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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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November 2011 Meeting -

Friday November 18, 2011 7:00pm

Kathy Benson

Kathy Benson has practiced the art of bonsai for over 30 years and studied with several world famous masters. She will demonstrate her bonsai skills and share her knowledge of the art on Friday November 18, 2011.



President's Message

by Herb Eisenberg

Election Time and The Power of One

The annual Dai Ichi elections will be held at this month's meeting and as they say in Chicago: "Vote Early and Vote Often". The nominating committee has been actively recruiting new candidates to join our board and if you have been asked to participate I hope you will agree to serve. Even if you have not been approached yet, please consider volunteering to assist the club so we can continue the excellent programs from which we all benefit.

Last month the Golden State Bonsai Federation held it's annual convention in Riverside. The show headliners were: Ryan Neil, Kathy Shaner, Pedro Morales, and Roy Nagatoshi who each did a major demonstration. Numerous excellent workshops were also led by noted bonsai artists such as : Jim Barrett, Harry Hirao, Ted Matson, David Nguy and Tak Shimazu, to name just a few. Many of these highly regarded artists have been recent demonstrators at our club's meetings. A particular high light of the Convention was the recognition of Dai Ichi co-founder, Leila Kusumi who was presented with the Circle of Sensei Award for excellence in teaching the art of bonsai. Congratulations Leila !

At the convention, Dai Ichi joined several other clubs by participating in the "Power of One". It is the program in which clubs sponsor one of their members with a full registration to the convention. This year our Benefit Drawing Chair, Scott Pogosian attended the convention and also participated in several workshops. The advantage to Dai Ichi is an investment in our own club through increased enthusiasm of our members, invigorated by the energy and knowledge obtained by participation in one of the premier bonsai events in the country,. Clubs award Power of One sponsorship based on merit for outstanding service to the club and while a relatively new member, Scott exemplifies these qualities. Often the Power of One candidate will return and provide a program to the club about what they learned at the convention. We hope to hear about Scott's convention experience at a future club meeting.

Happy Bonsai, Herb

Dai Ichi Thanks

Contributions to the Auction Donation Table

Judy and George Unrine, Kevin Sweeney
Ted Oka, Herb Eisenberg, Jim Morris
Tom Culton, John Van de Wouw, Russell Benson
Doyle Saito

Contributions to the Refreshment Table

Doyle Saito, Herb Eisenberg, Reuben Espinosa

Welcome

Welcome to the following new members

Todd Walsh

Lei Vinoya

Jose Nakasone

Refreshments

November

Judy & George Unrine

December

No Club Meeting



Dai Ichi Annual Auction Fundraiser



Dai Ichi President Herb Eisenberg steps in to handle the auction duties.





Happy buyers line up to purchase their hard earned treasures.

Ted and Emma the winner of Ted's Kishu Shimpaku donation tree. The tree was potted in a fine Tokoname pot.



Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention XXXIV



Glen, Hank, and
Gordon helping
with a workshop



Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention XXXIV



“The Circle of Sensei Award”

Leila Kusumi



Past GSBF President : Dennis Makishima
Circle of Sensei Award winner
Leila Kusumi

GSBF President : Bob Hilvers
GSBF Convention Chair : Abe Far

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Congrats Leila !

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was founded in 1986
by Jim Tatsukawa and
Leila Kusumi



Coming Events

November 27

California Bonsai Society: Annual Thanksgiving Member's Sale

Sunday, November 27th 8:30am to 4:30pm Yamaguchi Bonsai Nursery
1905 Sawtelle Blvd. West Los Angeles, CA 90025 (310) 473-5444

Just west of the 405, between Olympic and Santa Monica Blvd

Only Cash and Check(s) will be accepted No credit cards

December 3

Fresno, California

Fresno Area Bonsai Clubs: Fourth Annual Bonsai Yard Sale

at 736 West Browning Avenue from 8 AM – 3 PM. There will be a very large selection of raw materials, some finished bonsai, used pots, books, magazines, and stands, all at very reasonable prices. Everyone is welcome to participate. If you wish to sell or trade bonsai related items or need a table, please contact us in advance so that we may plan space accordingly. Lunch will be available.

Contact Ralph Schroeder at 559 271-8299 or ralsch@sbcglobal.net

December 27-Jan 1, 2012

San Marino, California

California Aiseki Kai: 22nd Anniversary Exhibition

Viewing Stones Show in Friends Hall at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, Hours are 10:30am—4:30pm each day, and the display will be open on New Year Day. Free parking and free entry to our exhibit. For more information see the website aisekikai.com

February 3-5 2012

Santa Nella, California

California Shohin Society Seminar 2012

at the Hotel de Oro Conference Center, Santa Nella, California.

Registration forms and information is available at the website www.calshohin.org or email calshohin@yahoo.com.

February 25-26 2012

Santa Marino, California

GSBF Bonsai-A-Thon XVI

The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road,

April 11-15 2012

Garden Grove, California

California Bonsai Society: 55th Annual Convention and Show

Starring the iron men of John Naka: Frank Goya, Harry Hirao, Shig Miya, Ben Oki, and Richard Ota.

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 November 18, 2011 Kathy Benson
No Club Meeting in December
Club Meeting Friday January 18, 2012—TBD