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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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Meeting for Friday
August 17th 2012 At 7:00pm
Carol Upston

Our guest demonstrator for August is one of our club members Carol Upston. Carol is a very skilled bonsai artist , she displays her talent as both a show entrant and as a show vendor. You may have seen her vendor displays at the GSBF, CBS, and Shohin Conventions.

Carol is a member of the California Bonsai Society, Kofu Bonsai Kai, South Coast Bonsai Association, and Ko Yu Kai Shohin Bonsai Club. Please welcome Carol Upston as the August guest demonstrator.



President's Message

by Doyle Saito



So I spoke to soon. Yes it is hot, 95 to 100+ degrees and still more hot weather planned for the next week. There is a possibility for thunder showers so relief may be on the way.

The threat of the hot winds and increased air temperature can damage many of your trees so be vigilant for many of your leafy deciduous trees. During these late summer months foliage tends to slow down in growth, but the trunk and branches still continue to grow. Water thoroughly, water enough to penetrate the root ball. In these hot times, try not to water the foliage or water early enough in the morning so the water has time to evaporate from the leaves.

Late summer months require a change in your fertilization program. Since growth has slowed, a fertilizer low in nitrogen is needed. Potassium and Phosphorus are needed to encourage good rootage and better fall colors. This will also help in the development of the trunk and branch structures and helps in the development of the fruit and flower buds that have been formed.

I'm quoting Bob Pressler, "Remember watering is fun, its relaxing, but do not over water".

Doyle

Dai Ichi Thanks

Benefit Drawing Donations

Kevin Sweeney, Chikugo-En, Leila Kusumi

Refreshment Contributions

Leila Kusumi, CJ Harmatz and Mark Levinstein
Keith Waters

Refreshments

August

Doyle Saito

September

Open



July with Robert Pressler



Bob discusses the benefits of the Ficus Nerifolia (willow leaf fig).
Bob chose a triple trunk style for the tree.



Bob talks about the history of his trees and how he started in Bonsai.



Bob with help from Scott prune back the root ball from the original flat size to the new bonsai pot size.

Leila and Bob with the finished tree.





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

and

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

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 Friday August 17th - 2012—Carol Upston
Club Meeting Friday September 14th 2012—Michael Sykes
Club Meeting Friday October 19th, 2012—Club Auction