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“Serenity Through Bonsai”

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About Our Club

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai ("Number One" Bonsai Club) was established in January, 1986 and takes great pride in its family-oriented character. Our club is dedicated to promoting the art of bonsai. The club meets on the third Friday of each month at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St., Gardena, at 7:00 P.M.. Each meeting features a bonsai demonstration, benefit drawing and is open to the public. Our annual bonsai show is held on the first weekend in May at the Nakaoka Community Center. Other club activities include: bonsai digs, annual auction, potting parties, and outings to nurseries and private gardens.

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May 2011 Meeting -

Friday May 20, 2011 7:00 P.M.

Bonsai Demonstration with

David Nguy

Catch the bonsai artistry of David Nguy at our May meeting. Whether you have met David or simply know him by reputation, his demonstrations are always a lesson in patience and bonsai vision.



President's Message

by Herb Eisenberg

Another opening, another show.....

As always, the Dai Ichi show, "***Serenity Through Bonsai***", provides our club a marvelous opportunity to showcase the art of bonsai. To my somewhat biased eye, this year's show seemed even more beautiful than usual. With almost twenty inches of rain during the winter months our trees had a continuous supply of pristine water and it certainly showed in their vigor and health. Each tree had been detailed with special attention that resulted in a particularly stunning exhibit. In the tokanoma, Ben Oki graced us with a gnarled old scrub oak that he dug 25 years ago in the Mojave desert with John Naka. The Ko Yu Kai Shohin Bonsai Club display also reached a new level of sophistication that has now grown to four full tables. Thank you all for your superb effort.

The weekend was full of activity that started with a sold out beginners workshop. Members, Milton Louie, Scott Pogolian, Tom Culton, Ruben Espinosa, and Joyce Gibbs served admirably as instructors. Mel Ikeda and John Van de Wouw styled some large prostrata junipers during the Saturday demonstration and Frank Goya created another magnificent saikei during the Sunday demonstration, which as usual, drew a large crowd and lots of interest in the raffle. At the reception, the Kim Eung Hwa Korean Dance Academy was stunningly colorful and very entertaining. The evening ended with a huge benefit drawing to which our members and friends provided enthusiastic support.

Friends, June and David Nguy, Vikki Lee and her daughter from the House of Bonsai, and Carol Upston provided for our show attendees bonsai supply needs. We certainly appreciate their support.

There are many people to thank for their diligence which helped make "***Serenity Through Bonsai***," such a great success. In particular Doyle Saito did an outstanding job managing the plant sale and vendor area. John Van de Wouw coordinated and demonstrated in the round robin and recruited the instructors for the beginners workshop. Carol Browne handled all the correspondence, kept us well fed and arranged for the lovely entertainment at the reception on Saturday evening. Finally, many members participated in the show set-up and tear down and we appreciate their support.

Happy bonsai, Herb

Dai Ichi Thanks

Contributors to the Refreshment Table in April:

Carol Browne, Doyle Saito

Contributions to the Benefit Drawing table from:

Herb Eisenberg

Refreshments

May

Doyle Saito

June

Jonathon Nguyen

Neil Nguyen



Welcome

Welcome to the following new members

Mark Levinstein

CJ Harmatz

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai **25th Annual Bonsai Exhibit**

Beginners Workshop

Instructors

Milton Louie, Scott Pogosian, Tom Culton,
Ruben Espinosa, Joyce Gibbs



Beginners Workshop

Students

Judy Unrine, George Unrine, Kevin Sweeney,
Aki Sweeney, Byron Hernandez, Obdulla Her-
nandez, Gregory Siron, Ashley Steyner, Harry
Brass, Miguel Espinosa, Jesse Espinosa, Avel
Berroya, Amy Berroya, Kindra Soto, Nick Soh



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Round Robin Demo

Demonstrators

Mel Ikeda and John Van de Wouw





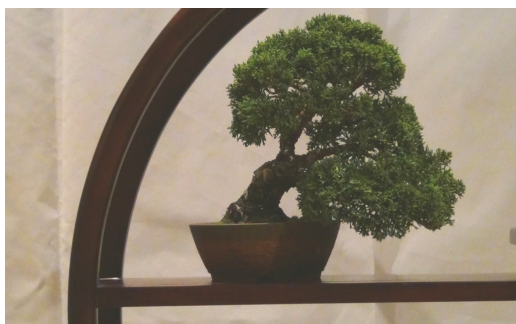
John presents his tree to the
winner Augustine Gaeta

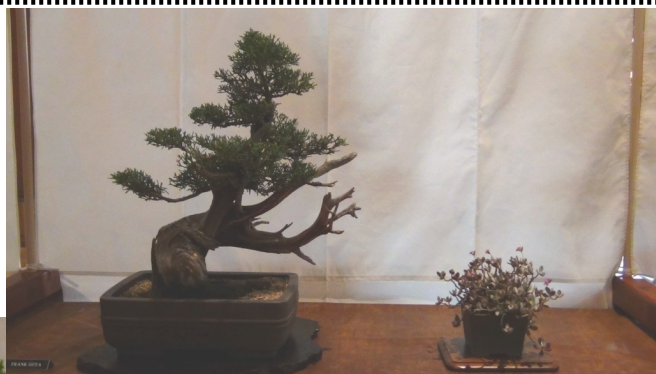


Mel presents his tree to Scott Pogolian

Ko Yu Kai—Shohin Bonsai Club













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Benefit Drawing Contributions

Bill & Lois Hutchinson	Harley Newman
Herb Eisenberg	Doyle Saito
Ted Oka	Leila Kusumi
David & JuneNguy	Gerry & Stephanie
Kei Ikari	Milton Louie
Carl Crouse	San Sui Kai
Carol Upston	House of Bonsai

Kim Eung Hwa Korean Dance Academy and show guests



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Club Meeting Friday May 20, 2011 **David Nguv**
*Club Meeting Friday June 17, 2011—***Ted Matson**
Club Picnic Sunday July 10, 2011