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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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No July Evening Club Meeting Take an Afternoon Workshop Observers Welcome



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 was one of his mentors and Harry Hirao is one of his 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

President's Message

I would like to thank Manny Martinez for a very informative demonstration. Manny's demo covered topics ranging from selecting tree stock, soil makeup, and water quality improvement. If you missed the demo, you can watch the video on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), compliments of Scott Pogolian Productions.



On a happy note, one of our members Rachael Crouse has graduated from high school and will be attending Colorado State, CSU in Fort Collins. Rachael will be working toward being a Veterinarian, with a double major in Animal Science and Equine Science. Congratulations to Rachael, Carl, and Teresa.

The summer months will bring hot conditions that can fry your trees in a day. Avoid overhead watering during the hot part of the day, water in the early morning or in the early afternoon. You may need to water more than once each day if the temperature becomes very hot. If you have shohin, take special care for those trees which are in small and shallow pots.

We have an upcoming workshop with Lindsay Shiba, if you have not signed up for the workshop you can come and be a silent observer. Lindsay is a wealth of knowledge and is always a wonderful workshop instructor. If you have time, please stop by and welcome Lindsay, as always food and drink will be provided. Friday July 19th from 12:15pm to about 4:45pm.

Thank you,
Doyle

Dai Ichi Gratitude

Thank you to Tom and Carol who have been helping Herb with his trees. We miss you Herb!

Benefit Drawing Contributors

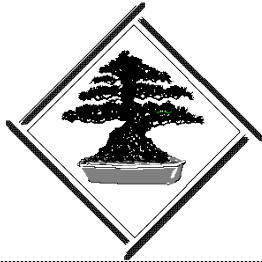
Leila Kusumi, Kevin Sweeney, Doyle Saito, Neil Nguyen

Refreshment Contributors

Doyle Saito, Tom Culton, Kevin Sweeney

Welcome New Members

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



Refreshments

July—No Meeting

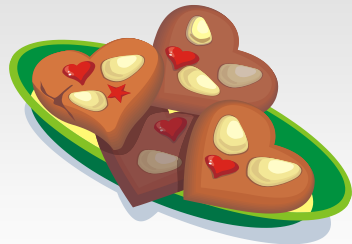
August - Neil Nguyen,
Leila Kusumi

September— Scott Pogolian

October—Doyle Saito,
Neil Nguyen

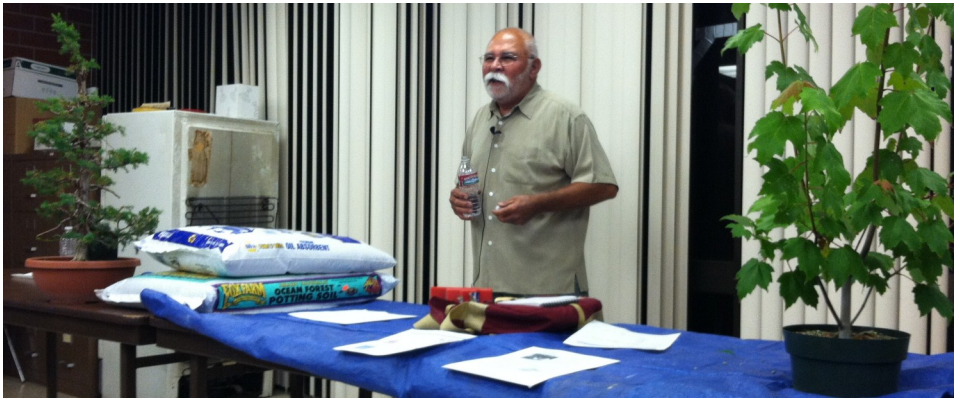
November—Leila Kusumi

Please help out by
volunteering to bring refreshments!



Manny Martinez

June 21, 2013



Teacher/Student Relationship: It is the student's responsibility to be prepared for class by getting the right material to work with. Manny referred to an article from Golden Statements written by Roberta Walters where she stated that a one gallon pencil to thumb size trunk will not develop into a nice bonsai tree in 3 years. Picking the right tree is the first lesson. Share information with club members about good places to find trees including sales and auctions. If attending a workshop, make sure that you have some experience so you do not slow up the rest of the group.

Starter Tree: A good starter tree is a Feomina in a 7-15 gallon container. The most important part of a tree is the 1st 4-6 inches from the base. Roots should have enough space for them to spread out. Don't buy a tree for its foliage. The top of the tree can always be built especially deciduous trees like elms, maples, pomegranate. Can buy a tree in a 24" box and cut it down in size. Best if it can stay in the box for the first growth season but OK to cut the root ball to 1/3 being careful that the roots have not wrapped around the top. A round pot will help roots spread out.

Soil mix: If good soil mix, you should not have to water that often. Manny suggested the use of diatomaceous earth, regular grade oil absorbent (Napa #8822) as it is 60% lighter than decomposed granite and lighter than pumice. It helps to release water into the soil. He mixes that 50% - 50% with generic soil. Manny uses Smart Naturals Ocean Forest Potting Soil which has bone meal and worm casting in it.

Fertilizers: Variety is OK with plant fertilizers. Manny discussed chemical versus organic fertilizers stating that the FDA and USDA do not define organic and reminded us that oil is organic material. Solid fertilizers take longer to break down. Fertilizers are vitamins to plants. Measure exactly to avoid over-fertilization. Water plants before fertilizing and the wait some time after so the soil is damp.. Cool periods are best for fertilizing. In California, we can fertilize all year long. Use liquid fertilizer if you have a problem with animals eating the pellets off your plants. Can use a fertilizer pump or injector. Dynagrow fertilizer has a flow chart of “how to’s”. Protech can be used on cuttings.

Water: Watering is different by location. The best way to check if plant needs to be watered is to put your finger into the pot and feel for humid soil. Manny suggested the use of magnets on your outside water pipes as a method to get better water for more efficient use. Benefits include increased root growth, soil holds moisture longer, and water conservation. Refer to www.magnetizer.com for more information. No deionizers should be used.

Finishing Touches: Moss is good as an insulator if managed properly. Sprinkling just a little earth worm casting will get rid of pests. The more consistent the environment, the better your plants will be.



Thank You
Manny for
increasing our
Bonsai Basics
understanding.

Our Raffle
Winners—
Michael Walsh
Doyle Saito
Kevin Sweeney

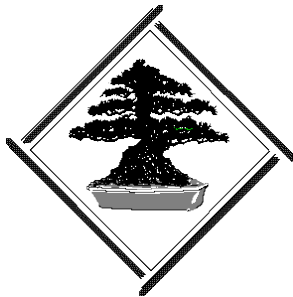
Meeting for Friday

August 16th 2013 At 7:00pm

Membership Workshop

Our annual August workshop is scheduled for August 16, 2013. Don't miss our annual membership workshop meeting. The club will provide various trees for members to style, which will be placed in the nights raffle. You can also bring your own bonsai material and get helpful suggestions on creating a masterpiece. Alternatively, watch and offer suggestions as experienced Dai Ichi members work on a variety of trees.

Please bring tools, wire, soil, pots and anything you may need to prune a tree.



Photos from last year's members workshop



Bonsai Artist Studio:

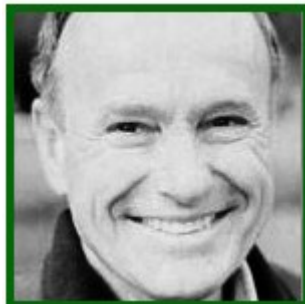
OUTSIDE THE BOX



GSBF CONVENTION XXXVI

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 3, 2013

HEADLINERS



David Degroot



Suthin Sukosolvisit



Peter Warren

WORKSHOP LEADERS

[Jim Barrett — Foemina Juniper](#)

[Ann Erb — Accent Plants](#)

[Mel Ikeda — Shohin Juniper Procumbens Nana](#)

[Cheryl Manning — Mature Boxwood w/ Carving](#)

[Frank Mihalic — Bonsai Jewelry Making](#)

[Pauline Muth — Land and Water Penjing](#)

[Al Nelson — Kingsville Boxwood Saikei](#)

[David Nguy — California Juniper](#)

[Steve Price — Chinese Quince](#)

[Tak Shimazu — Itoigawa Shimpaku Juniper](#)

[Mauro Stemberger — Live Oaks](#)

[Steve Valentine — Old Juniper Procumbens Nana](#)

[Gay Lynn Goetzke — Bonsai Basics](#)

[The Los Angeles Marriott Burbank](#)

[Airport, Hotel and Convention](#)

[Center](#), 2500 North Hollywood

Way, Burbank, CA 91505. Our room

rate for the Convention is \$99.00

plus taxes, and parking is \$5.00

per day.

Full Admission \$259 "Early Bird"
Registration began July 1, 2013 and
runs thru August 15th.

**[Register today to reserve your
events!](#)** After 8/15, \$289

**Workshop priority will be first
come, first serve. (cost varies)**

**California Juniper Collecting Trip
with Harry Hirao 10/30/13 for \$75**

EVENTS

[Special Guest Artist — Mauro Stemberger](#)

["Style With the Master" Event](#)

[Halloween Party/Hollywood Bus Tour](#)

[Kiri Bako Seminar — Sean Smith](#)

["How Bonsai are Judged" — Kathy Shaner](#)

[Wiring Seminar/Workshop — John Doig](#)

[Soils Seminar — Ryan Nichols](#)

[Chrysanthemum Stones Seminar — Dr. Tom Elias](#)

The David Rochester Memorial Bonsai Collection Sale and Show

The late SDBC President David “Big Dave” Rochester left a legacy of love of the craft of Bonsai. Included in that legacy is a large collection of finished and nursery bonsai. His wife and children, in his memory, will host a show and sale of his large bonsai collection.

Big Dave’s trees have been on exhibit at the San Diego County Fair Japanese Friendship Garden, and (coming soon) the Huntington Library Bonsai Exhibit. Many of those same trees formerly on display will be for sale.

This Event will include:

- On Exhibit - a few of Big Dave’s finest trees
- For Sale – bonsai stock, fine finished trees, and pottery
 - A Large stock of juniper, olive, black pine, elm, and ficus- most of which are 20-30 years old. 150+ Junipers, 160+ Olives, several dozen large styled black pines, dozens of large elms, liquid ambers, and many other varieties. These are high quality nursery stock from Big Dave’s private collection.
 - High caliber finished Bonsai will be for sale.
 - Bonsai Accessories for sale
 - Bonsai Pottery from Japan
- Bonsai demonstrations by master bonsai artists on some of Big Dave’s unfinished trees

This sale will be the only one of its kind for the large stock and finished bonsai by this well-known Bonsai artist.

*Big Dave’s Bonsai Pottery manufacturing equipment is also for sale but will not be on display.



When & Where

July, 13th 2013

11am - 7:00pm

**DoubleTree by Hilton
Golf Resort San Diego**

14455 Penasquitos Dr.
San Diego, CA 29129

Coming Events

July 13, 2013: San Diego, California

David Rochester Bonsai Show and Sale: opportunity to view Dave's finest trees. Bonsai trees and supplies available for purchase. Double-tree by Hilton Golf Resort, 14455 Penasquitos Dr. from 11am—7 pm.

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

August 17-18, 2013: Los Angeles, California

Nampu Kai Bonsai Show: during the Nisei Week Japanese Festival from 10am to 5pm at the Japanese American Cultural Center, 244 S. San Pedro St., LA

September 10-15, 2013: Santa Ana, California

Kofu Bonsai Kai: Bonsai and Viewing Stones: The Living Sculpture at the Bowers Museum Show, 2002 N. Main St from 10am—4pm. Club members will explain the art of bonsai. Admission \$8.

October 5-6, 2013 Thousand Oaks, California

Conejo Valley Bonsai Society: 10th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Resource Center, Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd. Hours 9 AM – 4 PM both days. Demonstrations in the Bandstand at 11 AM Saturday and 2 PM Sunday. Free Admission. No sales of bonsai related items. For information, call Marj Branson at 805-373-1330 or visit club web site www.cvbs-bonsai.org.

October 31—November 3, 2013: Burbank, CA

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. Early Bird Registration now open .



Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai is a proud member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation
<http://www.gsbf-bonsai.org/>

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Lindsay Shiba Workshop 12:15 - 4:45pm Friday July 19, 2013—NO Club Evening Meeting
Club Meeting Friday August 16, 2013—Member Workshop
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