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“Serenity Through Bonsai”

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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 April 20th, 2012 7:00pm

Peter Macasieb



Peter got into Bonsai when stationed in Japan in the Air Force. He saw so many beautiful trees in the Tokyo area and was hooked. When he got out of the air force, he moved to West Covina and started doing bonsai with just the John Naka books to guide him. He won awards from the city for the way he converted his yard into a Japanese garden and then took second place in a worldwide Internet Bonsai Styling Contest with over 200 entries. All this before he started taking formal lessons. He joined Kofu Kai and met Harry Hirao and Tak Shimazu who have been his teachers and Peter is now also studying with Boon Manakitivipart in the Bay Area.

Peter is a member of many local clubs including Nanpu Kai and California Bonsai Society. He is popular at local shows for his demo's because of his attention to detail and the fabulous material he puts out. Peter is president of Koyu Kai, the shohin club.

President's Message

by Doyle Saito



This year has been flying by, it is already April a short one month from our annual show. So I am asking for some help from the membership to work the show. I will be sending out an email message and a sign up sheet for help with the setup and takedown of the show, working the beginners workshop, and all the other little details we will need to pull our show together. If you want to help, feel free to give me a call, email, or just grab me when you see me. If you have any suggestions I am always open to any ideas that can better the club and the show.

So enough monku monku (bitching), by the time you get this letter the California Bonsai Society show will have passed. I hope some of you will get the chance to go see these gentlemen demonstrate their skills. This show is based on the "Iron Men of Naka" Ben Oki, Shig Miya, Frank Goya, Harry Hirao, and Richard Ota. We will have the honored pleasure of having Mr Frank Goya demo at our show again this year. Please come out and support one of the truly great friends of our club.

Doyle

Dai Ichi Thanks

Contributions to the Benefit Drawing Table

Carol Upston—The Moss Factory

Herb Eisenberg

Chikugo-En Bonsai Nursery

Contributions to the Refreshment Table

Kei Ikari and

Carl Crouse, George Unrine, Doyle Saito

Refreshments

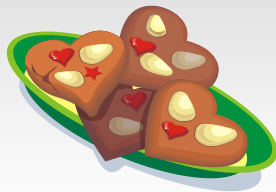
April

Lei Vinya

Kevin Sweeney

May

Show and Sale



Al Nelson and his Team



Al Nelson and Posse discuss the planned demo

Joyce and Lee rounding/chipping the slate slab to hold the moss accent planting.



The modified slab with muck walls and the slab with soil and moss





Ryan Cali
Styling and
repotting
this older
Live Oak



Al recommends to not wire his Oak trees, he prefers to use directional pruning. The best time to repot and collect Oaks are Nov to Mar. The old soil from the oaks are tossed and not kept, due to the possibility of fungus

from the older soil. Al cleans and brightens his pots with Walnut Oil.



Al Nelson and his Team



Ryan Nichols
and Howie
Preparing the
multi-layer
slab

The slabs are
glued and
wired before
work begins



The muck walls
are formed and
tree attached





Al with his crew. Ryan C, Lee, Al, Ryan N,
Howie, Joyce.
Scott Pogolian the winner of both demo's



A letter from Everett Bassin.

It is with deep feelings of regret I must close my business, “Bassin’s Bonsai Tools etc” due to health issues of myself and my wife Sharyn. My number 1 priority is taking care of Sharyn, now in rehab. My health issues are on hold—I cannot do shows, conventions nor club meetings. And so I will sell all my stock of tools, wire, books, etc at my cost. This will save on costs of shipping them to my wholesaler in Oregon. All my pots, dais, special equipment etc to go. Included are Hapi coats with attached pins collected from conventions, nationally and locally, plus bonsai jewelry (gold earrings) etc.

Since nearly all my time is at rehab with my wife, comforting her, I can only make time by phone to sell before 11:00am and after 6:00pm. Call me at (714)827-0661 or (714)392-5149 to setup a time. I will continue the sales until June at which time everything, (tools, wire, books, and chemicals) will be packed for return to Joshua Roth in Oregon.

Thanks to all my friends, customers and club members that I have done business with in the past. You have made it worth while. Stay well and safe for the New Year and “Think Small, Grow Bonsai”.

Everett “Tool Guy” Bassin

And remember I take checks, cash and abuse, sorry no credit cards.

Coming Events

April 18 2012

Gardena, California

Ko Yu Kai Shohin Club

At the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W 162nd St, Gardena
The Shohin club will have the Bonsai Master Tomohiro Masumi as the club Demonstrator for their Wednesday meeting. The meeting begins at 7:00pm
In room A of the community center.

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 April 20 2012—Peter Macasieb
Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai Show and Sale May 5th and 6th 2012
Club Meeting Friday June 15, 2012—TBD