

NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

Ann Lofquist,
Demo Tanuki Style of bonsai
March 15, 7:00pm

LA Arboretum (Bamboo Room)

301 Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA.
Please bring something for the raffle

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Tom Vuong workshop- Grafting

(<https://www.facebook.com/baikoenbonsai/videos/1067433200063203/>)

We are so fortunate to have Tom Vuong as the demonstrator of the month. A self-taught man, he brings refreshing new insights with applications and methods for bonsai, or in other words, he thinks (with humor) outside the box. He is famous for having big tree (bigger than he

is!), to the point he must use a hoist to work on his trees.

He brought in bags of junipers and pines branches that could be used for grafting for our club. Tom began the evening by showing us how to graft a Shimpaku juniper. A scion is trimmed and readied for the graft. The scion is trimmed so

that one side is cut longer than the other side. Below to the left, are his hand positions whenever he wants to trim anything he wants to graft.

Note his left hand does not move, only his right hand (holding the knife) moves away from his body. This way there is no possibility



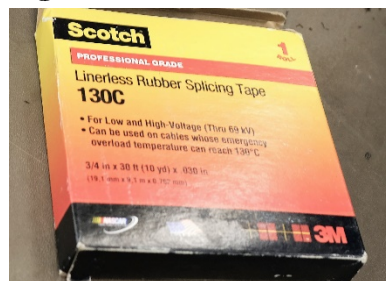
The right hand does not move, only the left hand holding the knife moves away from his body. Right thumb controls movement.

of cutting his fingers and he is in full control of the

knife movement (with his left thumb).

Next, he wraps the scion graft with rubber splicing tape. He stretches and wraps the tape over both the stem and scion together. The tape keeps moisture in and bugs out. Next, he uses zip ties to tie both the scion and stem tightly together. He starts at the bottom of the graft, then adds another tie tape above

the first one, going in the opposite direction. You can test if the zip tie is tight enough

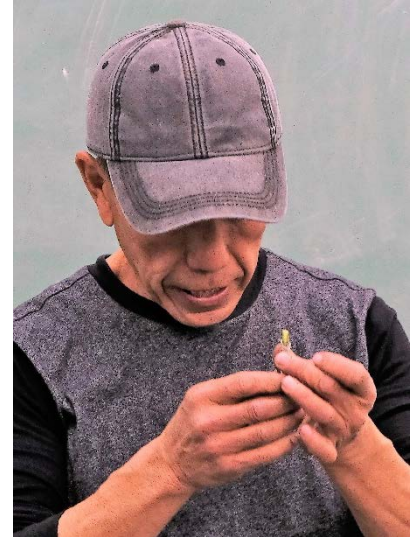
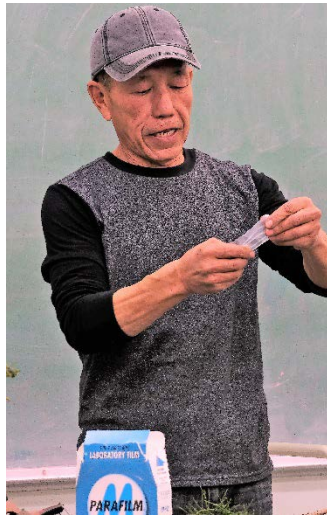
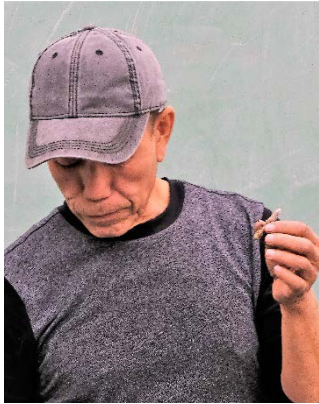


if the branch does not move if you just hold the scion by itself. If you put the top zip tie first, then there is a possibility of the scion moving so



that is why you put the bottom zip tie first. Here is the finished graft on the next page. After all the grafts are done, cover the entire plant with clear 2mm plastic bag and then place in the semi-shade. In about 2 months the bag is gradually removed slowly, and the tie tapes are also removed about 1-2 months later. Don't move the tree.

Grafting a pine is a little different but still follows the same method. When to graft pines is when there are candles. He uses the entire candle, first wrapping the candle in Parafilm, then cutting the end that goes into the stem.



When grafting a potted plant to a branch



He marks the stems so that he can get the orientation exactly the same on both stems, after he has removed the bark to expose the cambium and attaches the tie tapes. If you don't mark the placement, then you must guess where to place the stems.



The line drawings above show what is happening. The pink line on the left represents the stem that is being grafted. The white line is the scion (plant growing in a pot). The horizontal pink lines represent the zip ties and the white horizontal lines show the growth of the scion into and with the stem (this happens much later).



Close up of ties and parafilm cover

paraform is put on top. Using these techniques, Tom is able to get 60-90% (or more) success and what is more important, anyone he teaches is also able to achieve the same success.

You can tell how tight the zip ties are on the branch from the picture on the far left by the way Tom is holding onto the ties. After putting the ties on,

After finishing his demo, he went around to everyone that wanted to try his techniques and for individual



help.

Here he is shown using a wood chisel because the space is too narrow/small to use his grafting knife.



Tom generously donated one of his plants to the raffle and the lucky winner was Michael Kelly!

Thank you, Tom for generously sharing your help and information.

Bonsai Mirai videos, Ryan Neil's instructional bonsai videos are now available on the [Bonsai Society of Portland's website](https://www.portlandbonsai.org/)

"These videos were always going to be available to all the member of the Bonsai Club of Portland, but our Board has recently decided that as the function of our club is the expansion of bonsai knowledge to the public and those not in the club itself, they are now available to anyone who wishes to watch them. They can now be viewed without any password or membership requirements on the [BSOP website under Mirai videos](https://www.portlandbonsai.org/), <https://www.portlandbonsai.org/>."

Cookie / Snack sign-up for the November meeting.

Refreshments by Alex & Hedy Marien, Joe Galgoul and Nick Kapp. Thank you for signing up.

Announcements

March 24 - 25, 2018, California Bonsai Society, Huntington Brody Botanical Center, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Discover the timeless appeal of an ancient horticultural art form as the California Bonsai Society presents its 61st annual show, featuring dozens of beautiful specimens created by bonsai masters. (Additional examples can be seen in the permanent display in the Japanese Garden's Bonsai Courts.) General admission. Brody Botanical Center.

April 6 - 7, 2018 Fresno, California, GSBF Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen, Kōen-Nai No Bonsai, Bonsai in the Park, 7775 North Friant Road. We have planned a new event style this year. Join us for an afternoon BBQ on Friday and a full day of bonsai on Saturday.

April 28 - 29, 2018, San Diego Bonsai Club Spring Show, San Diego, California at the Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park. Show hours are 10 AM - 5 PM with demonstrations at 11 AM and 1 PM both days. Free admission; there will be Bonsai plants, Bonsai Pots for sale, as well as other bonsai-related items. For more information visit www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com, or contact Abe Far 619-384-0004

May 19 - 20, 2018 Santa Barbara, California, Bonsai Club of Santa Barbara, Annual Bonsai Exhibition and plant sale in Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 N. La Cumbre, (Corner of Foothill Rd.). Hours are 11 AM - 4 PM Saturday and 10 AM - 4 PM Sunday with demonstrations by Ann Erb and Mel Ikeda. Free admission. For more information, contact Joe Olson 805-964-0869, email joeyuccaseed@verizon.net, or visit www.santabarbarbonsai.org.

May 20, 2018 Van Nuys, California, Sansui Kai of Southern California, Annual Bonsai Show and Sale, Japanese Garden, Tillman Water Reclamation Center, 6100 Woodley Ave. Hours are 10 AM - 4 PM with demonstrations at 1 PM. Entry fee \$5 to show and garden. There will be bonsai trees for sale as well as bonsai related things (pots, stones etc.).

2018 Demonstrator List

January 18, 2018	Lindsay Shiba workshop
January 13 & 14, 2018	Winter Silhouette Show
February 15, 2018	Tom Vuong grafting workshop
March 15, 2018	Ann Lofquist, Tanuki Style of bonsai
April 19, 2018	Travis Goldstein, demonstrator

May 17, 2018	Will Baddeley, Carving demonstrator
June 15, 2018	Frank Yee, Jade plant demonstrator
July 19, 2018	Peter Macasieb, workshop/potluck
August 2018	no meeting
September 21, 2018	Tak Shimazu, demonstrator
October 19, 2018	TBA
November 16, 2018	TBA
December 2018	No meeting/ Happy Holidays

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