

NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

May 17, 2018

Will Baddeley, Carving

demonstrator

One of the, if not the best creator of realistic looking deadwood in the world

LA Arboretum (Bamboo Room)

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

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Travis Goldstein ~ Advance Juniper bending demonstration

Video of his demo is on Facebook,

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=%20travis%20goldstein%20baikoen>

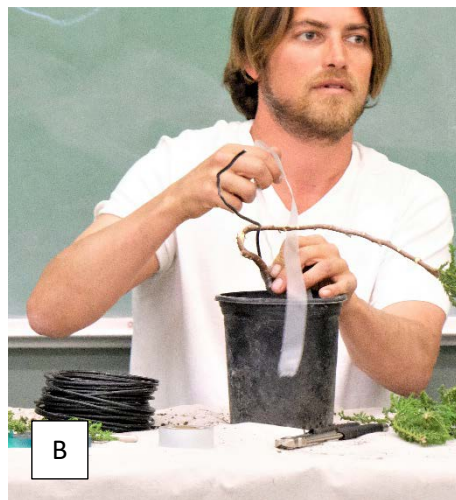


We are very pleased to have Travis Goldstein as the featured demonstrator for April. Travis also brought along his charming assistants, River and Ivy. Travis is the owner and Artist in Residence of California Bonsai Studio, 4015 N Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360, www.californiabonsai.com

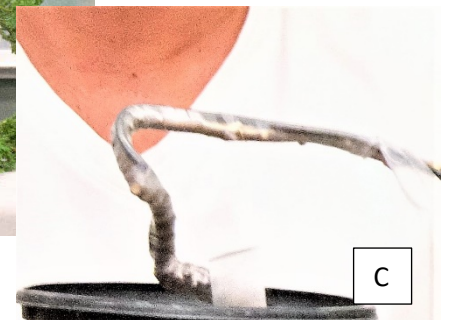
He showed us a simple and easy way to put curves and twists in a juniper stem. You probably already have all the tools and supplies needed, and will think why didn't I think of doing this? Travis has used junipers and pines with this method. His main advice is to try it and to practice. It's the only way to really be confident in what you're doing as well as to learn how and why you are twisting or turning a stem. He has done hundreds or thousands and he thinks his failure rate is about 20% (breaking a stem by forcing a bend).



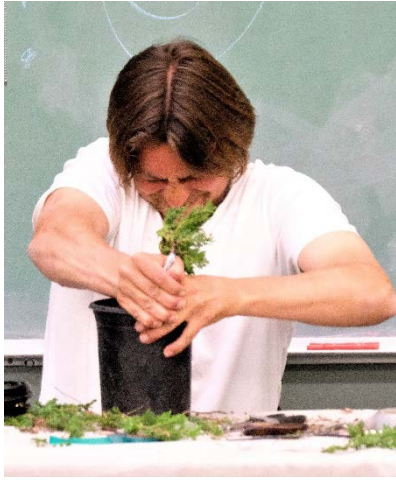
He begins by trimming off all the branches along the stem for maybe 6 to 8 inches below where the branches begin (see left (A)). He removes the bark to the cambium layer, going along the stem, from branch to branch (remember he has cut the branches off). So, it is not a straight line. He is not removing all the bark, **NOT** all around the stem, only



one side of the stem as you can see from figs B and C left, going from branch to branch.



A strong wire, in this case 5mm, I think, is inserted into the soil and set along the jin line and clear gardening tape is wrapped around the wire and stem. He uses clear tape instead of raffia because it is more convenient (no prep work needed with tape) and easier to use. In "C" you



can see how he follows the jin line. He said if you use clear tape, it's easier to see where the cut off branches are located. It is hard to put a bend where there once was a branch or you risk breaking the stem. He puts bends in the stem by pushing his thumbs against one another, sometimes with a lot of effort (see left).



Progress and different stages of development from left to right. Trimming off the branches off the main juniper stem done by Ivy, so you can see where and which direction to bend.



The wire stays on for about 6 months. By that time the stem is set and the plant is allowed to grow freely for about 2-3 years before training is begun.

Below are some examples of plants that he brought in as samples.



At the end of the evening, Travis generously donated some plants to the raffle. And the lucky winner were Peter Macasieb and Martha Smith!

Thank you very much Travis for a very interesting evening.

Field trip to GSBF Clark Bonsai Collection at Shinzen: Koen-Nai No Bonsai on April 15.
Pictures are of the grounds and show.

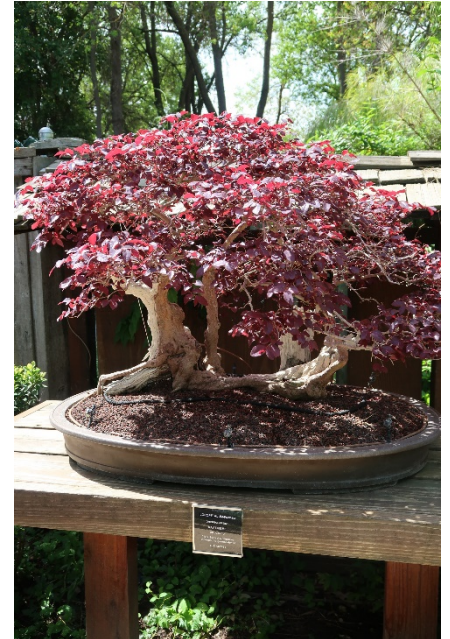




Koi, elm by Ed Clark, Bob Hilvers



curator of the Clark Bonsai Collection leading a tour, (bottom left to right) fringe plant, boxwood forest and fuchsia



Cookie / Snack sign-up for the November meeting.

Refreshments by Alex and Hedy Marien, Ron Espiritu and Shirley Quan. Thank you for signing up.

Announcements

Please review the schedule of demonstrators at the end of this newsletter. Dates have been corrected and the list of demonstrators has been updated.

May 5 - 6, 2018 Gardena, California, Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai: 33rd Annual Bonsai Exhibit & Sale "Serenity through Bonsai" Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd Street. Show hours are 10 AM - 4 PM. The show features an exhibition and sales area. Saturday events: beginner's workshop, round-robin demonstration, private dinner reception (open to all SoCal bonsai club members), and our club auction. Sunday events: Saikei demonstration by Frank Goya. The public is welcome, and admission and parking is free.

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.).

May 26-28, Santa Anita Bonsai Show, 9am-5pm, The Arboretum, 301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007
The Santa Anita Bonsai Society will present trees trained to look like miniature forest giants with trees up to four feet tall such as maples, junipers and pines will be on display.

June 9, 2018, Descanso Bonsai Society Show, 9am-5pm, Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Dr, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

July 3-5, Vietnamese Bonsai Society, Bonsai show at Bao Quang temple, 713 N Newhope St, Santa Ana, CA 92703

October 24 - 28, 2018 Sacramento, California, Golden State Bonsai Federation: Convention 41 "Creativity taking Flight" held at the McClellan Conference Center. Registration begins July 1st online at <http://www.gsbfcconvention.org/> for Convention, Workshops, Seminars, Excursions, etc. GSBF recommended lodging is Lion's Gate Hotel at McClellan Park. This year's headliners are Yasuo Mitsuya, Suthin Sukosolvisit, and Bjorn Bjorholm. Please join GSBF and Yasuo Mitsuya's esteemed students in honoring Mitsuya-san for his influence on bonsai in the modern era. Hosting Yasuo Mitsuya's visit are: Kathy Shaner, Hideko Metaxas, Boon Manakitivipart, Kenji Miyata, Cheryl Manning, David DeGroot, Gordon Deeg.

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 21, 2018	Frank Yee, Jade plant demonstrator
July 19, 2018	Peter Macasieb, workshop/potluck
August 16, 2018	Pablo Morales from Puerto Rico
September 20, 2018	Tak Shimazu, demonstrator
October 18, 2018	Mel Ikeda, demonstrator
November 15, 2018	Harry Harrington from the UK
December 2018	No meeting/ Happy Holidays
January 19 & 20, 2019	Winter Silhouette Show

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