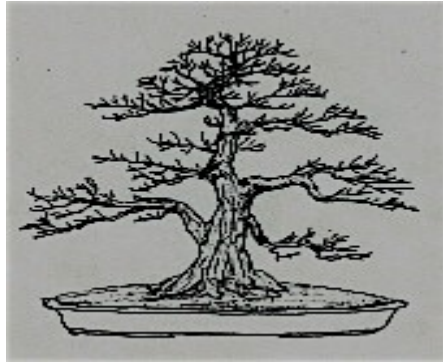


NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Our next meeting will be on

February 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Tom Vuong
Demonstrator

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

Please bring something for the raffle

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Sean Smith Demonstrator

A new year and a new meeting day. We were fortunate to have had Sean Smith as the featured demonstrator this month. He is a multitalented person with a wide variety of talents as you can see from the photos below.



The evening began with Lindsay introducing Sean, with a short summary of his background. Sean began with a short video of his study in Japan carving an ume.



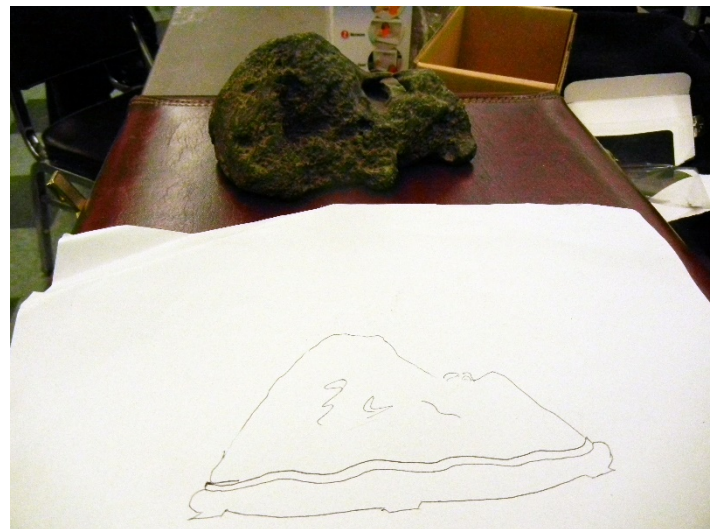
Following the video, he went around the room to offer his opinion and suggestions to people who brought in plants. At left, Andrew Chan a new member, wants to know what to do with his plant. Gustavo brought in an elm, Trident Maple and



black pine for critique. Greg brought in a maple started as a seedling over a rock.



Linsay had a suiseki and asked for advice for a daiza. As you can see below, it takes a lot of study and consultation to design a daiza to fit the stone. Sean drew a design on paper as well as on the blackboard (see below).



January 21 & 22, 2017 53rd Annual Winter Silhouette Show

As the saying goes, the show must go on, this was true of this year's Winter Silhouette show. Record amounts of rain poured on the setup day and the last day of the show. But Saturday was clear and sunny, you couldn't ask for better weather and a crowd was waiting at the door. Here are some pictures from the show.



Mel Ikeda was honored with the Nagata-Komai Award for excellence in teaching and encouraging the art of bonsai.

Below are photos from the show.



Taiko drummers







Above right is the tokonoma featuring a Trident maple forest by Mel Ikeda. Above left a cork elm forest by Takuo Nakamura.



A show wouldn't be complete without a raffle. Michael Roberts and Big Joe selling raffle tickets and (left) runners lining up with items for the raffle and auction.

Tamarisk Dig February 11-12, Location: Sunset Ranch Oasis, Mecca Ca, Time: 10:00am Saturday to 4:00pm Sunday

Look at the website for pictures: www.sunsetranchoasis.com. It takes about an hour and 45 minutes from Monrovia to get to the Ranch (210 to the 10) - it is in Mecca in the East end of the Coachella Valley. Tamarisk roots easily in water, or the plant can be dug out of the ground. The web site shows the nice area around the house and fishing lake (bass, catfish and bluegill), and there is a lot of Tamarisk covered land on the rest of the property. Please let Tom know ASAP if you want to go either for the day or overnight.

Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai will be conducting a Tamarisk Dig in February 2017. The excursion will span Saturday February 11 to Sunday February 12, 2017 at the Sunset Ranch Oasis. Which means you can come either day or dig both days and stay overnight! Tamarisk digging or cutting or chain sawing is the easiest collection yamadori species possible in Southern California. Please take this opportunity seriously, because you might not know when the next dig might occur! Overnight stay will be limited to 20 total spots including non-diggers so please email or text me (Tom Lau) ASAP if you like to stay overnight. If you just like to dig Saturday or Sunday, please also forward any communication to me (Tom Lau) ASAP so I can better coordinate the details out. Well I hope to hear from some of you soon!

Cookie / Snack sign-up for the January meeting.

Tom Lau, Gustavo Duran, Peter Macasieb and Don Osberg will bring refreshments. Thank you for signing up.

Announcements

Southern Breeze Tree and Stone Society Exhibition, February 3-5, 2017, Huntington Library,

10:00am to 4:00pm

SBT are busy preparing for their big exhibition of trees and stones at the Huntington Library, Art Collection and Botanical Garden February 3-5, 2017. The exhibition will be part of their Chinese New Year's Festival. This year, their exhibition will be staged in the Rose Hill Foundation Court Yard in the new Education Center complex near the new entrance. They have a beautiful new area to display 40 trees and 20 stones.

February 19-20, 2017, Oakland, California, GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt: Auction and Sale Fund Raiser, GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt, 10:00am to 4:00pm

The annual Mammoth Auction and Sale Fund Raiser will be held at 666 Bellevue Ave. (Garden Center Building). Saturday: Auction preview at noon with Auction starting at 1 PM. Sunday: Vendor Sales start at 9 AM, Plant Sales start at 10 AM, and demonstrations at 1 PM. The date for this year's event is a week earlier than in the past to let attendees and vendors participate in both the Mammoth and the Bonsai-a-Thon. You are encouraged to submit your bonsai for consideration to be included in the Mammoth Auction as soon as possible. Items will be considered on a first-come-first-considered basis. The Bonsai Garden will be open 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and Noon to 4 PM on Sunday, so you can check out the many changes that have been made this year. For more information or to sell trees, email and visit www.gsbflakemerritt.org.

Feb. 25 - 26, 2017 San Marino, California, Bonsai-A-Thon XXI at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. This is the annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at The Huntington. Event admission is free with Bonsai-A-Thon "early bird" registration between 8 AM -9 AM. Event hours are 8 AM - 4:30 PM both days. Pancake breakfast, demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle and auction. For more information, visit www.gsbfhuntington.com

March 4, 2017 Oakland, California, GSBF Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt

Ryan Neil will conduct a re-styling of the BGLM's Rocky Mountain Juniper to be held at the Lake Merritt Sailboat Boathouse from 1 to 4 PM. Ryan's demonstration will be a fund-raising event in support of the Bonsai Garden Revitalization Opportunity (GRO) project. BGLM is raising \$100,000 to replace worn out display and seating benches, upgrade water systems and install new pathways and windows.

Tickets are \$35 each (tax deductible) and will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Tickets may be reserved by emailing bonsailakemerritt@gmail.com with the name of purchaser, number of tickets requested, phone number, mailing address, and email address. Once you are confirmed that there is space for you, you will be asked to mail a check or credit card number, expiration date and Zip code to GSBF BGLM, PO Box 16176, Oakland, CA 94610. Once purchased, the tickets are non-refundable.

April 22-23, 2017, Fresno, Shinzen Garden at Woodward Park, 9:30pm to 4:30pm

2nd Annual Kōen-Nai No Bonsai Fundraiser for the Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen. Enjoy a wonderful bonsai weekend in the beautiful setting of the Shinzen Garden at Woodward Park, at Friant and Audubon Roads. Hours are Saturday 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM and Sunday 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Peter Tea and David Nguy will provide demonstrations for this event. The event will include a huge bonsai auction with a wide selection of trees, complimented by a mammoth vender area. Toko-Kazari Display Competition will provide beautiful artistry together with tours of the Regional Bonsai Exhibit in the garden. Several Shohin workshops will be offered. For more information, contact Bob Hilvers at bonsaigui@comcast.net.

April 29 -30, 2017, San Diego Bonsai Club: Spring Bonsai Exhibition, San Diego Balboa Park at the Casa Del Prado Room 101, 10:00pm to 5:00pm

San Diego Bonsai Club: Spring Bonsai Exhibition at the Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park. Show hours are 10 AM – 5 PM both days with demonstrations at 11 AM and 1 PM. Free admission. Bonsai pots and trees for sale, as well as other bonsai-related items. For more information visit www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com or contact Janice Hale.

2017 Program/Demonstrator List

January 19, 2017	Sean Smith, workshop
January 21 & 22, 2017	Winter Silhouette Show
February 16, 2017	Tom Vuong, demonstrator
March 16, 2017	TBA
April 20, 2017	TBA
May 18, 2017	TBA
June 15, 2017	TBA
July 20, 2017	TBA
August 2017	no meeting
September 21, 2017	TBA
October 2017	TBA
November 2017	TBA
December 2017	Christmas Party

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