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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.

Website—<http://www.daiichibonsaikai.wordpress.com>

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Friday March 22, 2013 at 7:00pm

Mauro Stemberger

Italian Bonsai Dream



Mauro Stemberger was born 1978 in Feltre, Italy, and works as Architect and Bonsai artist. At the age of 14, he became fascinated about bonsai. Mauro joined the local club in Feltre. From 1994 - 2001, he participated in workshops with Hotsumi Terakawa, Marc Noelander, Horst Crekler, Edoardo Rossi, Salvatore Liporace, and many more. In 2005, he helped found the Italian Bonsai Dream Workshop with a group of enthusiasts to work and enjoy bonsai (<http://www.italianbonsaidream.com/>).

Since 2007, he's written numerous articles for important bonsai magazines like *Bonsai Focus*, *UBI Bonsai* and *BCI Bonsai & Stone Appreciation*. In 2008, he was recognized as a BCI bonsai instructor. (<http://www.bonsai-bci.com/bci-artists/180-mauro-stemberger-italy>) From 2008 to 2010, he was President of UBI (Italian Bonsai Association) and Director of *UBI Bonsai Magazine*. For the last four years, Mauro has been doing demonstrations and workshops for various bonsai clubs and Association in North America and Europe.

Mauro Stemberger will be doing a workshop for those who have pre-registered from 12:15—4:45 pm.
Silent observers welcome.

President's Message

by Doyle Saito

Spring is around the corner, the trees are pushing new growth, the buds are swelling and the flowers are blooming. Spring also brings the bonsai show season; from March to June you can find a bonsai show just about every weekend. Day trips to San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Maria enable the bonsai enthusiast to visit bonsai nurseries and shows every weekend.

March is also just seven weeks away from our own annual show and sale.

The 27th Annual Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai show, "Serenity through Bonsai", is going to be on May 4th and May 5th. We will be having a great lineup this year; Saturday will be our beginner's workshop and round robin demo. This year our round robin demonstrators will be Peter Macasieb and Michael Sykes. Sunday we will have our annual demonstration by the Master Bonsai Artist, Mr. Frank Goya, assisted by past president Herb Eisenberg.

Today I attended the funeral of the late Mr. Masaru Ishii, owner of Chikugo-En Bonsai Nursery. Mr. Ishii was a pioneer in bonsai, many of his techniques and trees are prized possessions of bonsai artists around the country. Mr. Ishii was also a strong supporter of Dai Ichi Bonsai. Demonstrations, pots, tools, and other supplies were always available to the club when needed. He was a quiet supporter of the club and will be missed.

This brings to mind the need to thank those who have been teaching the art of bonsai for these many years. The Sensei who have been teaching and coaching us through the years - pushing and yelling at us to be better; these are the people we should take time to just say thank you. Many of these Sensei are getting older and we should help in any way. Our assistance will never be asked but should be offered.

Thank you
Doyle

Dai Ichi Gratitude

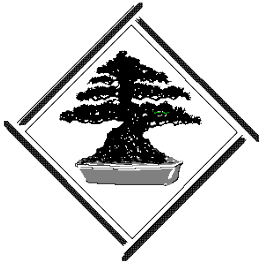
Benefit Draw Contributions

Doyle Saito, Jim Morris

Refreshment Contributors

CJ Harmatz & Mark Levinstein,
Carl Crouse, Kevin Sweeney, Doyle Saito

Welcome New Members



Refreshments

March- Barry Miller,

Herb Eisenberg

April—Doyle Saito

May— Doyle Saito

Please help out by
volunteering to bring
refreshments



February Dai Ichi Club Demonstration

Peter Macasieb



Peter goes for a more natural look and uses the dead wood to create the Japanese Triangle.



Peter works on a collected California Juniper that had been bare rooted when it was dug from the ground and then soaked.



California Junipers
are full sun trees.



Natural soil is really
hard with lots of clay
and rocks.

Peter makes his potting
mix with
1/3 Akadama
1/3 Scoria
1/3 Pumis

Peter also suggested
using light recycled
glass in your soil. It
was sharp edges that
the roots like to grab
hold of.





Peter uses copper wire on junipers and pines.
He uses aluminum on deciduous trees.



The wire that he
used to shape the
tree can stay on
for about a year.

Peter leaves a lot of foliage because these trees recover well.

Peter uses guide wires to bend the branches.

When ready to be repotted, Peter recommends an oval 3 inch deep pot.



And the winner is Scott Pogolian.

Congrats!

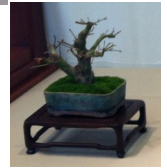
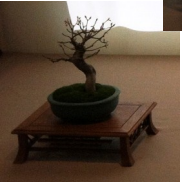
Peter will be watching to see how you take care of this tree.



THE GSBF COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON

Bonsai-A-Thon Feb. 23 & 24

Special Exhibit By the Ko Yu Kai Shohin Bonsai Club



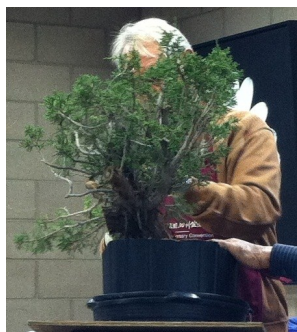
Saturday Demonstrations

Peter Macasieb

Cork Bark Elm **BEFORE**

Harry Hirao
California Juniper

BEFORE



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AFTER



BEFORE



AFTER



BEFORE



Bob Hilvers
Pygmy Cypress

BEFORE



AFTER



Mel Ikeda
Procumbens
Nana

AFTER



Sunday Demonstrations

Kathy Benson
Shimpaku

BEFORE



AFTER



Marcus Juniel
Prostrata Juniper

BEFORE



AFTER



Ken Teh
California Juniper

BEFORE



AFTER



Cesareo Perez
Japanese Maple

BEFORE



AFTER



Mel Ikeda
Procumbens Nana

BEFORE



AFTER



Support Our Club!



Take a Workshop

Lindsay Shiba – Mt. Fuji Garden Center - July 19, 2013

Lindsay Shiba began learning bonsai in 1970 from his father, Katsumi Shiba (who had learned from John Naka). Lindsay continued his formal training under Khan Komai, who introduced Lindsay to the love of deciduous trees, accent plantings and displaying bonsai in formal settings. John Naka and Harry Hirao are Lindsay's present mentor-teachers.

Lindsay presents many demonstrations and workshops in California and around the United States. He teaches beginning through advanced \ workshop courses in bonsai at his family's nursery -- Mt. Fuji Garden Center (<http://www.mtfujigardencent.com>) -- in Upland, California. During the last few years, Lindsay has been assisting Ben Oki with demonstrations and workshops. He is a past President of California Bonsai Society, a show chairman of Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai's Winter Silhouettes Show, and a member of Nampukai. Lindsay's Bachelor of Science degree in Ornamental Horticulture and minor in Irrigation from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, has gone "hand-in-hand" with his interests in bonsai and managing the family nursery.

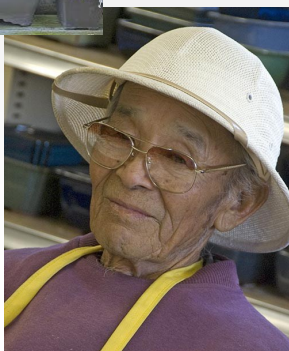
There will not be a regular Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai meeting on this date

Workshop Details:

1. Seating is limited to ten (10) participants, initial priority will be given to Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai members. Seating will be opened up to the larger bonsai community six (6) weeks prior to the event based upon first come – first served of applications received with full payment.
2. Participants shall bring one tree only
3. Participants shall provide their own tools and wire
4. Class will be conducted at the **Nakaoka Community Center**
1670 W. 162nd St., Gardena, CA, 90247
5. Class time will be from **12:15 PM to 4:45 PM** the day of the class
6. Registration is required for the class date
7. **Registration is \$30 for each class** and should be mailed to:
Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai
c/o John van de Wouw
660 S Irena Ave
Redondo Beach, CA, 90277-4355

In Memory Masaru Ishii

July 14, 1929—March 4, 2013



The owner of Chikugo-En Bonsai Nursery passed away peacefully in March 4 at 83 years of age. He is survived by his wife, Reiko Ishii; children, Gary Ishii and Arlene (Tom) Kakita; granddaughter, Emily Ishii; great granddaughter, Joselyn Ishii.

We thank him and his family for all the support they have shown to Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai. He and his talents will be greatly missed.

It is Time to Renew your Club Membership!

**Supporting members dues are payable
January—March of each year.**

Individual membership \$25.00 per year

Family membership \$35.00 per year

Your dues enable the club to present such activities as our annual show, guest demonstrations, workshops, monthly newsletter, club library, and benefit drawings.

Help us grow our 2013 Membership!

Coming Events

March 19, 2013: La Cañada Flintridge, California

Descanso Bonsai Society: Mauro Stemberger at Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive. Italian Bonsai Master Mauro will teach a two-session, all-day, bring your tree workshop. Hours: 10 AM – 1 PM and 2 PM – 5 PM, followed by a regular meeting/demonstration beginning at 7:30 PM; everyone is invited to attend the workshops and meeting/demonstration. Silent observers encouraged.

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. Fee \$30

March 23 – 24, 2013: San Marino, California

California Bonsai Society: Annual Show at The Huntington Library, 1151 Oxford Road, Mauro Stemberger two-day workshop located in the Teaching Greenhouse. Bring your tree half-day and full-day sessions are available. Silent observers encouraged.

April 25 – 28 2013: Costa Mesa, California

Orange Empire Bonsai Society: 24th Annual Spring Garden Show, South Coast Plaza, 3333 Bear St.; Orange Empire will display trees in traditional Japanese style, and Frank Goya will conduct a Saikei demonstration. The Spring Garden Show is a diverse and outstanding selection of unusual and exotic plants, garden tools, garden ornaments and art, competition gardens and children's programs, free admission and parking.

May 4 – 5, 2013: Gardena, California

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai: Annual Exhibit "Serenity Through Bonsai" at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St. Hours are 10 AM – 4 PM, both days. Novice to master bonsai exhibits. Beginner's hands-on workshop at 10:30 AM Saturday, at 1 PM a round-robin demonstration featuring Peter Macasieb and Michael Sykes, and Sunday at 1 PM a saikei demonstration by Frank Goya will be held. The demonstration items will be in the benefit drawing, which follows each demonstration.

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 March 22, 2013—Mauro Stemberge
Club Meeting Friday April 19, 2013—Mel Ikeda
Club Meeting Friday May 4 & 5—Annual Club Show