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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.

2012 Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai Board

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Meeting for Friday
July 20th At 7:00pm
Robert Pressler



Bob has been a bonsai enthusiast since the age of ten, starting with Frank Okamura at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. In Los Angeles he has studied with bonsai masters John Naka, Harry Hirao, and Ben Oki, and currently studies with Japanese bonsai master Kenji Miyata. Bob has been on the board of the Descanso Bonsai Society, and is a member of the California Bonsai Society. In 1996 Bob became the owner of Kimura Bonsai Nursery. Since then Bob has conducted hundreds of classes and workshops. For more information about Bob you can check out his website at

<http://www.kimurabonsainursery.com>

President's Message

by Doyle Saito



Let me begin. It's July and today's weather is thunderstorms in the morning with patchy/humid rain and clouds. The afternoons bring bright sun, wind, and warmer temperatures. So when do I water? In the morning between the showers; which may provide rain, but not really enough water to water my trees. Do I water in the afternoon during the hot sunny and muggy part of the day. Well I can always water tomorrow... So goes the weather here in Torrance where I live. It may be 100 degrees in other parts of the LA basin but here it may get to a balmy 75 degrees. Gardena, where Leila lives; well, that's another story, hot and sunny.

I would like to thank Jim Morris on accepting the position of Club Librarian. I guess we tricked him into the Club with lots of books and magazines to read and little to no budget, what a job. I also would like to thank Judy Unrine on her dedication of being the past librarian. Dragging all the books and magazines to the club meetings, even with a broken foot.

If you are interested in Japanese Gardens you can check out the Sansui Kai Bonsai show at the Tillman Water Reclamation Facility in Van Nuys on the 22nd. Great show and a garden to boot.

Doyle

Dai Ichi Thanks

Refreshment Contributions

Herb and Judy Eisenberg

Benefit Drawing Contributions

Ted Oka, Herb Eisenberg

Refreshments

July

Open

August

Open



2012 Dai Ichi Club Workshop



Ruben and Kevin discuss which tree to work on and the styling required for each tree.



Jim working on his personal tree.

Scott contemplates what is next.





Judy talks with Judy about what is next for her tree.

Leila explains what is needed in the design to finish the styling of the workshop tree.



2012 Dai Ichi Club Workshop



John works with Charlie to prune and style his tree.

Kevin Sweeny and his finished workshop tree. Kevin looks pretty happy with his work !





Ruben worked
on this Chokan
Foemina
juniper
Lots of cutting
and a little
wire.



Jonathon and Neil worked
on this prostrate juniper.

Final work is
being complet-
ed by Jonathan
at home and
will be brought
back for a later
raffle.

Thanks
Jonathan





CONVENTION XXXV 2012

October 25th - 28th
at the [DoubleTree Hotel](#) in Sacramento



HONORING HARRY HIRAO

"Mr. California Juniper"

"RAISING THE BAR" - OUR 1ST JUDGED EXHIBIT

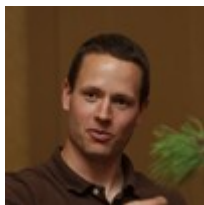
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THE FIRST ALL CALIFORNIA NATIVE TREE EXHIBIT

LEARN FROM THE BEST

HEADLINERS

**"Defining the Future
of Bonsai"**



Ryan Neil

Ryan didn't struggle with the question 'What do I want to be when I grow up?' he knew...

**"California's Best
Kept Secret"**



David Nguy

David's first teacher was Harry Hirao so it's no wonder David is especially known for ...

**"Yamadori and
Tatoos"**



Kevin Willson

Kevin is a Brit who has gained high respect by showing trees, lecturing and conducting...

SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP LEADERS



**Kathy Shaner, Curator, GSBF
Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt**

Kathy is internationally recognized...



Convention XXXV offers nineteen work shops led by expert bonsai professionals on the best material available.

BE INSPIRED

Judged Bonsai Show
California Native Bonsai
Show

RELAX AND ENJOY

Excursions
Activities

**SUPPORT AND CON-
TRIBUTE**

Benefit Drawing
Giving Campaign



72nd Annual Nisei Week Japanese Festival

2012 CULTURAL EXHIBITS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

JACCC 1ST FLOOR – 10 am - 5 pm

Bonsai Exhibit – Nanpu Kai

George J. Doizaki Gallery

AUGUST 18-19

Japanese American Cultural & Community Center

244 South San Pedro Street (between 2nd and 3rd Streets)

Los Angeles, CA 90012



Coming Events

July 22

Van Nuys, California

Sansui Kai of Southern California: 2012 Bonsai Show

At The Japanese Garden at the Tillman Water Reclamation Facility, 6100 Woodley Ave. Hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM for bonsai display; 1:00 to 3:00 PM Demonstration by Cheryl Manning; 3:15 to 4:00 PM gates closed to new visitors and garden closed at 4:00 PM; 4:15 to 5:00PM light reception and raffle for any bonsai club member. Sale table with pots, plants, bonsai trees, and bonsai related material. Free entry to bonsai show and display area. Japanese garden entry only \$3/Adult \$2/ Seniors. Visit www.sansui-kai.com for club information.

August 18-19

Los Angeles, California

Nanpu Kai Bonsai Exhibition / Nisei Week

JACCC (Japanese American Cultural and Community Center)

244 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Hours are 10:00am to 5:00pm. The origin of Nanpu Kai can be traced back 60 years ago. In 1950, John Naka, along with Frank Nagata, Morihei Furuya, Joseph Yamashiro and Mrs. Ai Okumura created the Southern California Bonsai Club with the goal of introducing elements of Japanese arts, in particular, bonsai and suiseki to western society.

September 29-30

San Diego, California

San Diego Bonsai Club: Annual Fall Show and Sale

At Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 101. Hours are 10AM-5PM. Free parking and free admission. Bonsai demonstrations daily at 11AM and 1PM. Bonsai trees, pots, and supplies for sale. For information visit our website at www.sandiegobonsaiclub.com

October 25-28

Sacramento, California

GSBF 2012 Convention XXXV "California Dreaming"

At the Double Tree Hotel, 2011 Point West Way. Reservations for hotel (916)929-8855. Headliners include Kevin Wilson from Spain, David Nguy and Ryan Neil. Demonstrations, seminars, critiques, workshops, excursions, benefit drawings, vendors, and much more. First ever totally California Native Tree bonsai exhibit and first ever judged bonsai competition for cash awards. More information available at www.gsbfcconvention.org

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 July 20th - 2012—Robert Pressler

Club Meeting Friday August 17th 2012—TBD

Club Meeting Friday September 14th, 2012—Michael Sykes