



California Bonsai Society

Next Meeting on Wednesday February 19 at 7 PM at Nakaoka Community Center
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President's Message



Spring is right around the corner. I've already been busy repotting my deciduous trees.

Speaking of deciduous trees, our Visiting Artist this month is Sergio Cuan who won Best Deciduous Tree in the 2014 National Bonsai Exhibition as well as best of show at the Winter Silhouette show in North Carolina.

Sergio is one of the best deciduous bonsai growers in the country and is no slouch when it comes to conifers either. He'll be doing a deciduous program featuring slides, talk and demo. I know that he'll be imparting information that will help us up our game on deciduous trees. I hope that we have a great turnout for him

We have other exciting guest artists later in the year that will all have great information and provide new techniques and ideas for us to implement in our bonsai work. We'll have some of the best young artists from Slovenia, Croatia and Puerto Rico here to share their skills and passion with us.

It's almost showtime! Our show chairman Lindsay Shiba is planning a great show so I hope and trust that everyone is getting their trees ready for what should be the best show of the year. One of the things that goes into a good show is lots of help to get all the work done so please make an extra effort to show up before and after for setup and breakdown as well as throughout the show to act as hosts and answer questions from the public. Show entry form pdfs are included with this newsletter. Please return them to Lindsay by March 10.

Everyone please keep in mind that it takes money to put on the show, have our guest artists and give out the Oki Scholarships. One way we can raise money is by **PAYING OUR ANNUAL DUES**. Another way is by auctioning off quality trees, pots and other bonsai related articles donated by members for this purpose. So please consider donating quality trees, etc. or cash to help us continue being the resource to the bonsai community we have become. Thank you very much for your enthusiasm and support.

I hope to see a great turnout at our February meeting for our visiting guest artist Sergio Cuan.

Events and Opportunities

Bonsai A Thon

Feb. 22 - 23, set up Feb 21

The Huntington

Demos, Vendors, Raffles, Auctions, Exhibits, Tours, PLUS a very special demonstration by internationally renown kusamono Young Choe who creates the accent plants and kusamono displays at the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection

CBS Annual Exhibit at The Huntington

March 21 - 22, set up March 20
Three demonstrations each day at 1:00 pm

Reception on Saturday March 21 at 6:00 PM

Show Chairman Lindsay Shiba
Asst. Chairman Joe Galgoul

CBS Visiting Artists 2020

February - Sergio Cuan

May - Marija Hardic

July - Christopher Sambolin

November - Nik Rozman

Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai Silhouettes Show

Photo from Nestor Torres

CBS Visiting Artist Program Welcomes

Sergio Cuan

Wednesday February 19 at 7 PM



As creative director for a major entertainment company in New York City, Sergio Cuan has been involved in a variety of creative projects around the world. He also has a passion for painting and horticulture. Early on he realized that bonsai is an ideal synthesis of both and he became fascinated.

A largely self-taught bonsai artist, he has taken workshops with Bill Valavanis, Mauro Stemberger and Bjorn Bjornholm to further his studies.

Although he works on many species including Engelmann spruce, Rocky Mountain juniper and eastern white cedar, he has a particular interest in and passion for a wide range of deciduous species including maple, elm and beech among many others. In 2014 he built a bonsai garden in Northern New Jersey surrounded by hills, lakes and deciduous forests which features many species of bonsai from Japan, Europe and North America. He also conducts private workshops there.

Sergio's work has appeared in bonsai magazines and blogs and his trees have been shown at many exhibitions and have received awards including 'Finest Deciduous Award' at the 2014 National Bonsai Exhibition in Rochester, NY and 'Best In Show' at the 2016 Winter Silhouette Expo in Annapolis, NC.

He believes that bonsai is a true art form that has much in common with painting, drawing and sculpture, but unlike those forms, bonsai is alive and there is an interactive component that gives bonsai its own unique dimension.

Please join us on Wednesday February 19 at 7 PM at the Nakaoka Community Center in Gardena and give a warm welcome to Sergio.

Todd Schlaffer was our visiting artist for November and he was an

impressive demonstrator. His design skills were evident as he tackled fearlessly several wild and rangy California junipers and set them on a path to a fine ultimate design.



The SoCal bonsai community kept Todd busy with demos, workshops, visits and having a good time.

This photo also marks a fond farewell to Mel Carrillo who has moved to Hawaii. We will miss his energetic and creative approach to bonsai and his generous volunteering.



The CBS Annual Sale

On Sunday morning, December 1st folks lined up on a chilly morning for the annual CBS members sale. A good time was had by all.



Frank Goya and Kikuyo Yamaguchi enjoying the day.



KUSAMONO DEMONSTRATION

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2020
11AM – 1PM

BONSAI-A-THON

HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
BRODY BOTANICAL CENTER
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA 91108

Join internationally **renowned Kusamono artist YOUNG CHOE** as she conducts a live demonstration and presentation at the Bonsai-A-Thon. At the presentation, she will guide you through her philosophies and techniques used to create and display your Kusamono creations. Young will create two Kusamono accent plants that will be auctioned at the Bonsai-A-Thon Sunday afternoon. The demonstration is free with your admission to the event.

Young Choe studied traditional art-ink painting and calligraphy in her native Korea before she moved to the United States and obtained her BS in Horticulture from the University of Maryland. She has studied this unique art form in Japan with master Kusamono artist, Keiko Yamane.

Young was also a propagation horticulturist at the US National Arboretum, where she currently works.

For more information about Young Choe, please visit:

<http://www.kusamonochoe.com/>

<https://bonsaimirai.com/node/470>

<https://www.facebook.com/Young-Choe-Kusamono-369885476544099/>



Saturday & Sunday, February 22nd & 23rd, 2020

10:00AM – 5:00PM

Bonsai-A-Thon XXIV

We invite everyone – bonsai novices, enthusiasts and experts – to our annual fundraising event on behalf of the Golden State Bonsai Federation Collection at the Huntington.

Find us at

Brody Botanical Center Building

The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108

- **Extensive Bazaar Area** – Select vendors selling top-quality tools, pots and trees (raw material to display-ready); masterpiece trees on display
- **Bonsai Exhibit** – By Kofu Bonsai Kai Society
- **From Twig to Tree Exhibit** – Bonsai in various stages of development
- **Bonsai Workshop for Children and Adults**– Pre-Registration required at huntington.org/calendar. Registration opens Dec. 15, 2019. Adults \$55 (\$45 for Huntington members.) Children \$45 (\$35 for Huntington members.) Children's price includes one accompanying adult.
- **Demonstrations** – Initial training and advanced styling of bonsai by experts
- **Daily Raffle & Auction** – Demonstration trees and donated trees, pots, tools, etc.
- **Guided Tours** – Led by Jim Folsom, Director of the Huntington Botanical Gardens, 10:00 AM Saturday; and Ted Matson, Bonsai Garden Curator, 10:00 AM Sunday
- **Kusamono Demonstration** – by renowned artist Young Choe 11AM – 1PM Sunday

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Bonsai club members early bird registration and Pancake Breakfast
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Bazaar and Bonsai Exhibits open to registered BAT participants
10:00AM –5:00PM	Bazaar and bonsai Exhibits open to the public with Huntington tickets
9:00 AM–2:00PM	Initial styling and advanced refinement demonstrations, open at 10:00AM to the public with Huntington tickets.
10:00 AM –11:30 AM	SATURDAY Jim Folsom tour: Bonsai Court and Chinese Garden
10:00 AM –11:30 AM	SUNDAY Ted Matson tour of the Bonsai Nursery
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Hotdogs and Hamburgers Lunch (Registered Bonsai-A-Thon attendees only may purchase breakfast and lunch in the Head House)

*If you are enjoying the California Bonsai
Society's*

*visiting artists program and would like us
to continue our mission to build the
organization and reach more people with
bonsai educational opportunities, now is
the time to*

Pay Your Annual Dues.

Thank you for your continuing support.