

CBS Newsletter

July 2019

Zen and the Art of Bonsai Maple Maintenance

Sunday July 14th 10:30 pm Chico

When should I repot? When is the best times to fertilize? When is the best times to style my maple bonsai trees? What about cuttings? What plant pests? Adam Jacobsen and Ruben Rodarte will give a society presentation and answer your questions about keeping your maple bonsai trees in top shape. In addition to answering questions, they will be styling a Trident Maple [*Acer buergerianum*] donated by Leo Martinez for the silent auction at the July meeting.

This is also a BYO event. You can bring your own maple bonsai or other bonsai plant material you would like to style or have help from the pros of the society.



Adam Jacobsen [left] and Ruben Robarte [right]



This Trident Maple will be styled and offered at silent auction.

Learn More About Bonsai Maples

<http://www.bonsai4me.com/SpeciesGuide/AcerPalmatumAdvancedGuide.htm>

<http://www.bonsai4me.com/SpeciesGuide/AcerPalmatumAdvancedGuide%20Page2.html>

What to Bring to Meeting:

Any plant material to style.

Tools to style plant.

Tarp to collect plant trimmings [all plant material will be recycled].

Any plant, pots, or anything that may be of bonsai interest for the **raffle table** [all proceeds donated to the bonsai society].

The Rest of the Story

Pat Gilmore has been the owner and caretaker of this 'Needle Juniper' for over 20 years that originally belonged to a member of the Chico Bonsai Society [Roberta Walters]. He mentioned that it was the 'runt of the litter' and was a reject from a famous John Naka bonsai.



Photograph: John McDonald

The Rest of the Story

[Goshin](#) (Japanese: "protector of the spirit") is a bonsai created by Bonsai Master [John Yoshio Naka](#). It is a forest planting of eleven Foemina junipers (*Juniperus chinensis*), the earliest of which Naka began training into bonsai in 1948.

Naka donated it to the National Bonsai Foundation in 1984 for display at the United States National Arboretum and it has been there ever since. The individual trees represent Naka's 11 grandchildren.

Naka began working with the first two of the eleven trees that would ultimately make up *Goshin* in 1948. *Goshin* first took shape as a forest planting around 1964. Inspired by a forest of *Cryptomeria japonica* near a shrine in Japan, Naka first combined the four trees he had already developed into a single, 4-foot-tall (1.2 m) composition. He soon added three more, to create a seven-tree forest bonsai (representing the number of grandchildren he had at the time).

In 1984, *Goshin* was displayed at the Philadelphia Flower Show where it was viewed by nearly 250,000 people. At the show's conclusion, Naka donated *Goshin* to the National Bonsai Federation (which he had helped launch in 1976), to be displayed in the new North American Pavilion (named in his honor) of the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum at the United States National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.



Photograph: Sage Ross

Since 1984, *Goshin* has repeatedly graced the covers of prominent bonsai magazines. Today it is one of the most widely recognized bonsai in the world.

[John Yoshio Naka](#) was born on August 16, 1914 in Ft. Lupton, Colorado. A second generation Japanese-American, he moved back to Japan at the age of 8 where he studied Bonsai extensively under the influence of his grandfather. He returned to the United States near Boulder, Colorado in 1935; eventually settling in Los Angeles, California with his wife Alice and their three sons in 1946.

In Orange County, Naka and four friends founded a bonsai club in November of 1950, which is known today as the California Bonsai Society. He became an important force in American bonsai art in the 1950s and 60s

and played a prominent role in the spread of Bonsai appreciation and art internationally.

Naka was a founding director of the World Bonsai Friendship Federation (WBFF) and a co-signer of the Constitution of the Latin-American Bonsai Federation (LABF). He was an honorary advisor to the National Bonsai Foundation and was chosen in 1992 as one of thirteen honorees to receive a National Heritage Fellowship, the first bonsai artist to receive the prestigious award.

He also published two books, *Bonsai Techniques I* and *Bonsai Techniques II*, texts that are revered as being the bibles of Western Bonsai to many artists. These books would later be translated into French, German, Italian and Spanish. A horticulturist, teacher, author and master bonsai cultivator, Naka passed away on May 19, 2004.

Article above posted online 28 Apr 2015. Link: <https://twistedgifter.com/2015/04/goshin-by-john-yoshio-naka/>

Editor's note: Pat you know my number if you want to get rid of that historical 'reject'.

Bonsai Trivia

By John McDonald

1. What is the only maple tree variety native to the Southern Hemisphere?
2. Name the genus, species and cultivar of this specimen displayed by Ruben Robarte at the June meeting.



- The correct answer for each question is worth a free raffle ticket. To win the ticket put answer on a slip of paper and place in answer jar at beginning of society meeting. The first paper with the correct answer[s] chosen from jar will win the ticket[s].

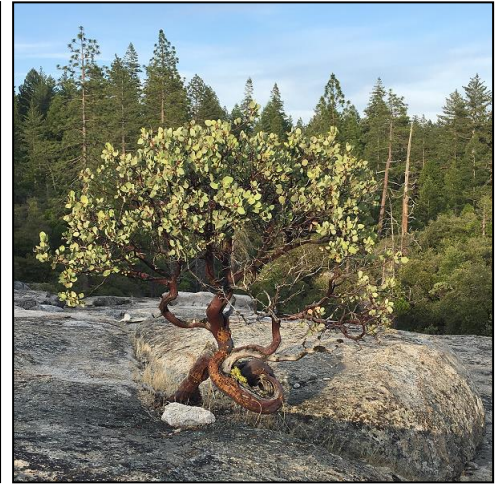
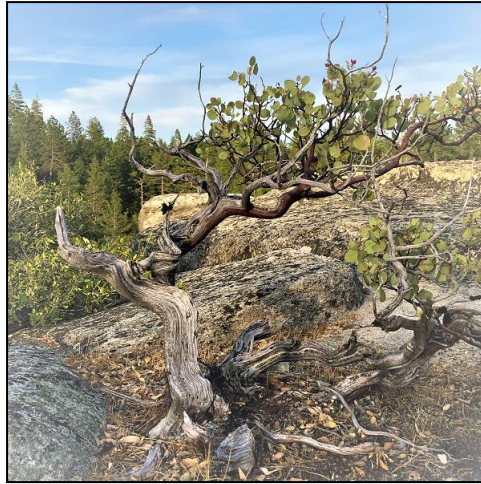
New Faces

Bill Krelle of KK Farm. First time visitor

Bonsai Inspiration from Nature

Pictures: John McDonald

Pictures taken at Big Bald Rock Trail:



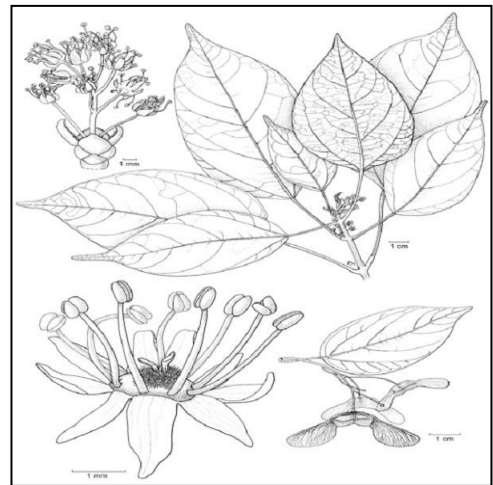
Potpourri

Would you disagree with this person?

Leo Martinez giving a demonstration about types and different uses of bonsai tools at the June CBS meeting. He looks quite persuasive with a bonsai tool in his hand. [below left]



Photograph: J.E.McDonald



Photograph: Hanneke Jelles, NHN Leiden

Can you identify this maple?

Acer laurinum Hasskari is native to Java, Sukatra and the Sunda Islands. It is the only native species originating from the Southern Hemisphere. [above right]

Behind the Scenes

CBS Board Meeting Minutes June 10, 2019 - Recorded by VP John McDonald.

Attendee's;

Officers

Present:

- Adam Jacobsen, President
- John McDonald, Vice President
- Leo Martinez, Treasurer
- Pat Gilmore, Annual Show Chair

Absent:

- Luke Smith, Secretary
- Steve Liner, CBS Store

Board Members Present:

- Ruben Rodarte

Meeting called to order at 09:30 am

Current Paid Membership [including partners, as of March 2019]: 44

Board Meeting Minutes

- John McDonald VP: Move seconded and passed: Obtain domain name for web site.:
www.chicobonsaisociety.org . Review this was deemed best way forward as the .com domain was in internet limbo as it was registered to Chuck Coate and would take approx. two or more months before the society is able to obtain. The current domain is listed and will be paid for by the CBS. In past, Chuck Coate paid for the domain and web service out his personal funds.
- Leo Martinez Treasurer: Current bank account balance = \$7605.72.
 - Golden State Bonsai dues and insurance are paid for 2019.
 - Moved and passed to allocate funds for replenishing merchandise sold at CBS store.
 - Estimate of 2020 show expenses and rental for Card Center <\$2000.00.
 - After 2020 the rental for Card Center will be even more [the location is now popular for weddings]
 - Discussion: Combining with Gem and Mineral Show at Fairground.
 - Consider Gridley Fairground.
- General Discussion:
 - Leo; discussed a Fall Show. Some bonsai varieties present best at this time of year. No consensus.
 - Summer Garden Tour: July or August with open house visits with auction and barbeque?? at last location.

Chico Bonsai Society (CBS) is a non-profit organization whose intent it is to promote the appreciation, knowledge, and cultivation of Bonsai through education, publicity, display and any other means which would advance the Art of Bonsai.

Membership: Chico Bonsai Society is a social hub based on the common interest of the Art of Bonsai. Membership is open to the general public, come join us. Guests and visitors are always welcome.

Annual Individual Memberships dues are \$30.00 per year plus \$5.00 for each additional member of the household. To join the CBS, mail your name(s), address, telephone and e-mail address plus a check made payable to the CBS for the correct amount to: **Leo Martinez, 1236 Whitewood Way., Chico, CA 95973.**

CBS Board of Directors

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The **Golden State Bonsai Federation (GSBF)** is an educational organization which provides services and activities promoting the wonderful art of bonsai. GSBF is made up of member clubs in California and affiliate clubs in the adjoining states.

- **Publication:** [Golden Statements Magazine](#) [free digital version], the official publication of GSBF, is printed four times each year with current bonsai articles and calendars of local club shows and events.
- **Education:** The Federation awards grants to assist the clubs with programs and provides several categories of bonsai scholarships which are available to worthy individuals. There is also an internship program in which qualified students are given assistance to study with a bonsai master in Japan or elsewhere.
- **The Chico Bonsai Society is a current member.**

The **American Bonsai Society (ABS)** is an international non-profit corporation founded in 1967 to promote knowledge of, and interest in, bonsai – and to serve as a national focal point for bonsai fanciers. The ABS publish the *ABS Bonsai Journal*, hold member conventions, and provide educational and support services to the bonsai community.

Individual Membership dues are \$45.00. Join the ABS online at: <https://www.joinit.org/o/american-bonsai-society/4n47EfHaY6Fs6oMoy>.

