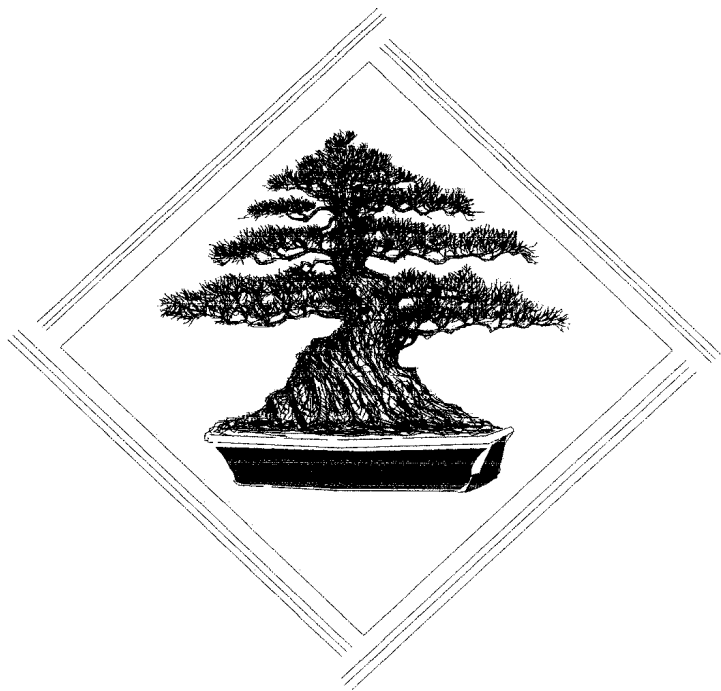


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About Our Club

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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Leila Kusumi (310) 327 0216

Meeting for Friday

September 21st at 7:00pm

John Van de Wouw

John van de Wouw began as the family gardener and became familiar with the Japanese culture growing up in Southern California. John took his first bonsai class with Ben Suzuki at the South Coast Botanical Gardens in 1982 and continued his education by reading a number of bonsai books and experimented with keeping trees alive before continuing his formal training through classes taught by Leila Kusumi, Gordon Tengan, and Hank Sugimoto, with special guest appearances by Mel Ikeda. Now a student of Shig Mia, Frank Goya, and Mas Moriguchi at Marina Bonsai in Venice, John also continues his education with Ben Oki. John was a recipient of the GSBF Bonsai Teacher Development Grant in 1992 and serves on the board of both the California Bonsai Society and Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai, and is also a member of Nanpu Kai.



President's Message

by Doyle Saito



This month, due to some scheduling conflicts we have a change in our guest demonstrator. John Van de Wouw has graciously accepted to be our September demonstrator. Please come to the meeting and support John during his demonstration.

This month we also have a change in the newsletter editor, CJ Harmatz has accepted the task of being our new Newsletter Editor. CJ thank you.

I hope some of you went to the Nisei Week Festival and braved the heat and crowds to visit the Nanpu Kai Exhibition. The trees were outstanding and the bonsai masters who were available for questions and information, fantastic. The special guest star of the exhibition was the former GSBF past president Dennis Makashima, I have added a picture of this tree.



Lastly, in October we have our annual Club Auction. This is one of our biggest club fundraisers, so if you have any pots, trees, dai's that are just sitting around bring them down and make some money for the club. We can also use some help in the setup and running of the auction so volunteer and help run or support the auction.

Doyle

Dai Ichi Thanks

Refreshment Contributions

Doyle Saito, Judy Unrine, Herb Eisenberg

Benefit Drawing Contributions

**Carol Upston, Herb Eisenberg,
Kevin Sweeney**

Refreshments

September

Open

October

Doyle Saito



2012 Dai Ichi Club Workshop



Carol Upston demonstrated on a Boxwood tree explaining that Boxwoods are very abundant in Southern California with stable wood and slow growth .

Boxwoods can be shaped in a variety of different ways.

Carol brought pictures and some of her own creations.



Carol's examples





The leaves are easy to damage so Carol cut the leaves to open up the features of the tree. Boxwoods need intense bright light to keep the leaves green.



Carol stated that it is important to make a regular pass over Boxwoods and defoliate large and older darken leaves every 4-6 weeks.



2012 Dai Ichi Club Workshop



Careful not to cut back to where there was no foliage, she left enough branches and foliage for the new owner to decide on a future design for this tree .

Repotting was suggested once a design has been decided and can be transplanted any time of the year.



And the happy winner of Carol Upston's demo tree was Neil Nguyen. Congratulations Neil.

We are all looking forward to see how this tree progresses.

Nisei Week Nanpu Kai Bonsai Show

Great to see Dai
Ichi Bonsai Kai
members helping
out and supporting
Bonsai education.



Dai Ichi Bonsai
Kai member
John Van de
Wouw proudly
showed his
tree.



Dai Ichi Co-founder and
Sensai Leila Kusumi's tree
was very beautifully
displayed at the Nisei Week
Nanpu Kai Show.



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at the [DoubleTree Hotel](#) in Sacramento



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**"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...



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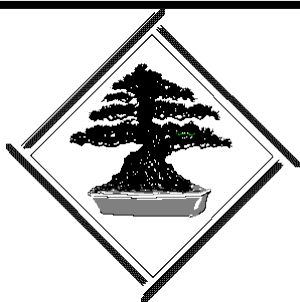
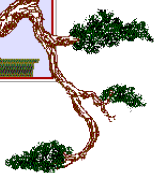
Judged Bonsai Show
California Native Bonsai
Show

RELAX AND ENJOY

Excursions
Activities

**SUPPORT AND CON-
TRIBUTE**

Benefit Drawing
Giving Campaign



DAI ICHI BONSAI KAI
ANNUAL AUCTION
FRIDAY OCTOBER 19, 2012
7:00 P.M.

Ken Nakaoka Community Center
1670 W. 162nd Street, Gardena, CA

Bonsai trees, display stands, accent plants,
pots and much more available to bidders.

The auction is open to the public.

Previews at 6:30 P.M.

Call (310) 539-9265 or <http://daiichi-bonsai.com>
for more information.



Coming Events

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 6-7

Thousand Oaks, California

Conejo Valley Bonsai Society: 9th Annual Bonsai Exhibition

At the Resource Center at the Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd; Hours are 9 AM-4 PM both days. Demonstrations in the Bandstand at 11 AM Saturday and 2 PM Sunday. Free Admission. No sales of bonsai related items. For information, call Marj Branson at 805-373-1330 or visit our web site at www.cvbs-bonsai.org

October 19

Gardena, California

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai: Annual Auction

At Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St, Gardena. Preview at 6:30 pm; auction begins at 7:00 pm.

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 September 21st 2012—John Van de Wouw

Club Meeting Friday October 19th 2012—Club Auction with Gary Lai

Club Meeting Friday November 16th, 2012—TBD