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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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June 2011 Meeting -

Friday June 17, 2011 7:00 P.M.

**Bonsai Demonstration with
Ted Matson**

Ted began studying bonsai in 1979 in San Francisco, where he learned the basics under John Boyce. He moved to Los Angeles in 1980, where he became involved in a number of clubs and began a serious pursuit of the art, taking classes from leading masters in Southern California, including Ben Suzuki, Shig and Roy Nagatoshi, Melba Tucker, Warren Hill and John Naka.



Ted was urged to get into teaching by Melba Tucker and he started offering classes at his home in Pasadena in 1988. Today, in addition to his own classes, he maintains a busy teaching schedule, traveling to nurseries, clubs and study groups throughout the state of California and across the U.S. for workshops and critiques. Also an in-demand demonstrator, Ted has conducted numerous programs (as well as workshops) at several bonsai conventions and conferences, and has been appearing more as a headliner/featured artist for major bonsai events.

President's Message

by Herb Eisenberg

June gloom?

David Nguy did an outstanding job with a very challenging piece of material at our May meeting. 90% of the foliage was gone in 5 minutes and then the hard job of carving and wiring began. David was very generous with his time and stories, particularly his apprenticeship as a student of Kimura in Japan. The best part of his demonstration however, was the fact that I won the tree. It was also very nice to see past President Ed Walters, who is finally recovering from several serious health issues.

The show season is finally winding down and it will be nice for both us and our trees to get a rest. Descanso Bonsai Society 41st Annual Bonsai Show is on Saturday and Sunday, June 18. and 19 at Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Canada-Flintridge. Exhibit hours are 9:00AM to 5:00PM daily. The show will be held in Van de Kamp Hall. Demonstrations, Saturday and Sunday at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. A large selection of bonsai trees, pots, stock and accessories for sale. All events are free with garden admission. Finally, the Marina Bonsai Club show will be held on the weekend of June 25th & 26th. The show is at the Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Drive. It is held during the Center's Summer Festival with food booths and many sales areas and cultural demonstrations. Most importantly it features the trees of Dai Ichi honorary members: Frank Goya, Ben Oki and Shig Miya. Don't miss it.

Ted Matson will demonstrate on June 17th. Ted always shares his encyclopedic knowledge of bonsai when he's at Dai Ichi. Be sure to bring a pencil and lots of paper so you will remember the many excellent tips that he provides

Coming up on July 10th is the Annual Dai Ichi Picnic at Recreation Park in El Segundo. It's a wonderful family and bonsai summer event. Bring a tree to work on in the morning, perhaps a frisbee to toss around and then enjoy a great barbeque lunch. Finally, we have a killer Benefit Drawing Bingo Game with lots of cool prizes and fun.

Happy bonsai, Herb

Dai Ichi Thanks

Contributors to the Refreshment Table in May:

Doyle Saito, David & June Nguy, Herb Eisenberg
Leila Kusumi

Contributions to the Benefit Drawing table from:

Herb Eisenberg and Reuben Espinosa

Refreshments

June

Jonathon Nguyen
Neil Nguyen



July

Picnic time

Welcome

Welcome to the following new members

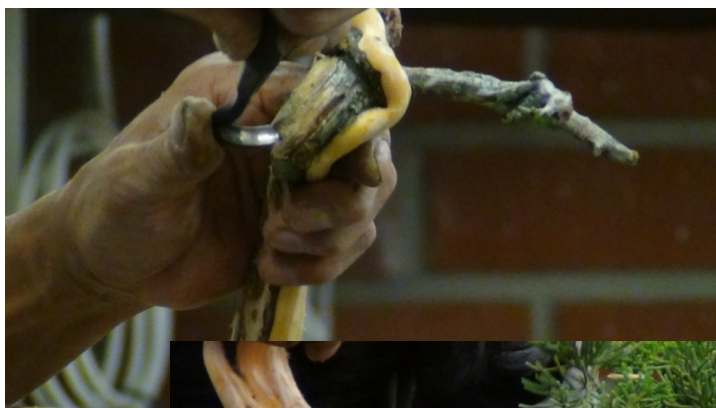
Kevin & Aki Sweeney, Younsin Kim,
Chong Kawai, Al Chavira

May Club Meeting with David Nguy



David examines what the tree can provide. David and June styling the tree





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

Frank Goya Saikei Demo



Frank Goya perfecting
his Saikei. Frank and
his wife Margaret.
Mark Levinstein the
Saikei winner



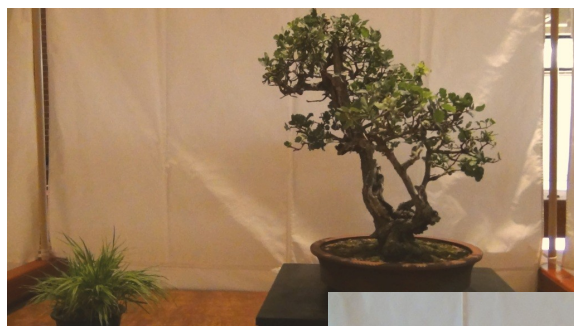
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South Coast Bonsai Association Exhibit



Carol Upton
and Ken Uyeda
getting ready
for the club
auction





Upcoming Bonsai Events

Kathy Shaner will be in Southern California **June 18th**, 2011 for a workshop and demonstration at the Kofu meeting.

The 3 hour workshop will begin at 2:00PM. The price for the workshop is \$50 and \$5 for silent observers. There will be 5 students with 1 standby. There is no limit on silent observers as long as they are silent.



At 7PM **Kathy** will be working (a demo) on excellent material for the regular meeting event.

There will be video coverage during the demo. If you attended last year's programs you know not to miss this opportunity.

On **Sunday, June 19**, 2011, **Kathy** will conduct 2 workshops at the Huntington Library in or near the Botanical office building. 1151 Oxford , San Marino

(Yes, I know –that's Father's Day - what a great gift - father or mother) and she will conduct 2 workshops

(5 students in each) 9 AM to 12 Noon and 1 PM to 4 PM.

The cost is \$50 for each class and will include lunch if you sign up for both.

Silent observers will be \$10 per session (limited to 20) and will include lunch if you attend both.

Don't wait!

Contact Larry Ragle at crimescene@cox.net for reservations or other details. It's first come first served!

Ko Yu Kai Shohin Bonsai Club



July 6th 2011 First
Wednesday of the month
meeting.

Kenji Miyata has been
practicing bonsai for
over thirty years. He
was the first student of
the renowned Mr Yasuo
Mitsuya, owner of

Tokai-en who was the first student of Mr Toshinori
Suzuki, owner of Daiju-en. Descended from this
lineage of great names in classic bonsai styling, it
is no wonder that Kenji is ranked as one of the top
Japanese stylists in the world. We are honored to
have him demo for us. Kenji's specialty is classic
Japanese styling of conifers.

Ko Yu Kai meets at the Ken Nakaoka Community
Center. 1670 W. 162nd St, Gardena CA
7:00 PM Meeting Time

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai is a proud member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation
<http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/>



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*Club Meeting Friday June 17, 2011 **Ted Matson***
Club Meeting Sunday July 10, 2011—Club Picnic
Club Meeting Friday August 19, 2011—Member Workshop