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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.

2011 Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai Board

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September 2011 Meeting -

Friday September 16, 2011 7:00 P.M.

Bonsai Demonstration with

Harry Hirao

Harry Hirao was born in Colorado, but spent his youth in Japan, returning to the U.S. as a young man. He relocated to southern California, where he was introduced to bonsai by John Naka. His abilities with junipers, as well as his collecting trips, are legendary. His generosity in sharing his knowledge and his special collecting sites has allowed many others to share his pas-



sion for these twisted, weathered yet hauntingly beautiful California natives. Harry is a respected bonsai master in the bonsai world and is active in bonsai clubs locally and statewide. He is a nationally known and sought after bonsai master who teaches classes and gives demonstrations throughout California and the United States.

His particular field of expertise in bonsai is the California juniper, and he is fondly referred to as "Mr. California Juniper". Harry teaches his students the art of collecting, as well as styling, caring for, and exhibiting these priceless living bonsai masterpieces.

Harry has served in many capacities in the Golden State Bonsai Federation and in the California Bonsai Society (the oldest Bonsai Club in the United States). In 1981, he was honored by Prince Takamatsu of Japan with an award of the "Ryoku Hakiju Yukosho" medal and by the Japanese Agricultural Society with a plaque for his contributions to the art of bonsai in the United States. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum, U. S. National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. and has both stones and bonsai on display there.

President's Message

by Herb Eisenberg

Back to School..... with Harry Hirao

What more is there to say? Harry is an honorary member of our club and has been doing demonstrations at Dai Ichi longer than most of us have been members. He has received awards and recognition too numerous to mention and is viewed around the world as a true rock star of bonsai – and this is not a pun on his very impressive viewing stone collection. Harry is the ultimate California juniper expert, who is still up in the mountains every weekend looking for that next masterpiece.....at the age of 94. So come ready to be overwhelmed by his prowess and knowledge at the pinnacle of the art of bonsai.

As you know, this year I will complete my term as President of Dai Ichi. As required by our bylaws, I have appointed a Nominating Committee, composed of senior members of the Board: Vice President Doyle Saito, Program Chair John Van de Wouw and Treasurer Carl Crouse, to select the candidates for the 2012 Board. Additionally, as a co-founder of Dai Ichi and the Ko Yu Kai Shohin Bonsai Club, with whom we share our annual bonsai show and a number of members, I have asked Leila Kusumi to participate as an ad hoc member of the Nominating Committee.

I will continue to serve on the 2012 Board as Past President and happily assist any Board Member who would like my help with their new assignment.

The committee will be contacting club members in the near future to request their participation on the Board. When they ask, please just say **YES!** As usual, the elections will be held at the November club meeting.

Thank you for all your support and participation in our club.

Happy Bonsai, Herb

Dai Ichi Thanks

Contributors to the Refreshment Table in August:

Herb Eisenberg, Judy & George Unrine, Doyle Saito

Contributions to the Benefit Drawing table from:

Scott Pogolian, Doyle Saito

Refreshments

September

John Luhnnow,
Karen Ohlinder

October Auction

Herb Eisenberg



Welcome

Welcome to the following new members

Mark Levinstein

CJ Harmatz

August Member Workshop



Kevin Sweeney
discussing his
tree design and
styling options



Tree #1 styled
by Judy and
won by Judy
but given to
Reuben



August Member Workshop

The club would like to thank Ted Oka for the donation of the trees used in the workshop.



Tree #2 styled
by Ed and
won by Ed



Tree #3 styled
by Reuben
and won by
Herb but given
to Judy



August Member Workshop

Tree #4 styled
by Herb and
won by Scott



Dorothy working
her tree



The raffle crew
and Scott running
"The Draw"





71st Annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival

Nanpu Kai—Bonsai Exhibit



Alan Sugimura



Al Nelson



Ann Erb

Ben Oki



Bob Kinoshita



Cheryl Manning



Doug McGavin



Elaine Graczyk



Fred Miyahira



Harry Hirao



Frank Goya



John Naka Dedication
Tree



Kaz Murai



Kathy Benson



Manny
Martinez



Marybel
Balendonck



Leila Kusumi



Mel Ikeda



Peter Macasieb



Richard Ota



Shig Miya



Ted Matson

Tak Shimazu



Ted and Leila talk Bonsai



KAZARI BONSAI DISPLAY COMPETITION

National competition on the art of displaying bonsai in a tokonoma alcove at the
Clark Center for Japanese Art and Culture
Saturday, November 5, 2011

PROGRAM

10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Kazari: Bonsai Display
Competition
\$5 for general admission,
Clark Center members free

10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Bonsai and Antique Fair

11:00 – 12:00 pm
Expert Lecture by Kathy Shaner,
Curator of the GSBF Bonsai
Garden at Lake
Merritt
\$20 per person

2:00 – 3:00 pm
Bonsai Beginner Workshop
\$20 per person

5:00 – 6:00 pm
Wine and Cheese Reception
\$10 per person

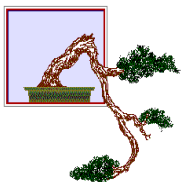
For further information
and to reserve tickets please
contact us at info@ccjac.org

Prize money for the best
judged displays will be \$2,500,
\$1,000, and \$500 in honor of the
contributions of Japanese-
American citizens.

For details about participa-
tion in the competition,
please contact the Clark
Center's Bonsai Curator, Bob
Hilvers, at bonsai@ccjac.org



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DAI ICHI BONSAI KAI
ANNUAL AUCTION
FRIDAY OCTOBER 21, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Ken Nakaoka Community Center
1670 W. 162nd Street,
Gardena, CA



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



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*Club Meeting Friday September 16, 2011 **Harry Hirao***
*Club Meeting Friday October 21, 2011—**Club Auction***
*Club Meeting Friday November 18, 2011—**Open Date***