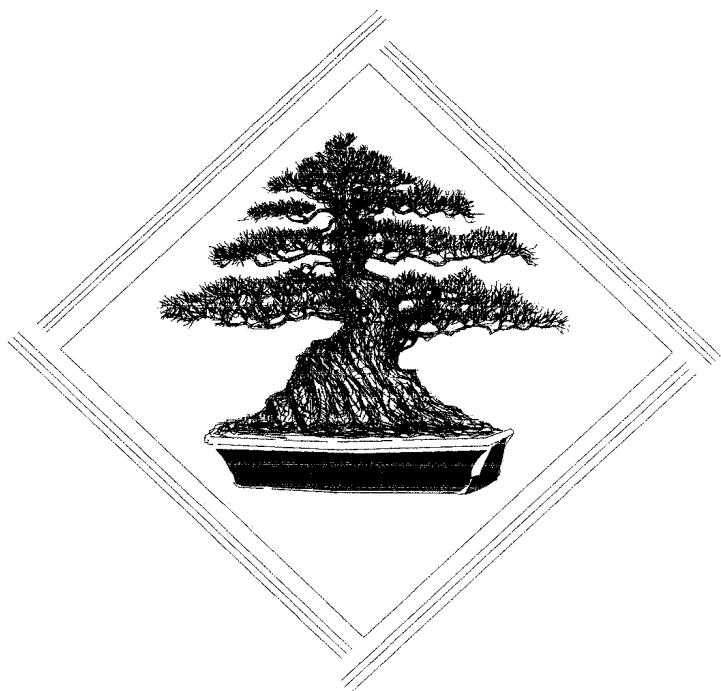


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About Our Club

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

President	Herb Eisenberg (310) 545-5954 heisenbergmb@verizon.net
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Leila Kusumi (310) 327 0216

December 2011 No Club Meeting



2012 Election Results

President	Doyle Saito
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President's Message

by Herb Eisenberg

Thank You

Well the voters have spoken and Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai is fortunate to have a strong new leadership team for the coming year. Long time members Doyle Saito and John Van de Wouw will be our new President and Vice President. Additionally, Tom Culton and Peter Macasieb will become our new Co-Show Chairs. Benefit Drawing Chair, Scott Pogolian will take on the additional role of Website Chair and all other board members will remain in their current positions.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the Board for a number of years. At the time I joined the board, Dai Ichi was entering the periodic cycle in which a number of long time Board members would retire and then move away from the area. During this time of renewal there have been a number of actions that we have taken to strengthen the club as well as other initiatives that I wish we could have accomplished. All in all I have received every bit as much satisfaction from my involvement on the board as the efforts I have made.

In what can often be a very solitary activity, belonging to a bonsai club is a social process that allows us to interact with others who share our passion. I believe we belong to bonsai clubs to learn, practice and share our love of these little trees. We can observe a demonstration, ask questions or offer advice to other members, experience the craziness and doubt of putting a tree in a show and find real joy in taking home a hidden treasure from the benefit drawing table. We are very fortunate to have Dai Ichi available to support our bonsai efforts.

Happy Bonsai, Herb

Dai Ichi Thanks

Contributions to the Benefit Draw Table

Scott Pogolian, Kevin Sweeney, Herb Eisenberg
Chikugo-En, Doyle Saito

Contributions to the Refreshment Table

George & Judy Unrine, Doyle Saito

Refreshments

December

No Meeting

January

Doyle Saito



Kathy Benson Demonstration



Dai Ichi
President Herb
Eisenberg
starts
The November
Meeting with
Kathy Benson.



Option 1 small twin.
Option 2 cleaned
twin.
Option 3 large olive
twin trunk



Kathy Benson Demonstration



Kathy puts the final touches on her twin trunk olive.





Kathy Benson with the nights big winner
Jim Morris and the twin trunk olive.



January 2012 Meeting -

Friday January 20, 2012 7:00pm

Fred Miyahara

Mr Miyahara has become a master on many aspects of bonsai especially in the area of grafting and the Japanese black pine. He has done thousands of grafts using shimpaku scions onto San Jose junipers, and Nishiki (cork bark), Mikawa and Awaji scions onto black pine stock

Mr Miyahara has many grafted shimpakus, and hundreds of black pine which he started from seeds. Fred learned from American and Japanese masters. Some of his teachers and mentors have been Mas Ishii, Ernie Kuo, Dennis Makishima, Bill Castellon, Kathy Shaner, Boon Manakitivipart, and Kenji Miyata. He has also learned a large amount by studying books and articles, and most importantly, from experimenting on his own, the various methods and techniques. Mr Miyahara is regarded as one of the best black pine experts in southern California.



Fred is currently the vice president and curator of Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park. In addition, he is a professional black pine pruner.

Coming Events

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 in December 2011—NO Meeting In December
Club Meeting Friday January 20, 2012—Fred Miyahara Grafting
Club Meeting Friday February 17, 2012—Ben Oki Air Layering