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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

Meeting for Friday, September 20th 2013

at 7:00pm with Harry Hirao



Harry Hirao was born in Colorado, but spent his youth in Japan, returning to the U.S. as a young man. He relocated to Southern California, where he was introduced to bonsai by John Naka. His abilities with junipers, as well as his collecting trips, are legendary. His generosity in sharing his knowledge and his special collecting sites has allowed many others to share his passion for these twisted, weathered yet hauntingly beautiful California natives. Harry is a respected bonsai master in the bonsai world and is active in bonsai clubs locally and statewide. He is a nationally known and sought after bonsai master who teaches classes and gives demonstrations throughout California and the United States.

His particular field of expertise in bonsai is the California juniper, and he is fondly referred to as "Mr. California Juniper". Harry teaches his students the art of collecting, as well as styling, caring for, and exhibiting these priceless living bonsai masterpieces.

Harry has served in many capacities in the Golden State Bonsai Federation and in the California Bonsai Society (the oldest Bonsai Club in the United States). In 1981, he was honored by Prince Takamatsu of Japan with an award of the "Ryoku Hakiju Yukosho" medal and by the Japanese Agricultural Society with a plaque for his contributions to the art of bonsai in the United States. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum, U. S. National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. and has both stones and bonsai on display there.

President's Message

The Golden State Bonsai Federation will be having their annual convention at the end of the month. These events are a great way to meet other people associated with bonsai and enrich your knowledge through workshops and demonstrations. This year they are selling one day and multi day passes for the convention. This year the convention is in Burbank, fairly close, they are also offering guided tours of the Huntington Bonsai collection. The GSBF convention information is available on the website and I also have flyers that will be available at the club meetings.

September also brings something new to the club. Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai along with the Marina Bonsai Club will be hosting a Beginner's Workshop for the Gardena Japanese Community Institute/GJCI. We are looking for instructors to help in the instruction. We will be teaching the Venice Girl Scout troop as well as the local participant of the JCI education center. Food and drink will be provided, come down and have a fun day of bonsai.

The month of October will bring our annual club auction. Remember this is our biggest fund raising event for the year. Please look over your trees and pots and select something to donate to the club for the auction. If you cannot attend and you would like to donate something give me a call and I will help bring the item to the event.

Thank you.

Doyle

Dai Ichi Gratitude

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai will be conducting a bonsai workshop at the JCI. Attendees will get instruction on using special cultivation techniques to produce their own bonsai to take home and continue the cultivation process.

Bonsai Workshop

September 21, 2013

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

JCI Nisei Veterans Hall

Cost for event is \$20 per person (tree and instruction)

We need as many Dai Ichi Members as possible to come and help with the workshop. Please volunteer for this community partnership with Japanese Community Institute to share your skill and passion for Bonsai. Contact Doyle as soon as possible so we know how many students we can accommodate.

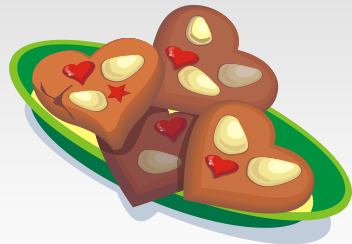


Refreshments

September— Scott Pogolian

October—Doyle Saito,
Neil Nguyen

November—Leila Kusumi



Please help out by
volunteering to bring
refreshments!

Members Workshop



Tom Culton
working on a
procumbens
nana

Tom and Judy



Judy and George Unrine



Peter Macasieb helping Judy style
this Procumbens Nana



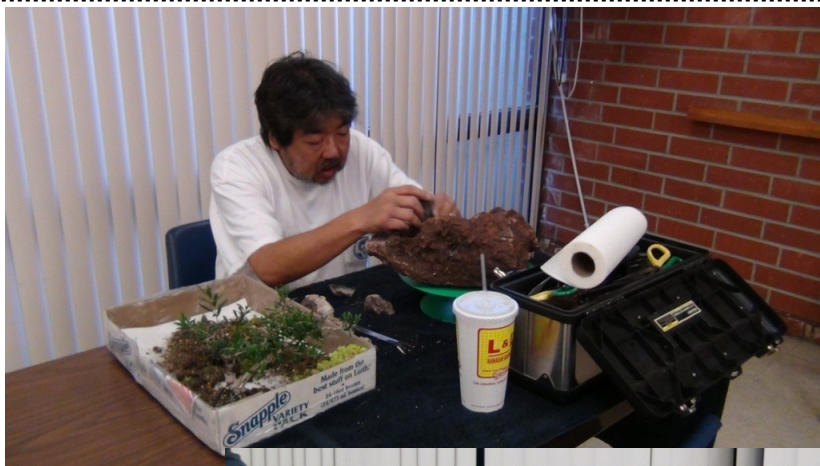


Kevin
Sweeney
working on
his
Cryptomeria

Barry Miller
getting some
help from
Leila Kusumi
on a
Prostrata
Juniper



The group taking a break



Saikei styling
by Jason Saito



Sean Warnock
working on a
Prostrate Juniper



Jim Morris
working on
his trees.



Procumbens
Nana and a
Shimpaku
Juniper



Michael Walsh working on a Pyrocantha

Amy Walsh and her Procumbens Nana Juniper





Bonsai Artist Studio:

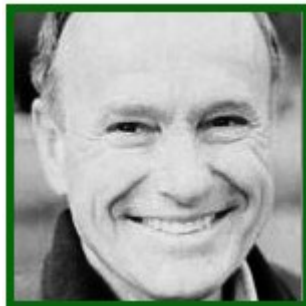
OUTSIDE THE BOX



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](#)

Coming Events

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.

September 21, 2013: Gardena, California

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai will conduct a Bonsai workshop for the Japanese Community Institute. Hours: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM in the JCI Nisei Veterans Hall. Dai Ichi Club Members, contact Doyle to volunteer as instructors.

October 5-6, 2013: Thousand Oaks, California

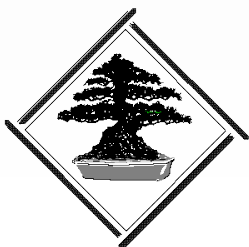
Conejo Valley Bonsai Society: 10th Annual Bonsai Exhibition at the Resource Center, Gardens of the World, 2001 Thousand Oak Blvd. Hours 9 AM – 4 PM both days. Demonstrations in the Bandstand at 11 AM Saturday and 2 PM Sunday. Free Admission. No sales of bonsai related items. For information, call Marj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

October 18, 2013: Gardena, California

Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai Annual Club Auction at 7:00 pm in the Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 670 W. 162nd Street. Bonsai trees, display stands, accent plants, pots and much more available to bidders. The auction is open to the public.. Previews at 6:30 P.M.. Call (310) 539-9265 or <http://daiichi-bonsai.com> for more information.

October 31—November 3, 2013: Burbank, California

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. 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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Club Meeting Friday September 20, 2013—Harry Hirao
Club Meeting Friday October 18, 2013 - Club Auction
Club Meeting Friday November 15, 2013—Ryan Nichols