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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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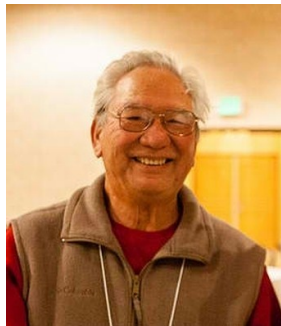
No Meeting for Friday, December 21

**Have a Very
Happy and Healthy
Joyous Holiday Season!**



Next Meeting Friday, January 18

Fred Miyahara will be discussing Black Pine
development from seed to grown tree.



See You in the New Year!

Support the Club!

Don't Forget to Pay your 2013 Dues

President's Message by Doyle Saito

Happy holidays, I hope you and your family are well and in good health. The year 2012 was a very productive year for Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai, we had some excellent demonstrators, put on a very profitable auction, and hosted our annual Show and Sale. This year would not have been a success without the people who help run this club.

John Van de Wouw is our program chair and 1st Vice President, John provides the club with first class demonstrators and fills in when needed.

Carl Crouse is our treasurer and membership chair. Carl has been our treasurer for a long time and was originally in for 1-2 years. I think it's been over 5 years now and sorry Carl I still haven't found a replacement for you. Unless someone would like to volunteer?

Scott Pogolian is our resident Benefit Drawing Chair and Webmaster. We always have a great selection of goodies each meeting and our website is brand new and pretty exciting.

Judy Unrine has provided a few duties for the club. Recording secretary, Historian, and Librarian. Judy has given up the librarian duties but all club information and recording duties are always complete and up to date.

CJ Harmatz is our new Newsletter Editor. I want to personally thank CJ for taking over this very time consuming task from me. The newsletter looks great and she does a much better job of providing stories and information than I will ever be able to do.

Ruben Espinosa was our Hospitality Chair. Do to Ruben's new job, it's at night, he is unable to attend meetings. Thank you Ruben for all your effort and time and toting that large box to the meetings every month.

Jim Morris is our new Librarian. Thank you Jim for accepting the duties of librarian, I have some new books and some magazines for you, but not much of a budget.

Tom Culton is our Publicity Chair and Show Chair. Tom did a great job with our May show and provides publicity for our meetings and special events. Thank you again Tom.

Peter Macasieb is the Show Chair and President of Ko Yu Kai. Peter is a great friend of our club and always provides help and support for all our functions.

Herb Eisenberg is our past president and sounding board for any problems that we have, thank you again Herb.

Leila Kusumi is one of the founding members of Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai. Leila always provides refreshments, donates to the raffle table, and provides helpful advice to the club and myself. Thank you again Leila.

Lastly I would like to thank everyone's better halves and families for putting in all the miles and time. Driving to those out of the way places to look at a nursery or attend a show or sale.

Thank you again, Happy Holidays, and get ready for next year.

Doyle

November Dai Ichi Thanks

Refreshment Contributions

Doyle Saito

Leila Kusumi

Peter and Marissa Macasieb

Benefit Drawing

Roy Kaneoka Family

Carol Uptson

Doyle Saito

Herb Eisenberg

Peter Macasieb

Kevin Sweeney

Welcome New Member

Jason Saito

Refreshments

December

No meeting

January

TBD —

Please sign up

February

TBD—

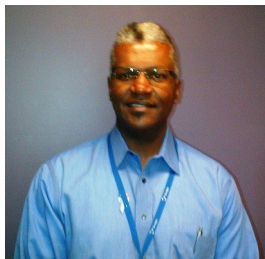
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2012 Dai Ichi Club Demonstration

November 16th

Michael Sykes



- Member of the San Diego Bonsai Society
- Nam Bonsai Club
- California Pu Kai Club
- San Diego Japanese Friendship Garden
- Studied under Mr. Kenji Miyata and Mr. Fred Miyahara.



Michael brought trees at different stages of development to demonstrate how to effectively work with a Foemina Juniper.

The guests at the Friday meeting were Fred Miyahara and Ron Descoteau both from San Diego.



Michael worked on a tree that he had started to shape allowing us to see the trees in various levels of work.

He used tweezers and scissors to get in close to work on the sharp needles of the Foemina.



Michael demonstrated how to form the pads and create the proper spacing to let light in.



Other example of Michael's work on Foeminas.



Lots of cutting and wiring without the use of gloves.



Now on to the main demo tree.



Michael left foliage so the new owner could style to their own likes. What a well thought out demo.



Hard to believe this is the same tree.



And the winner this month of Michael's demonstration tree was my own honey, Mark Levinstein. Congratulations Mark! And thank you Michael!





California Bonsai Society Annual Thanksgiving Member's Sale



Sunday November 25, 2012
Yamaguchi Bonsai Nursery



Upcoming Events

December 27, 2012 – January 2, 2013: San Marino, CA
California Aiseki Kai: 23rd Anniversary Exhibition of Viewing Stones Show, located in Friends Hall at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. Hours are 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM each day. Closed on New Year's Day. Free parking and free entry into our exhibit. For more information see our website: www.aisekikai.com and/or contact hutch@aisekikai.com.

February 23 & 24, 2013: San Marino, CA
Bonsai-A-Thon XVII at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road. This is the annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at The Huntington. Admission to the event and to the Huntington Gardens is free with Bonsai-A-Thon "Early Bird" Registration. Hours are 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM both days. Pancake breakfast, tour hosted by Jim Folsom (Director of the Garden), demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle, and auction. For more information, contact Marge Blasingame, 626-579-0420 or margeblasingame@att.net.

March 22, 2013: Gardena, CA
Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai Club will be having a late afternoon workshop with Mauro Stemberger, a Bonsai expert from Italy. Watch for details for fee and time.

Mark your Calendars!

October 31—November 3, 2013: Burbank, CA
The GSBF Convention: Bonsai Artist Studio: Outside the Box—Expect the unexpected. Marriott LA Burbank Airport. Headliners: David De Groot, Suthin Sukosolvisit and Peter Warren. Details at www.gsbfcconvention.org

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 December 21st, 2012—No Meeting

Club Meeting Friday January 18th—Fred Miyahara

Club Meeting Friday February 22nd—TBD