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California Bonsai Society

In Person Meeting with Maliea Chiem, Wednesday February 15 at 7 PM
Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, 1964 W.162nd St.,
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President's Message



Happy new year to all. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and is ready for this new year. I know I am. There will be a couple changes this coming year the biggest of which is the news that our show which is normally in March will now be an autumn show on the first weekend in November! Hopefully we'll have some members trees with great fall color.

The other big thing coming up this year that needs addressing is whether or not we have a convention in 2025 which is our 75th anniversary. I think it's important that we do for a number of reasons. With the demise of GSBF conventions, there is a void that we can fill and without any other conventions going on in the area it should be very well received. I think its also important to celebrate our history; 75 years as one of the most respected bonsai clubs in America is something to celebrate. Not to mention the fund-raising potential which is an issue- we used to do every

five years and it was the club's major source of funding and it's been a long time since we had one and our treasury is showing the effects. So, I would really like everyone to start thinking about if you want us to have a convention, and if you'd be willing to help by contributing items for raffles/auctions, volunteering time at the convention, helping to organize and run it, contribute financially etc. It's a crazy amount of work and we'd need everyone's help in one way or the other. Anyhow later in the spring we'll send out a survey and get everyone's ideas and see what happens.

Our Visiting Artist program this year will bring us some very talented bonsai artists. First up in February we'll have Maliea Chiem from Maine. Maliea apprenticed for several years with Colin Lewis, a world-renowned old school bonsai artist, and with Sandro Segneri one of Italy's most respected teachers. Maliea is also a fine artist outside of bonsai. She will be a breath of fresh air with her combination of natural artistic skills and her foundation in the basics and beyond. This one will be a meeting not to miss. Later in the year we'll have Adam Toth who recently came back from an apprenticeship in Japan, Mike Lane who is quickly becoming a well know name in tropical and shohin bonsai and Hugo Zamora who was one of Kunio Kobayashi's apprentices, so lots to look forward to with our visiting artists.

I hope to see many of you at our meeting on Wednesday February 15th at the Gardenia Valley Japanese Cultural Institute
1964 West 162nd St. Gardena, CA 90247 Meeting will start at 7pm.

Lets all make a resolution to do more to support CBS in 2023 because its an important part of American Bonsai history and it all of our support to continue being one of the most influential bonsai resources in the country.
See you in a couple weeks.

Robert Pressler
President California Bonsai Society

It's time to pay dues.

Please do your part to keep our programs going
and growing.



CBS welcomes Maliea Chiem



For our first CBS visiting artists program of 2023 we are happy to welcome Maliea Chiem from Maine. Maliea apprenticed for several years with Colin Lewis, a world-renowned old school bonsai artist as well as with Sandy Segneri, one of Italy's most respected teachers. Maliea is also a fine artist in addition to her bonsai work. Over the years she has worked with clubs, gardens and individuals both locally and nationally, promoting bonsai as an art form and sharing what I have learned. She maintains a small personal bonsai collection and also enjoys poetry.

Our November meeting with Caroline Scott



Our November guest artist was Caroline Scott from the north of England. She was witty, knowledgeable and creative and entertained and educated as she visited clubs and individuals around SoCal, assisted by her worthy friend and helper Angie. CBS is making it possible to meet extraordinary bonsai artists in person and by streaming live video through the visiting artists program. I hope Caroline will consider visiting us again soon.





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If you are 80 yrs. or older, what is your birth year? _____

I'm enclosing an additional 15.00 for a name badge and this is the name I want on the badge:

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New applicants must provide all information requested above.

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Information about showing in our annual exhibit can be obtained by contacting the show chairman, Lindsay Shiba at shibalindsay@gmail.com or 909-806-0937.

Mail application and **check payable to California Bonsai Society** to

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