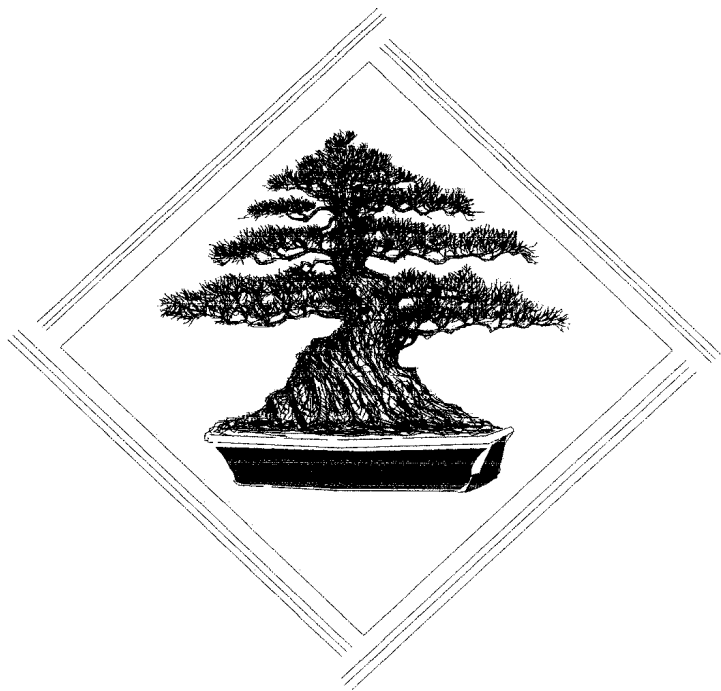


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About Our Club

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 February 17th, 2012 7:00pm

Ben Oki

We are privileged to have Mr Ben Oki for our February meeting. Ben is planning to demonstrate air-layering with a cork bark black pine.

Born in Sacramento, Ben started his horticultural career with his uncle in the landscaping business. By the mid-1950's, Ben was on his own. Like so many other masters, Ben spent much of his youth in Japan, and upon returning to the United States he studied bonsai with John Naka. John quickly recognized Ben's artistic skills and Ben was often requested to assist John with his demonstrations. He is renowned for his rugged, free-form style, fine detail work and his lightning wiring speed. He spends much of his time in the air, traveling all over the world to bonsai demonstrations and conventions. Two awards are named after him, the International Design Award and the National Design Award. Ben is also the curator of the GSBF Collection at the Huntington where he donates countless hours to his craft and spreading the good word about the joy of bonsai.



President's Message

by Doyle Saito



Shohin Time

I spent the weekend at the Shohin seminar and convention. I had a great time watching demos, talking with bonsai folks, and even worked in a workshop.



The vendor area was full of finished trees, unfinished trees, pots, stands, and tools. What a great place to shop. I also visited with our old president Jim Peerson and his wife Dawn.

This month our club is very blessed to have Mr. Ben Oki as our guest sensei “teacher”. Mr. Oki will be demonstrating the technique of air-layering; utilizing a cork bark black pine as material. If you have not seen a Mr Oki demonstration, you have missed a master at work.

I would like to take this time to thank last month's demonstrator, Mr Fred Miyahara. Fred did an excellent job in walking the club through the requirements and steps needed in grafting one stock of tree to another. Using shimpaku and cork bark black pine cuttings, Fred demonstrated the technique of preparing the grafts, applying the grafts, tying the grafts in place, sealing the wounds, and finally bagging the grafted zions. Fred, thank you again.

February 25-26th will be the Bonsai-A-Thon XVI 2012, fundraiser for the GSBF Collections at the Huntington. Initial training demos and advanced technique demos, lunch and tours of the gardens are available. This is an excellent chance to view the gardens and see great bonsai using the “Free Pass” available with the show.

Doyle

Dai Ichi Thanks

Contributions to the Benefit Drawing Table

Carol Upston—The Moss Factory
Doyle Saito Herb Eisenberg
Chikugo-En Bonsai Nursery

Contributions to the Refreshment Table

Doyle Saito Ed Walters

Refreshments

February

CJ Harmatz
Mark Levinstein

March

Carl Crouse
Kei Ikari



2012 Dai Ichi Refreshments

January	Doyle Saito/Tom Culton
February	CJ Harmatz/Mark Levinstein
March	Carl Crouse/Kei Ikari
April	Open
June	Tom Culton/Herb Eisenberg
July	Open
August	Open
September	Open

January with Fred Miyahara



Fred discussing the Grafting concepts



Tools of the trade.
Chisels, grafting
knives, water
stones



Cutting the wips.



Fred makes 3 cuts in the seedling. Three cuts because Mr Ishii made 3 cuts.



Example of demo graft.
The cut is a 40 degree angled cut



The wip inserted into the seedling. Cut paste and grafting tape added to seal the graft

January with Fred Miyahara



Cork Bark pine grafted wips. The graft is bagged with a little sphagnum moss

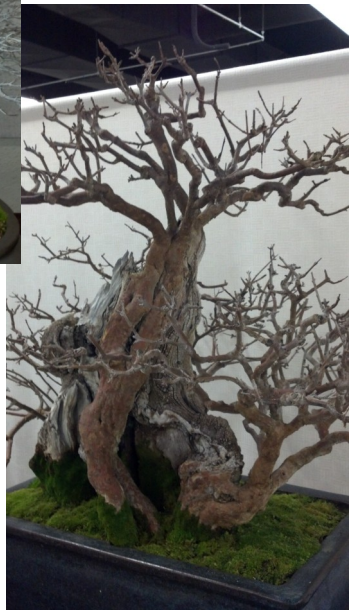
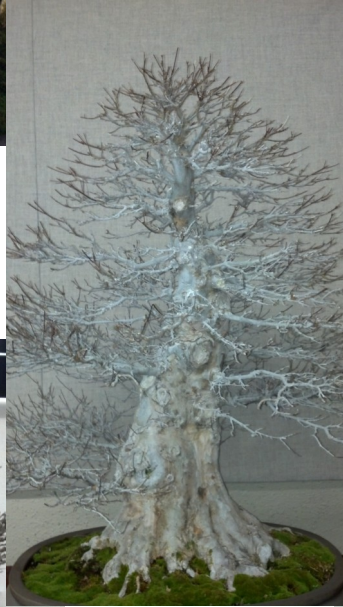


Grafted finished trees. The winners of the finished trees and the grafted wip seedlings.



Baiko-En Bonsai Kenkyukai Show

The
Winter
Silhouette
Show
And Sale
At the
Huntington



California Shohin Society Seminar



Coming Events

February 25-26 2012

Santa Marino, California

GSBF Bonsai-A-Thon XVI at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road.

This is the annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at the Huntington. Admission to the event and to the Huntington Gardens is free with Bonsai-A-Thon "Early Bird" Registration. Hours are 7:30AM-4:30PM, both days. A pancake breakfast, a tour hosted by Jim Folsom (Director of the Garden), demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle, and an auction will all be featured. For more information contact Marge Blasingame, 626-579-0420 or margeblasingame@att.net.

April 11-15 2012

Garden Grove, California

California Bonsai Society: 55th Annual Convention and Show

Crown Plaza Anaheim Resort, 12021 Harbor Blvd.

Starring the Iron Men of Naka - Frank Goya, Harry Hirao, Shig Miya, Ben Oki, and Richard Ota. Also featuring Tomohiro Masumi, Ryan Neil, Cheryl Manning, Kenji Miyata, David Nguy, Kathy Shaner, and the members of CBS. There will be workshops, demonstrations, auctions, drawings, a huge vendor area, and prizes & awards for early registration. For registration information contact Elizabeth Partch at elizabethpartch@yahoo.com.

April 26, 27, 28, 29

Costa Mesa, California

Orange Empire Bonsai Society: Bonsai Exhibition at the 23rd Annual Spring Garden Show at the South Coast Plaza, 3333 Bear Street.

The show dates and times are Thursday and Friday from 10AM-9PM, Saturday from 10AM-8PM and Sunday 11AM-6:30PM. There will be a traditional display of bonsai trees with accent plants, along with an ongoing bonsai trimming demonstration. Al Nelson will conduct a saikei workshop seminar. The date and time are forthcoming. For more information please contact David Nadzam at dnadzam@socal.rr.com or 714-345-6966.

May 5-6

Gardena, California

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai: Annual Exhibit "Serenity Through Bonsai" at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St.

Hours are 10AM-4PM, both days. Novice to master bonsai exhibits. There will be a round-robin demonstration at 1PM Saturday, and a saikei demonstration by Frank Goya at 1PM on Sunday. The demonstration items will be in a benefit drawing, which will follow each demonstration.

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 February 17 2012—Ben Okii Air Layering

Club Meeting Friday March 16, 2012—TBD

Club Meeting Friday April 20, 2012—TBD