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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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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.

President's Message

by Doyle Saito

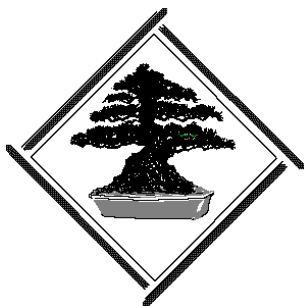
Happy New Year and welcome back everyone for another fun year of bonsai. I hope all of you enjoyed the holiday season and are healthy and doing well.

I would first like to thank the out-going president, Herb Eisenberg. Our club would not be in the healthy state that it is today without you. Thank you again for the years of work and support that you have provided our club and me over the past years.

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai is pleased to announce that we will have Fred Miyahara as our guest demonstrator for the January meeting. Fred is a talented and highly skilled bonsai artist and will demonstrate the various aspects of grafting.

The coming months will be very busy. This weekend, Jan 14-15, will be the Winter Silhouette Show at the Los Angeles Arboretum. The formal name of this show is the Baiko-En Bonsai Kenkyukai Show, featuring deciduous trees in their dormant stage. Other upcoming shows are the California Shohin Society Seminar Feb 3-5, the Bonsai-A-Thon XV on Feb 25-26, and the California Bonsai Society : 55th Annual Convention April 11-15.

Doyle



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To: All Southern California Bonsai Enthusiasts

From: Ted Matson

RE: 2012 National Bonsai Exhibition

As you know, Bill Valavanis will be staging the third U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition on the weekend of June 9-10, 2012. This event will take place at a new venue, The Fair and Expo Center, in Rochester, New York. I was lucky to be able to attend the last exhibit in 2010, and was very impressed by the variety and quality of the trees. However, what also struck me was the noticeable absence of trees from Southern California. (Larry Ragle was the lone entry.)

I'm as much a reason for this as anyone. In past years, I've been reluctant to participate in this exhibit, mostly due to logistical concerns over transporting trees across the country. However, after working out many of the bugs in the two prior events and also offering to provide a refrigerated truck specifically for our trees for this upcoming show, I think Bill has made it a more practical endeavor.

I know that there are many excellent trees in Southern California worthy of entry into this exhibit. There are also substantial cash prizes to be won. But, most of all, I really feel that for this to be considered a true national exhibition, it needs the support of bonsai folks from everywhere, including here. And, I'd like to help make that happen.

For this reason, I've offered to be a driver of the truck to haul trees across country to and from New York. With this letter, I'd extend an invitation to Southern California bonsaists who'd like to enter a tree in the U.S. National Exhibition to select their trees, submit their entries and start preparing for the competition. For rules and to submit an entry, go to Bill's website at <http://www.internationalbonsai.com>, and follow the link to the "2012 US National Bonsai Exhibition" where you'll be able to learn everything about the event. Entry deadline is April 15.

In transporting these precious artworks, I will take every precaution to ensure that all trees are cared for along the way and during the return. However, the one thing I will not be able to do is to prepare, pack/crate and label your tree, along with the necessary stands, accents, etc., for your display. Each individual must be responsible for ensuring that your bonsai are pest/disease free and packed/padded/crated to protect branches, twigs and pots, while also allowing for watering. We'll arrange logistics for collecting/returning entries once they're identified.

If you have any questions about the event, your best bet is to go to Bill's website. For questions about the transport, don't hesitate to contact me, either via email at tmatson@earthlink.net, or via phone at 626-398-8412. I'm hoping for an enthusiastic response to this invitation. I hope you join me in bringing a strong California presence to the next U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition.

Thanks,
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2012 US National
EXHIBITION

JUNE 9-10, 2012
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

OVER 200 MUSEUM-QUALITY BONSAI FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS



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3RD U.S. NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION



2012 U.S. NATIONAL EXHIBITION VENUE

A new large venue has been secured to display the expanding U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition to allow sufficient space to present distinctive and refined displays with accessories. The Fair & Expo Center has 23,000 sq. ft. for demonstrations, sales area and a gathering area for people to socialize as well as ample free parking, food concession, numerous nearby restaurants and accommodations.

The Fair & Expo Center is located near I-90 (Exit 46), and I-390 (Exit 12), near East Henrietta Road and Calkins Road.

FAIR & EXPO CENTER

2695 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, New York

JUDGING

Three distinguished and experienced judges from outside the continental United States will carefully evaluate each bonsai to determine the award winning specimens.

Yasuo Mitsuya — Bonsai Artist from Japan
Marc Noelenders — Bonsai Artist from Belgium
Pedro Morales — Bonsai Artist from Puerto Rico

AWARDS

Cash prizes will be presented for the finest bonsai in the following areas at the Award Banquet & Benefit Auction on Saturday evening, June 10, 2012.

THE NATIONAL AWARD

Bonsai Masterpiece

MECO BONSAI/KIKU TOOL AWARD

Evergreen Bonsai

DECIDUOUS BONSAI AWARD

Deciduous Bonsai

YOSHIMUTA AWARD

Classical Bonsai

BONSAI TRAVEL AWARD

Bonsai & Companion Plant Combination

HO YOKU AWARD

Creative Western Formal Display

CUSTOM ORIENTAL WOODCRAFT AWARD

Shohin Bonsai Display

PUERTO RICO BONSAI FEDERATION AWARD

Tropical Bonsai



DEMONSTRATIONS

World renowned bonsai and artists will be demonstrating their techniques at the U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition.

Yasuo Mitsuya — Japanese Bonsai Artist

Marc Noelenders — Belgium Bonsai Artist

Dr. Alice Chen — Oriental Brush Painting Teacher

Professor Jerome Cushman — Ichiyo Rebush Teacher

SPECIAL BONSAI PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY BY

Dr. Jonathan M. Singer — World famous photographer and artist will be photographing his recently released large format art book—*Bonsai: Art in Nature*.

SALES AREA VENDORS

A sales area will complete the U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition where select vendors will be displaying and selling bonsai, pre-bonsai, rare plants, supplies, containers, wire, tools, display tables, publications, scrolls, paintings and other items for bonsai creation and enjoyment.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Please make your own accommodations from the many hotels in the nearby area. Often a better rate can be quoted with an AARP or AAA membership card. Please use the prices below as a general range.

OFFICIAL NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION HOTEL

Holiday Inn Airport—(585) 328-6000
 911 Brooks Avenue—167 Within A 15 Minute Drive

Within A 10 Minute Drive

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites—(585) 475-9190
 800 Jefferson Road—1129

Comfort Suites—(585) 334-8620

2095 Hyman Drive—115

Fairfield Inn—(585) 334-3350

4305 West Henrietta Road—1134

Country Inns & Suites—(585) 486-9000

4635 West Henrietta Road—1144

Red Roof Inn—(585) 359-1100

4820 West Henrietta Road—1104



The 3rd U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition will continue with the presentation of some of the finest bonsai masterpieces in the United States. They will represent the most accomplished level of bonsai in America.

Both traditional and formal alcove displays in the enlarged display room will allow the true beauty of each bonsai to come alive with the effective use of accessories. Over 100 different species and cultivars will be displayed.

The exhilarating memories you create from feasting your eyes on one of the finest bonsai exhibitions in the United States will be long lasting and can be reviewed and studied in the forthcoming Commemorative Exhibition Album. The exhibition will compare well with other traveling art museum displays in the country.

The U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition has received excellent reviews from around the world. In the September 2009 *Kinohon* (Japan's premier bonsai magazine) a two page illustrated feature said "There is no difference in the character of Japanese and American Bonsai." The September 2011 issue had a five page, twenty-five photo article and said "This is the highest level of bonsai exhibition in America." Those are quite complimentary accolades coming from Japan.

The enthusiasm is growing for the 3rd U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition among bonsai enthusiasts and professionals alike. Sponsors and supporters from around the world are joining in the process of staging this enlarged event.

It is with pride and anticipated joy that Americans are submitting photos of their best bonsai for the selection process. Share the beauty of your finest bonsai with the world by displaying in the 3rd U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition.

Join us in Rochester, New York, to see the beauty of museum quality bonsai and to enjoy the creativity of each artist as they present their distinctive displays.



U.S. NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION INFORMATION

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, June 9-10, 2012
 9AM to 5PM

Fair & Expo Center • Rochester, New York

Daily Admission *15

Weekend Pass *20 Before June 1st

SATURDAY EVENING AWARD BANQUET

By Advance Reservation Only *35

DISPLAY YOUR FINEST BONSAI

Display Your Bonsai With Pride!

A beautiful color Commemorative Exhibition Album will permanently capture the artistic level of masterpiece bonsai on display in this national event.

If you have a bonsai you would like considered for the exhibition and included in the Commemorative Exhibition Album, send a current photo by mail or E-mail for the selection process to Wm. N. Valavanis by April 15, 2012. The entry fee of \$50 per bonsai or shohin bonsai composition will be due when your bonsai is accepted for the U.S. National Exhibition.

Limited assistance is available for safely transporting your bonsai from distant areas to and from Rochester, New York.

QUESTIONS?

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Additional Information is Updated:

www.internationalbonsai.com



EXHIBITION SPONSORS

The following businesses and individuals from the United States, and Japan are financially supporting the U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition.

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SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

The following leading organizations from around the world are supporting the U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition.

BONSAI SOCIETY OF UPTATE NEW YORK

WORLD BONSAI FRIENDSHIP FEDERATION

NIFFON BONSAI ASSOCIATION

BONSAI CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

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AMERICAN BONSAI SOCIETY

BONSAI SOCIETIES OF FLORIDA

Sponsors and supporters from around the world are joining again in the process of staging the U.S. National Bonsai Exhibition. If you would like to support the growth, appreciation and improvement of the art, please consider a contribution to this worthwhile event and be part of creating the history of bonsai in the United States.



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ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

VISIT THE U.S. NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION

See Museum-Quality Bonsai
 Enjoy Bonsai Fellowship



3RD U.S. NATIONAL BONSAI EXHIBITION



THE GSBF COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON

Presents

Bonsai-A-Thon XV

Saturday & Sunday, February 25th & 26th, 2012
7:30AM – 4:30PM

We invite everyone – bonsai novices, enthusiasts and experts – to our annual fundraising event on behalf of the Golden State Bonsai Federation Collection at the Huntington. Find us at The Botanical Gardens' Botanical Center Building, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, California.

Featuring

1. **Extensive Bazaar Area** – Select vendors selling top-quality tools, pots and trees (raw material to display-ready); masterpiece trees on display
2. **Bonsai Exhibit** – By Russell Benson & Sansui-Kai members
3. **Special Exhibit** – By the Huntington in the Flora-Legium room
4. **Demonstrations** – Initial training and advanced styling by experts
5. **Daily Raffle & Auction** – Demonstration and donated trees, pots, tools...
6. **Guided Tours** – Led by Jim Folsom, Director of the Huntington Botanical Gardens, at 10:00AM each day
 - GSBF Bonsai Collection at the Huntington
 - Proposed expansion of the Japanese Garden

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast ¹
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Bazaar and Bonsai Exhibits
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Jim Folsom tour of the GSBF Bonsai Collection at the Huntington
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Demonstrations ²
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Hotdogs and Hamburgers Lunch ¹
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	ONLY ON SUNDAY: Larry Ragle PowerPoint presentation
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Raffle and live auction

- 1 Registered Bonsai-A-Thon attendees may purchase breakfast and lunch in the Head House west of the Conservatory building.
- 2 Initial styling and advanced refinement demonstrations by:

Saturday...

- Bob Hilvers
- Harry Hirao
- Mel Ikeda
- Cheryl Manning
- Tak Shimazu

Sunday...

- Kathy Benson
- Marcus Juniel
- Peter Macasieb
- Roy Nagatoshi
- Ken Teh

NOTE: Bonsai styled by these experts will be available in the auctions and raffles. This is your chance to own a tree with a pedigree!

HOW TO GET IN

Attending the Bonsai-A-Thon is free, but does require registration at the Botanic Center. You can speed the process by filling in the badge "ticket" to the right and showing it to the Bonsai-A-Thon registrar or the Huntington security guard.



**Feb 25 - Feb 26
2012**

Bonsai-A-Thon Participant

Bonsai Tips

The following tips by Jim Tatsukawa first appeared in the December 1986/January 1987 Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai Newsletter.

All bonsai will be dormant now and will only require minimal care. Some shaping and training can be done at this time but nothing too drastic. The branch and trunk structure of dormant trees are visible , so improve the tree by selective trimming. Protect semitropical trees from frost. Pines and conifers may be grafted at this time. No fertilizer is required during winter months. Do not depend on southern California rainfall to supply all the moisture required by a bonsai. Supplement the rainfall with regular watering. It is a good time to go up into the “high desert” to collect native material. Prepare soil mixture for next month’s transplanting and potting.

It' Time to Renew your club membership

Individual membership \$15.00 per year

Family membership \$25.00 per year

Your dues enable the club to present such activities as our annual show, guest demonstrations, workshops, monthly newsletter, club library, and benefit drawings.

Coming Events

January 14-15 2012

Arcadia, California

Baiko-En Bonsai Kenkyukai Show and Sale

Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden

301 North Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA 91007

The Baiko-En Kenkyukai Society will present the only show of deciduous miniaturized trees in the US. This show features Japanese graybark elms, ginkgo, zelkova and maple trees in their dormant stage. Demonstrations each day will show how to prune the branches and roots of ordinary nursery plants, transforming them into classic bonsai planted in the traditional shallow pots. Bonsai trees, both finished and partially trained by club members, will be offered for sale. Hours are 10:00am—4:30pm Ayres Hall.

February 3-5 2012

Santa Nella, California

California Shohin Society Seminar

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.gsbfbonsai.org/>

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Club Meeting Friday January 20, 2012—Fred Miyahara Grafting
Club Meeting Friday February 17, 2012—Ben Oki Air Layering
Club Meeting Friday March 16, 2012—TBD