will become crystal clear.

Here is what Michael says: "Shirley, here are three possibilities for our demos next year. As you can see, they are quite rough. One of these shows a three-trunk possibility while the other two are single trunk informal uprights. One of those two could be a slant style. We will know better when we cut down the tops and clear away some of the crossing interior branches." These are rough nursery grown by Ed Clark. Approximately 7 - 10 years old. No training at all. Most likely we will have to make drastic cuts to begin our process. Any cuts Ed made were purely to make it easier for him to repot during his handling of the trees. The trunks on the 3rd tree piece are about 1" each... the other two have trunks about 2 1/2" - 3". I have done no work on these trees at all so far.

This will be an interesting meeting, a lot of interactions, questions, and answers. Mark the date in your calendar!

## **Membership Dues**

We will start collecting membership for 2023 dues in December. Because of higher expenses, we have

made the hard decision to increase membership dues to \$30 for single membership and an additional \$5 for each family member.

### **Cookie / Snack sign-up for the January meeting.**

Refreshments by Shirley and Charlene Quan. Thank you for signing up.

### **Announcements**

**January 7, 2023, field trip to Round Valley Nursery.** Carpool or caravan. Please let Shirley know by January 3, if you plan to go.

**January 7, 2023, Grand Opening of Kimura Bonsai's new garden and educational center in Castaic California, Kashi no ki-en-The garden of the Oaks.** Kashi no ki-en -The garden of the Oaks. We will have an open house on Saturday January 7th from 9am until 3pm to showcase our new bonsai garden and education center. We will have several demos going on by some of our resident and guest teachers, bonsai on display for your enjoyment and to purchase as well as pre-bonsai , pots and tools. There will be food and drinks and fun to be had for all. Conveniently located just minutes off the 5 Freeway near Magic Mountain come visit and immerse yourself into a world of bonsai unlike any other in Southern California. Kashi-no-ki 30535 Hasley Canyon Rd. Castaic CA 91325.

**January 7 & 8, 2023. The Vietnamese Bonsai Society 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bonsai & Nonbo Exhibition,** 10am to 7:00pm. The Asian Garden Mall, 9200 Bolsa Avenue Westminster, CA 92683. Demonstration at 1:00pm on both days. For more information please call (949) 331-4050.

### **January 14, 2023, Kimura Bonsai Nursery is pleased to announce the start of our 2023 education schedule featuring our resident guest artist/teacher Michael Roberts** at

Kashi no ki-en in Castaic, CA

Michael Roberts - Winter thru Summer Workshops and BYOT (Bring Your Own Tree) schedule.

Michael Roberts has been a practicing bonsai artist for over 25 years and is well known throughout the state as a serious practitioner. His trees are recognized throughout the bonsai community for their scale, advanced ramification and artistry.

Workshops are scheduled on the 2nd Saturday from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm each month (unless otherwise noted). Class sizes are limited to 8 participants and require advance reservation. Call (818) 343-4090  
BYOT, Each Saturday workshop will be followed by a BYOT (Bring Your Own Tree) workshop from 1:30 – 4:30. Participants will be limited to one or two trees depending on size of the tree and the work to be performed. Please call for availability. Call (818) 343-4090

Workshop schedule

**January 14th** – 5-6 year old - 5 gal Yaupon Holy, repotted into 12" grow box. Help with initial branch selections and rough wire into shape. Class includes tree, grow box, soil, and wire. Tools for shaping will be provided.  
\$125.00

**February 4th** – 8-10 year old American Beech, repotted into a 12" grow box. Help with initial branch selections and rough wire into shape. Class includes tree, grow box, soil, and wire. Tools for shaping will be provided.  
\$200.00

**March 11th** – 7-8 year old 5 gal. Boxwoods – repotted into 12" grow box. Help with initial branch selections and rough wire into shape. Class includes tree, grow box, soil, and wire. Tools for shaping will be provided.  
\$135.00

**April 8th** – Surface root development on 10-12 year old year old well-developed Catlin Elms. Class will consist

of developing good surface roots by ground layering at the base of the trunk. Class includes tree, rooting hormone, pot extension, soil and wire. Any tools for work to be performed will be provided. \$250.00  
May 13th – Raft Style planting on 6-7 year old 3 gal San Jose Juniper – repotted in a 8” x 18” grow box. Tree, grow box, soil, wire and tools for shaping will be provided. \$150.00  
June 10th – 5-8 year old Foemina Junipers – repotted into a 8” x 18” grow box. Class includes 2 trees, grow box, soil, wire. Tools for development & shaping will be provided. \$200.00  
July 8th – 5-6 year old 5 gal Crape Myrtle – repotted into 12” grow box. Class includes tree, grow box, soil and wire. Tools for development & shaping will be provided. \$125.00  
August 12th – 6-7 year old 5 gal Bougainvillea – repotted into 12” grow box. Class includes tree, grow box, soil and wire. Tools for development & shaping will be provided. . \$125.00  
All class sizes are limited... To best serve you, please contact us at Kimura Bonsai Nursery to reserve your time in advance. (818) 343-4090 or email kimurabonsai64@gmail.com Classes to be held at Kashi no ki-en (The garden of the oaks) 30535 Hasley Canyon Rd. Castaic CA 91384

### **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. Demonstration at 1pm on both days. Deciduous bonsai are featured from club members and invited guests. The Nagata-Komai award will be presented to Dave Miles. 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).

**January 23, 2023, Sergio Cuan-Golden Zoom Series, 6:30pm.** A link will be sent to you when it is available. If you missed the last Golden Zoom event with Bjorn Bjorholm, here is the link for the video.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XezdVWlrh0E>

**February 3-5, 2023, 18th Biennial Shohin Seminar,** Hotel Mission De Oro, 13070 S. Highway 33, Santa Nella, CA 95322. Registration open now. For more information, <http://www.calshohin.org/>

**Annual Mammoth Auction & Sale 2023,** Feb 18, 2023, 12:00 PM – Feb 19, 2023, 3:00 PM.  
Oakland, Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA 94610.

**February 25 & 26, 2023, Bonsai-A-Thon,** 11am to 4pm. The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens, Rotunda and surrounding spaces (near the Admission and Membership Entrance), 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108. Daily benefit drawings and live and silent auctions, vendors selling top quality tools, pots and trees, large sales area, bonsai styling demonstrations by noted bonsai masters, styled trees auctioned each day, exhibit of bonsai from the Huntington, tour of the expanded Chinese Garden and Penjing Court, tour of the new Japanese Heritage House, backstage tour of the bonsai nursery.

**October 20-22, 2023, GSBF Rendezvous,** Santa Nella, California, 10am-4pm.

**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/results?search\\_query=baikoen+bonsai+club](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=baikoen+bonsai+club)

### **Baikoen Demo Schedule – 2023**

<b>January 19, 2023</b>	<b>Michael Roberts*</b>
<b>January 21 &amp; 22, 2023</b>	<b>59<sup>th</sup> Winter Silhouettes Show</b> <b>Live Oak Park, Temple City</b>
<b>February 16, 2023</b>	<b>CBS Artist</b>
<b>March 16, 2023</b>	<b>Marcus Juniel</b>
<b>April 20, 2023</b>	<b>Michael Roberts*</b>
<b>May 18, 2023</b>	<b>CBS Artist</b>
<b>June 22, 2023</b>	<b>Ted Matson</b>
<b>July 20, 2023</b>	<b>CBS Artist</b>
<b>August 17, 2023</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>September 21, 2023</b>	<b>Michael Roberts*</b>
<b>October 19, 2023</b>	<b>Tom Vuong</b>
<b>November 16, 2023</b>	<b>CBS Artist</b>
<b>December 2023</b>	<b>Happy Holidays</b>

**\*More about Michael Roberts workshop series in this newsletter**