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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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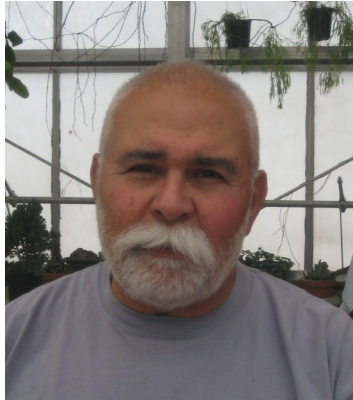
Co-Founder/Sensei

Leila Kusumi (310) 327 0216

June Demonstrator

Manny Martinez

June 21, 2013



First became interested in Bonsai in his Junior year of Hi school. Growing up in Whittier he discovered Ikeda Bonsai Nursery in Buena Park and would ride over to it on his bike and just wonder around in amazement. This and later on Murata's nursery were the two places to go for inspiration.

After years of to do Bonsai on his own, reading books on the subject and having more failure then success his wife bought him a Birthday gift of a set of lessons at Murata's in Garden Grove. It was also about this time he found out about the California show at the Museum of Natural History in L. A.

He went to the show and on the day he attended Harry Hirao was doing a demonstration on a California Juniper donated by Merle Vande Weerd and the demo narrated by Larry Ragle. The interesting thing about this was that unbeknown to him the gentleman sitting in back of him talking about the demo and what was being done to the tree was Merle, so he got some real insight on what was going on. At the end of the demo Larry invited the audience to come up and take a closer look at the tree. He went up and Larry greeted him and started talking. He told Manny about Kofu Kai and Harry's classes. He said He was interested and was introduced to Harry and thus started his down fall.

Manny has worked with most of the local masters as the result of a study group Mel Ikeda started and he assisted in maintaining for years. His main teachers were Harry Hirao and John Naka both of whom he studied with for years.

Manny has been a member of Kofu Kai since the early 80's and is currently serving as President for a second time. He is also a member of California Bonsai Society and Nampu Kai. This year he was elected as GSBF district E representative.

His talk will be directed at Getting Started in Bonsai.

President's Message

Thank you to all the members and friends of Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai who helped in the preparation, beginner's workshop, demonstrations, the fine pot luck, and finally the cleanup of our annual show. I will try and mention as many names as I can recall, if I miss anyone I am sorry.

Hospitality – CJ Harmatz, Judy Unrine, George Unrine

Entertainment – Keali'i O Nalani

Demonstrators – Peter Macasieb, Michael Sykes, and Frank Goya

Vendors – David and June Nguy and Mel Ikeda

Show Photographer – Thuan Lam

Benefit Drawing Contributors – Gary Lai, Harry Hirao, Eunice Ellestad, Peggy Bravick, Hank Sugimoto, Leila Kusumi, Peter Macasieb, CJ Harmatz, Mark Levinstein, John Van de Wouw, CF Chin, Kei Ikari, Thuan Lam, Dave & June Nguy, Jonathon Nguyen, Doyle Saito, Dai Ichi Club

Beginners Workshop Instructors– Scott Pogolian, Jonathan Nguyen, Tom Culton, Dr C. Chen, Milton Louie, Ed Walters, Kevin Sweeney, Peter Macasieb, Leila Kusumi, Carol Upston, Michael Sykes, John Van de Wouw

Setup and Breakdown – Keith Waters, John Van de Wouw, Jim Morris, Tom Culton, Peter Macasieb, Joyce Gibbs, Kei Ikari, Gordon Tengan, CJ Harmatz, Mark Levinstein, Kevin Sweeney, Barry Miller, Leila Kusumi, George Unrine, Manny Martinez, Hank Sugimoto, Marissa Macasieb

I would like to thank the Ko Yu Kai Shohin club for their wonderful displays of shohin trees.

Thank you.

Doyle

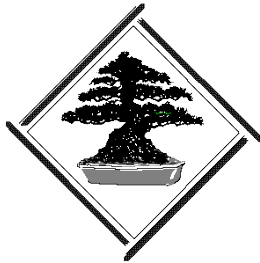
Dai Ichi Gratitude

Thank you to the Ishii Family of Chikugo-En Bonsai Nursery for their generous donation in appreciation of the flowers and support provided at the passing of Sensei Masaru Ishii.

Well wishes and a speedy recovery to Herb Eisenberg who is finally back home and taking care of his Bonsai trees. You have been greatly missed!

Welcome New Members

Michael Walsh
Shawn Stanton
Al Callanta
E.K. Waller
Sean Warnock

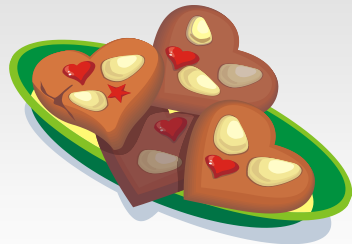


Refreshments

June—TBD

July—No Meeting

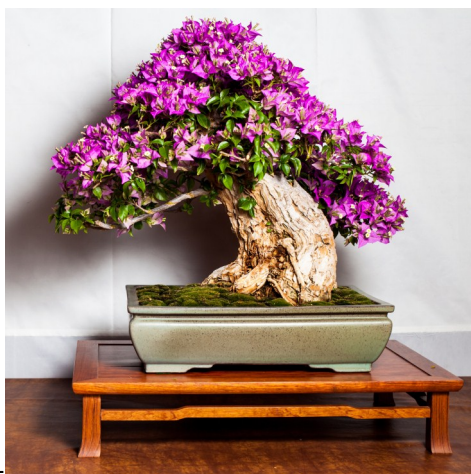
August - TBD



Please help out by
volunteering to bring
refreshments!

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

May 4 & 5, 2013







JIM MORRIS



Early Willow - Lavender Starflower











Thank You for Showing your Trees

Al Nelson	Gary Lai	Keith Waters
Allan Sugimura	Gordon Tengan	Larry Ragle
Apinya Culton	Hank Sugimoto	Leila Kusumi
Carol Upston	Harry Hirao	Manny Martinez
David Nguy	Herb Eisenberg	Peter Macasieb
Doyle Saito	Jim Morris	Roy Kaneoka
Frank Goya	John van de Wouw	Scott Pogolian
Fred Miyahara	Kaz Murai	Ted Oka
Gary Ishii	Kei Ikari	Tom Culton

A Wonderful Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai Exhibit

Start Planning for Next Year
What Tree Will You Display?



Koyu Kai Bonsai Club Shohin Display







Great
Instructors
for the
**Beginner's
Workshop**





More
Great
Instructors

And More
Great
Instructors



Always Ready to Help Everyone!



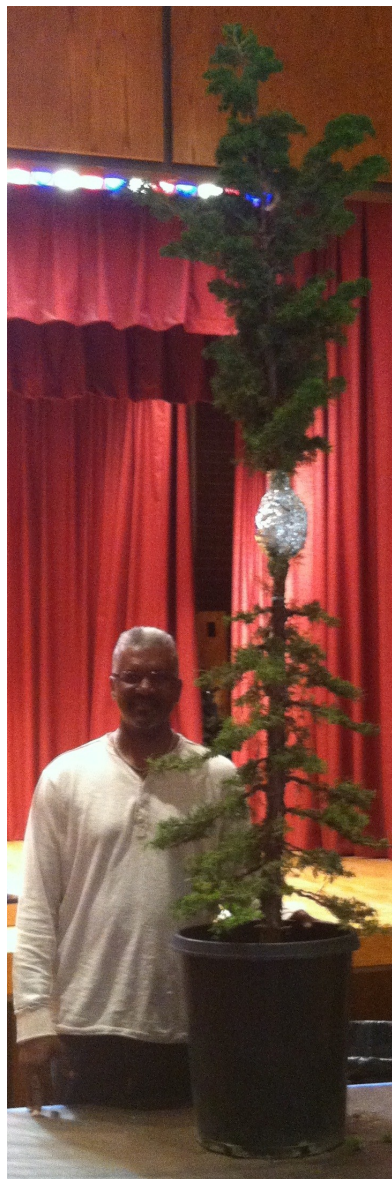
Some of the Beginner's Workshop Results

It is Great to
Get More
Young People
Involved!





Saturday Round Robin Demonstration



Michael Sykes



Winners of the Round Robin Demonstrator Raffle



Peter Macasieb





Club Potluck and Entertainment





We Love Those
Raffles!



Special Thanks to Thuan Lam for taking pictures
of the exhibit and weekend activities.



Saiki Demonstration Mr. Frank Goya with assist of Jaime Chavarria

Always a
great
experience
to watch
Frank
create such
beautiful
works of art



The very proud
winner of
Sunday's Saiki
Demonstration
was
Carol Upston.

GSBF Harry Hirao Annual Scholarship

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Harry Hirao Annual Scholarship (HHAS) is to provide a onetime grant of \$1,500.00 to a worthy bonsai enthusiast. This money must be used for educational purposes in the art of bonsai within one year of receiving the scholarship. The recipient cannot use these funds to acquire: bonsai, pots, tools, books, or other physical items; it is to be used to further education in bonsai by studying with a recognized bonsai artist.

APPLICATION

An application must be submitted no later than midnight on July 15 to receive consideration. The application is to be submitted to the editor of the Golden Statements.

The application must include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. Name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of the applicant.
2. Primary bonsai club and club membership history.
3. How many years of bonsai experience.
4. In 500 words or less, applicant will describe their bonsai educational goals and why they should receive the HHAS.
5. A brief description of how the funds will be used, and the person with whom the applicant will study.
6. If awarded the HHAS, applicant agrees that all funds awarded will be expended prior to the following annual convention.
7. Applicant will cooperate with and submit at least one article to the Golden Statements describing activities while using the HHAS funds, such as: demonstrations, workshops conducted or lectures given, and other actions with the bonsai teacher that increase skill and knowledge of bonsai. The deadline for submission of this article is July 20th following receipt of the scholarship.
8. Verification by the applicant's Club President of member in good standing with a GSBF Club.

SELECTION PROCESS

HHAS Scholarship Committee will review all timely applications and verify eligibility. The selection committee will be made up of the GSBF President, Vice President, two board members appointed by the President, and the editor of Golden Statements. The selection committee's decision is final and the award shall be given at the annual GSBF convention. If no application is deemed worthy the committee reserves the right to not award the scholarship for that year.



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 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

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.gsbfcconvention.org

Your Dues are Due!

Did you know that January is the dues renewal time each year?

Did you know that your dues are what make it possible to have great demonstrators at our meetings?

Did you know that your dues help to supplement the raffle so that great items are available?

Did you know the club has expenses to cover to help keep the art of Bonsai vibrant and alive?

Are Your Dues Overdue?

Support the Dai Ichi Bonsai Club!

Carl Crouse, our wonderful, organized Club Membership/Treasurer is always ready to take your dues.

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 June 21, 2013—Manny Martinez
Lindsay Shiba Workshop Friday July 19, 2013—NO Club Evening Meeting
Club Meeting Friday August 16, 2013—TBD