

# NEWSLETTER



## Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai Christmas Party

Saturday December 10, 2022, 1 pm

227 Lytle Creek Road, Lytle Creek, Ca 92358

Next meeting, January 19, 2023, 7pm

Michael Roberts

Part 1, Training a Cork Elm

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

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We are back at the Arboretum, but our meeting room will be inside Ayres Hall. The driveway next to Ayres Hall is the new temporary entrance to the Arboretum.

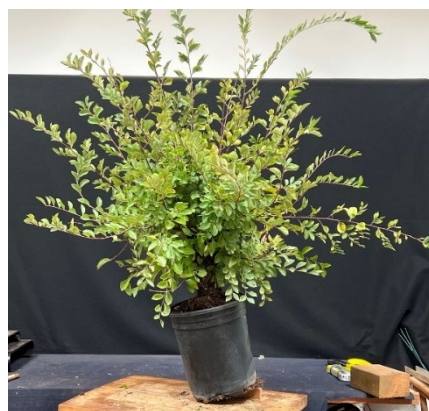
Michael will lead us in three dates, January 19, 2023, April 20, 2023, and September 21, 2023.

See how Michael cares, prunes, and fertilizes his Cork Bark Elms so that you too can have a gorgeous



tree like the one he showed at the Baikoen 2019 Winter Silhouettes Show (but in a few more years).

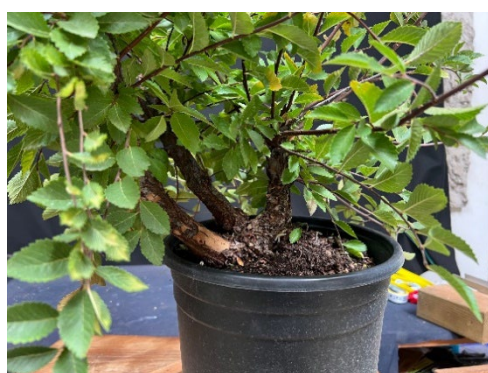
The sessions will start with three different Cork Bark. Here are pictures of the trees (all generously donated by Ed Clark of Round Valley Bonsai Nursery in Lindsay, California. Michael will work on one of the trees, selected by a vote of the club members. He will show us how he styles a tree from the beginning of this nursery



stock plant and what he does at different times of the year. Then the tree will be put up in the raffle. The same techniques that were done with this tree will be done on the other two trees by Michael and Joe separately at home.

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, 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) 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 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 Novbe a slant style. We will know better when we cut down the tops and clear away some of the crossing interior branches."

November Demonstrator ~ Carolyn Scott





The meeting began with an announcement by Bob Pressler of the Sunday after Thanksgiving CBS sale at Yamaguchi Bonsai Nursery. We want to salute Bob for his excellent guidance, sponsorship and support for all things bonsai. Bob brings in bonsai artists from around the world, hosts them at his home and transports them to meet and greet our local bonsai clubs in this area. He recently sponsored the Best Conifer prize at the recent

Pacific Bonsai Expo. Through his efforts, he has elevated the level of bonsai for all of us and we thank him.

Caroline Scott or "Caz" worked on a Procumbance nana donated by Michael Hernandez. Here Caz is



looking at the tree before anything has been done.





Caz brought along a friend, Ange, to help trim, wire and jin some of the branches.



Above, Ange uses a tool that was designed by Mauro Steinberger and distributed by Michael Jonas. It is essentially a piece of band saw blade attached to a holder. It does a fantastic job of taking off the bark for a jin. Caz believes in leaving a jin a little bit longer, so it is easier to strip off the bark and to style. She begins at the base or the nebari of the tree and then works toward the top. She believes that you learn for the rest of your life. For bonsai you first set branches and develop the tree over years. It is a 3-D sculpture. This is a nana so pruning encourages back bud. You must balance the growth with the strength of the tree. Take off more foliage on stronger branches and less on weaker ones. Take off branches that are growing downward. Natural spaces make it look like a larger tree, so foliage pads are developed to create some space. Their growing

period in the UK, near the Scottish boarder, is their summer, May to August. Nana is one of the most common trees as well as Scotch Pine and Yew. After cleaning up the branches, she was ready to wire. She uses a thicker wire first and uses both aluminum and copper. The priority is to keep



the health of the tree, so it is important to feed and water. But if you will show a tree, then do not fertilize, but if you want to promote growth, then you need to fertilizer to push growth. She repots from March to about April or May. No matter what treatment, after care is most important. The plant is stressed after repotting, so the objective is to decrease stress so shelter the tree and protect from wind and light. Let the tree recover. Moisture (mist) aids in recovery, if any work is done on the tree, then it needs some TLC. For this there is a product developed in Ireland that is a combination of bacteria inoculum with mycorrhiza and bacteria. It helps treat pest diseases an increases back budding. In oculate tree to help with stress and increase back buds. It is applied in the Springtime, then in August, mixed with water then applied to the soil. It is called Danu, a pro bio carbon.

I found some YouTube videos of this subject if you want to read further. [Danú Probiotic inoculant for bonsai - Live Stream with Peter Warren - Bing video](#)





Caz doing the final fine tuning of the branches. To the left is the front of the tree.

Below Ed, the winner of the raffle tree with Caz and Ange



## Membership Dues

We will start collecting for 2023 membership dues in December. Because of higher expenses, we made the hard decision to increase membership dues to \$30 for single membership and an additional \$5 for each family member. Memberships dues may be paid via credit card, check or cash.

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

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

## Announcements

December 10, 2022, Christmas Party at Lindsay and Debbie's house.

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. Sales and demonstration at 1pm on both days. Deciduous bonsai are featured from club members and invited guests. The Nagata-Komai award will be presented, 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 [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=XezdVWlrhoE>

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, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, CA 91108,

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)

2022 Important Dates

December 2022

Happy Holidays

Baikoen Demo Schedule ~ 2023

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

\*More about Michael Roberts workshop series in the newsletter