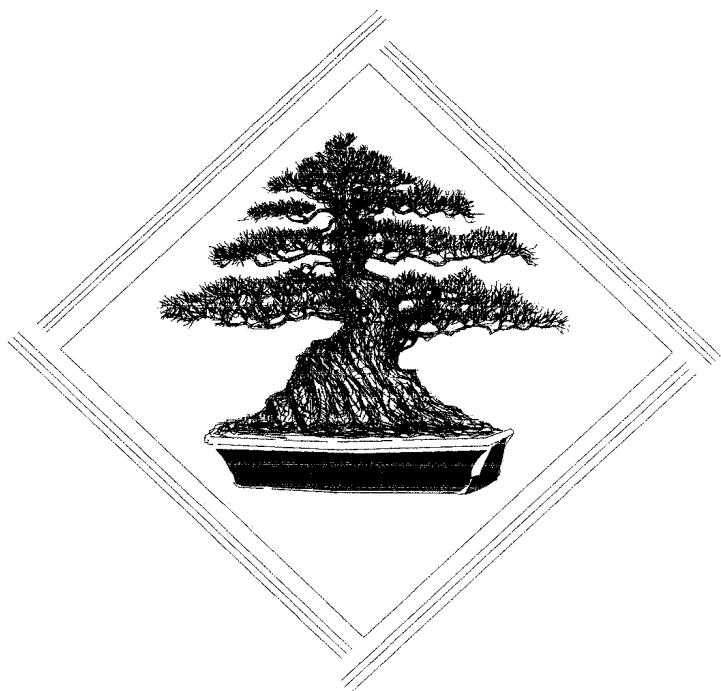


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About Our Club

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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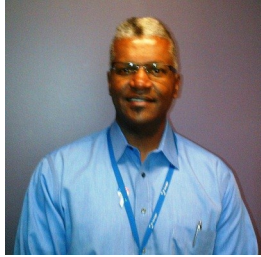
Co-Founder/Sensei

Leila Kusumi (310) 327 0216

Meeting for Friday

November 16th at 7:00pm

Michael Sykes



Michael Sykes Bio:

My first exposure to bonsai was almost 20 years ago when I walked into the spring show of the San Diego Bonsai Club. I was so amazed at what I saw and was determined to learn the art. It has been a journey and I have met some amazing bonsai artist over the years. I have had the fortunate opportunity to study with fantastic artist and instructors such as; Mr. Kenji Miyata and Mr. Fred Miyahara. I continue to study with them to this day through the Black Pine Study Group as well as private lessons.

I am currently a member of the San Diego Bonsai Club, California Bonsai Society and Nam Pu Kai Bonsai Club. I have also held the position of President of the San Diego Bonsai Club from 2003 to 2004. I also am a member of the Executive Board of the San Diego Japanese Friendship Garden.



President's Message

by Doyle Saito



Thank you to all the folks who made donations, provided effort and support for the auction, and finally to those who made purchases at the auction, THANK YOU ! The Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai yearly club auction is the largest fundraising event for the club during the year and helps provide funding for all the meetings and demonstrations.

The following club members made donations in support of the yearly auction, Thuan Lam, Leila Kusumi, Roy Kaneoka & Family, Judy & George Unrine, Herb Eisenberg, Gary Lai, John Van de Wouw, and Jeanette Chun. Gary Lai stepped in as auctioneer and did a tremendous job. We finished the auction in record time, cleaned up and still had time for coffee and cake before going home by 9:00pm. Carl Crouse, John Van de Wouw, Scott Pogolian, Neil Nguyen, Jonathan Nguyen, Mark Levenstein, and CJ Harmatz gave up a Friday night to help support and run the auction. Thank you again for your donations and support.

This month we are very lucky to have Michael Sykes as the guest demonstrator. Michael is an exceptional bonsai artist and has studied with some very talented bonsai masters. Please come and support DIBK and Michael at the next meeting.

Thank you
Doyle Saito

October Dai Ichi Thanks

Refreshment Contributions

Judy & George Unrine

Auction Contributions

Thuan Lam

Leila Kusumi

Roy Kaneoka

Judy & George Unrine

Herb Eisenberg

Gary Lai

John Van De Wouw

Jeanette Chun

Doyle Saito

Auction Assistants

Sales Desk - Carl Crouse, CJ Harmatz, Doyle Saito

Runners - John Van de Wouw, Scott Pogolian,

Mark Levinstein, Neil Nguyen, Jonathan Nguyen

Auctioneer - Gary Lai

Refreshments

November

Doyle Saito

December

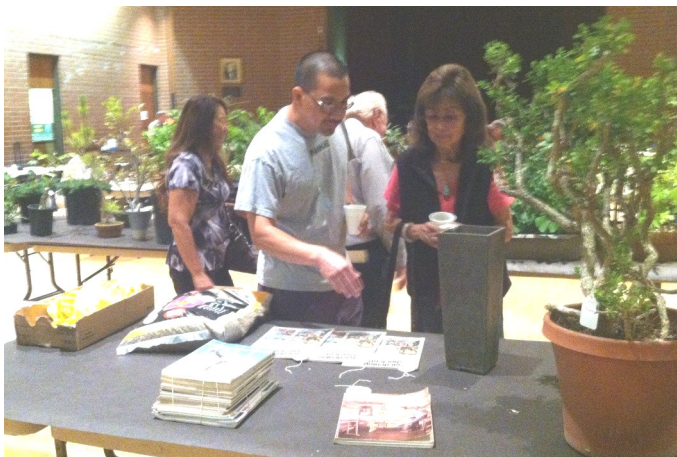
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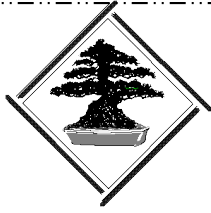


2012 Dai Ichi Club Annual Auction



People came early to preview the items that would be auctioned.



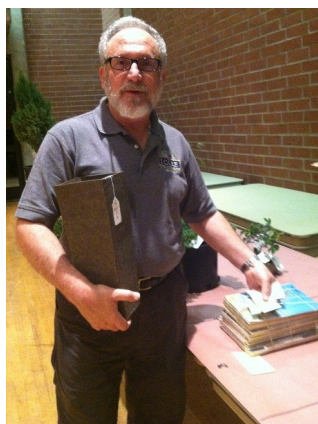


Gary Lai did a great job as auctioneer encouraging people to increase their bids to get the items they really wanted while also supporting the club.





Some of the happy customers that got great deals on some great trees, pots and books.





The donated auction trees helped the club raise money.

Remember to help the club out next year by donating the trees you have outgrown for someone else to learn from and continue to develop their bonsai skills.

Looks like Neil bought the most trees. Thanks everyone for your support.



Golden State Bonsai Federation Convention Sacramento

October 25-28, 2012



Some of the trees on display at the GSBF Convention.



My name is Aki Sweeney, and Kevin Sweeney's wife.
My husband is a member at Dai-ichi Bonsai Kai.

Mel Ikeda had a demonstration with multiple people on Friday, October 26th. My husband, Kevin Sweeney, helped Mel as a student to complete the demo tree. It was nice of Mel to have him help.

There were other well-known Bonsai artists there.
The size of vendors there were the largest I've ever seen.
I hope the next convention will be held in Southern California, so that it would be easier to attend.



California Bonsai Society



Annual Thanksgiving Member's Sale

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Sunday November 25, 2012

at

Yamaguchi Bonsai Nursery

1905 Sawtelle Blvd.

West Los Angeles, CA 90025

(310) 473-5444

(Just west of the 405, between Olympic and Santa Monica Blvd)

- * The sale will be in the parking lot on the south side of the Nursery. Wear old shoes as the lot is unpaved.
- * Individual Bonsai Sales Area for each participating CBS Member
- * Knowledgeable personnel available to help you with your bonsai needs
- * Hurry to get a Great Deal on your future Bonsai Masterpiece

**Only Cash and Check(s) will be accepted-
No Credit Cards**

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai is a proud member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation
<http://www.daiichibonsaikai.wordpress.com>

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Club Meeting Friday November 16th, 2012—Michael Sykes

Club Meeting Friday December 21—TBD

Club Meeting Friday January 18—TBD