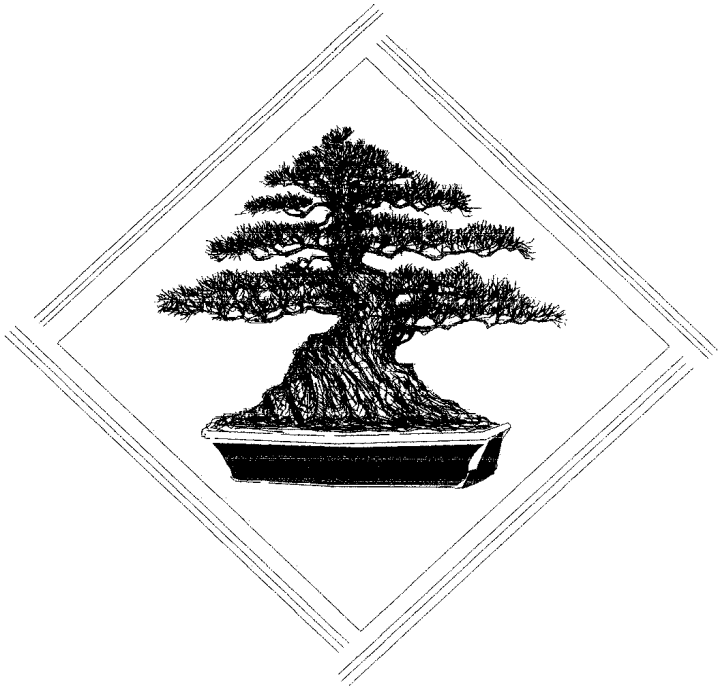


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About Our Club

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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Leila Kusumi (310) 327 0216

Friday April 19, 2013 at 7:00pm

Mel Ikeda



Mel Ikeda's father, Masayuki Ikeda, owned Ikeda Bonsai Garden. This gave Mel the unique experience of growing up around Harry Hirao, Khan Komai, John Naka, Kenji Miyata and others who eventually became his teachers. Mel conducts demonstrations throughout the United States and was a headliner at the 2009 Bonsai Ohana II Convention in Hawaii. He is active in many clubs, serving on their boards as well as that of the GSBF.



President's Message

I would like to start this month's message with a "Get well Herb" message. Our Past-President, Herb Eisenberg, suffered a stroke this past month. He is doing well, his speech is a little slow and slurred, but he is still sharp. Herb, take care and know everyone in the club is wishing you a speedy recovery.

The March workshop and meeting was a very busy and hectic event. The workshop started late, time was counting down and we were still trying to finish trees, clean the room, and get ready for the 7:00pm meeting start time. For all the problems and the rush nature of the meeting, I apologize, this should not have happened and will not be a problem in the future.

As for the meeting, we had a serious meeting of past presidents; Herb Eisenberg, Ed Walters, Milton Louie, Patty Theaker, and Leila Kusumi. The meeting was fast paced and Mauro Stemberger was an excellent and skilled demonstrator. Mauro was detailed in his description of what he was trying to accomplish, he was entertaining and took the time to answer all the questions posed to him. I also forgot in my haste, to thank Michael Jonas for bringing Mauro Stemberger.

At the California Bonsai Society show, some of our members participated in the demonstrations. During the main demo event, Scott Pogolian, Kevin Sweeney, Ed Gonzales provided a side demonstration styling trees and answering questions from the public. Good job, Kevin, Scott, and Ed.

Our annual show, The 27th Annual Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai show, "Serenity through Bonsai", is going to be on May 4th and May 5th. As always we need help setting up and breaking down, help with the beginner's workshop, working in the sales area, helping with the demo's, and finally food will be provided. Yes I am trying to bribe people with food and drink.

Thank you
Doyle

Dai Ichi Gratitude

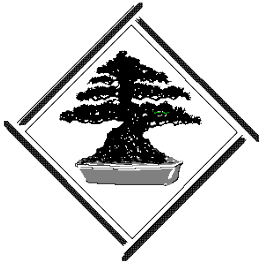
Benefit Draw Contributions

Jason Saito, Ev Bassin, Herb Eisenberg, Elliot Farkas, Kevin Sweeney

Refreshment Contributors

Herb Eisenberg, Barry Miller, Doyle Saito, Mel Ikeda, Leila Kusumi, CJ Harmatz, Mark Levinstein

Welcome New Members



Refreshments

April—Doyle Saito

May— Doyle Saito,
Leila Kusumi

June—TBD

Please help out by
volunteering to bring
refreshments



February Dai Ichi Club Demonstration

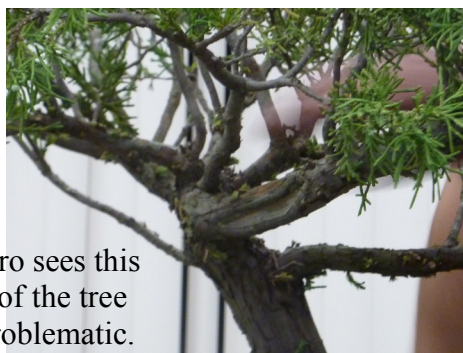
Mauro Stemberger Italian Bonsai Dream



Original front of the tree



Original back of the tree



Mauro sees this
part of the tree
as problematic.



Mauro
creates
his
design on
the black-
board. He
then starts
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the trunk.





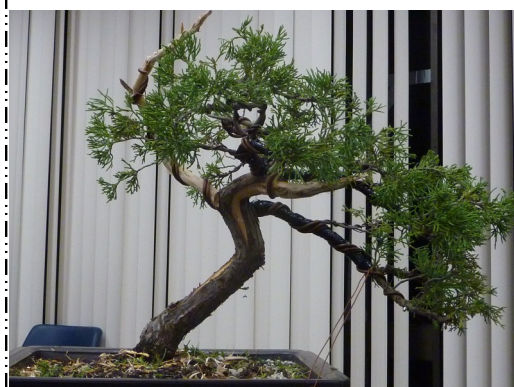
Branches are shortened and removed.





Branches are wrapped with electrical tape and then heavy wire is applied before bending them into place to create movement and flow.

Congratulations to Carl Crouse, the winner of Mauro's demo tree.



Dai Ichi Bonsai Mauro Stemberger Workshop Participants



A good time
was had by
all with lots
of learning
going on.
Don't miss
our next
workshop in
July with
Lindsay
Shiba.





THE GSBF COLLECTION AT THE HUNTINGTON

March 23 & 24, 2103

California Bonsai Society Annual Show



Peter Macasieb



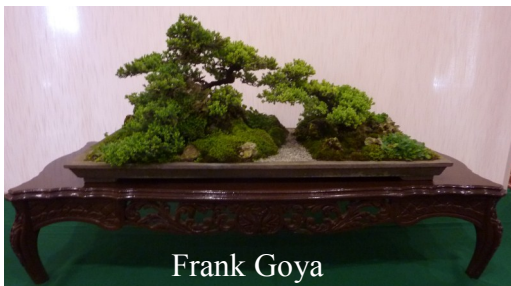
Peter Macasieb



Ben Oki



Harry Hirao



Frank Goya



Herb Eisenberg



Ted Oka



Ted Oka



Mel Ikeda



Leila Kusumi



Carol Upston



Tak Shimazu did a wonderful demonstration assisted by Peter Macasieb and Mel Ikdea totally changing the look of a prior demoed tree.



Doyle Saito with Sensei Leila Kusumi.

Club members below also amazing did demos.



Scott Pogolian



Kevin Sweeney



Ed Gonzales

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai
27th Annual
Bonsai Exhibit
Serenity Through Bonsai

May 4 and 5, 2013

Ken Nakaoka Community Center
1670 W. 162nd St., Gardena

Show Schedule

Saturday, May 4

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. | Show & Sales Area Open |
| 10:30 A.M. | Beginner's Hands-on Workshop
(free tree to first 15 newcomers to
sign up Saturday morning) |
| 1:00 P.M. | Round Robin Bonsai
Demonstration with Peter
Macasieb and Michael Sykes |
| 6:00 P.M. | Reception & Entertainment |

Sunday, May 5

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|----------------------|---|
| 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. | Show & Sales Area Open |
| 1:00 P.M. | Mr. Frank Goya,
Saikei Demonstration |

Novice to master exhibitors, daily demonstrations and drawings, bonsai plants, tools, and accessories on sale throughout the show.

Free admission and parking.

Club Volunteers Needed!



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.mtfujigardencenter.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

Coming Events

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 saiikei demonstration by Frank Goya will be held. The demonstration items will be in the benefit drawing, which follows each demonstration.

June 15 and 16, 2013: La Cañada Flintridge, California

Descanso Bonsai Society: Annual Show at Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive. Hours are 9 AM – 5 PM, with Demonstrations 11 AM and 1 PM each day. Sales area open to the public. Admission to the exhibition is free with admission to Descanso Gardens. A Saturday night reception 6 PM – 9 PM includes light refreshments, auction and raffle. For more information contact Michael Jonas at (818) 775-0813.

July 19, 2013: Gardena, California

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai: Workshop with Lindsay Shiba at the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd St. from 12:15—4:45 pm.. Cost: \$30

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.gsbfconvention.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 April 19, 2013—Mel Ikeda
Club Meeting Friday May 4 & 5—Annual Club Show
Club Meeting Friday June 21, 2013—TBD