

#### **GSBF CONVENTION 41**

Yasuo Mitsuya • Suthin Sukosolvisit • Bjorn Bjorholm

October 24-28, 2018

Held at: McClellan Conference Center 5411 Luce Ave, McClellan Park, CA 95652

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# NEWSLETTER



Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai

July 19, 2018
Peter Macasieb
Twisted Itoigawa Juniper
Potluck

LA Arboretum (Bamboo Room)

301 Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA.

Please bring something for the raffle

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# Frank Yee - Demonstrator

# https://www.facebook.com/baikoenbonsai/videos/1150614191745103/



Frank Yee gave one of the most entertaining and informative demonstrations that I have ever heard. His stories and "corny jokes" were hilarious, and all done with a straight face!

A long-time fixture in the bonsai scene, Frank Yee taught math for 32 years and has been retired for about 24 years. He has been in bonsai for more than 50 years, having taken lessons from Ben Suzuki and John Naka.



The Jade plant (also known as friendship tree, lucky plant, money plant elephant bush or money tree) is a succulent plant. It is

native to South Africa and Mozambique. It has fleshy green leaves that are edible (you can use them in salads). The plants that Frank has, have fissured, corky bark and are miniatures (see left and



right). The corky bark does not show up when the plant is

young but may take up to 5 years to show up. Propagation is mainly by cuttings and when cutting are started from a corky stem, new growth is smooth, but corking can appear immediately, but or later. The

trees above are probably more than 20 years old. Corking in a jade plant appeared spontaneously sometime in the 1960's. Whether it was a spontaneous mutation or a reaction to DDT spray is not known but a "sport" was found and cultivated and multiplied.



Here is a gallon sized plant that was started as a cutting. The leaves and branches are opposite each other and trimming is mainly to eliminate opposite branches.

Shaping is primarily by trimming. Branches may be wired when they are young and flexible.

Just as with other types of plants, one of the first things is to look at the roots. Finding the front depends on how and where the roots are growing.







One thing that is different with a jade



plant is that when you trim a branch off (see above), it just means another plant.



When he finished, he just put the plant back into the old pot and donated it for the raffle.

During the second hour, he started a forest. First, he looked for the biggest and tallest tree and placed it in the pot with muck (a mixture of clay soil and sphagnum moss mixed with water). Muck is good because he could place the tree in the pot and wouldn't have to worry about using wire to stabilize the placement of the tree. This tree is in front of the arrangement, and other plants are selected based on the first tree. You need to be able to see each individual tree, or one tree can not be in front of another (looking from the front).

















Frank finished the forest by topping it with red lava rocks. The soil mixture was regular commercial soil mix or something that will drain well. If the jade tree is watered too much, leaves become yellow and fall off.

The lucky winner of the raffle was new member Victor Shelton.

The club welcomes new members Ken Bishop (returning after surgery), Victor Shelton, Eunice Jee, Kevin Armenta, Lara Megan Lewis and Luanne Lelewer.

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

Refreshments by Ron Macaraeg and Shirley Quan. Thank you for signing up.

## Announcements

June 2 ~ Sept. 30, 2018 Frenso, California, Clark Bonsai Collection: "Going Native" a bonsai exhibition at the Clark Bonsai Collection in Shinzen Friendship Gardens, Woodward Park. Exhibition

lecture by Curator Bob Hilvers on June 9 at 10 AM. Join us and marvel at desert Junipers over a thousand years old or an ancient Live Oak known as the Del Monte ogre. Gaze in wonder at a Pygmy Cypress that displays the very image of a coastal monarch yet is only 30 inches tall. See the rarest of the rare, a Monterey Pine bonsai. These and other wonders of the art of bonsai will be on display. Visit us at gsbfclarkbonsaicollection.org for more information.

September 6-9, 2018, Kofu Bonsaí Kaí, 2018 Bonsaí Fest at the Bowers Museum, John M. Lee Court, 2002 N. Maín St, Santa Ana, 10am-4pm daily. Featuring bonsaí trees of the members of Kofu Bonsaí Kaí and special presentations.

October 6 - 7, 2018 Thousand Oaks, California, Conejo Valley Bonsai Society: 15th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Resource Center at the Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd. Hours are 9 AM - 4 PM with demonstrations in the Bandstand at 1 PM both days. Free Admission. No sales of bonsai related items. For information, call Marj Branson at 805-373-1330 or visit our web site at <a href="https://www.cvbs-bonsai.org">www.cvbs-bonsai.org</a>

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 <a href="http://www.gsbfconvention.org/">http://www.gsbfconvention.org/</a> 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
Apríl 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 Ríco
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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