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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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DAI ICHI BONSAI KAI
ANNUAL AUCTION
FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Ken Nakaoka Community Center
1670 W. 162nd Street, Gardena, CA

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.

President's Message

The month of October is our annual club auction, set aside some extra pots, trees, or even a book. All items are welcome, new or used they all go into supporting the club for the next year. Viewing usually starts at 6:30 and the auction will begin around 7:00 or when all the paperwork is complete.

The beginner's workshop hosted by Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai, Marina Bonsai Club, and the Gardena JCI took place on Saturday September 21st. We had 16 workshop attendee's; 9 members of the Venice Girl Scout troop and the remaining bonsai students representing the West side and the South Bay. I would like to thank the teachers from the Marina Bonsai Club; Mr. Robert King and Mr. Barry Miller, and our own teachers; Mr. Kei Ikari and Mr. Jason Saito. The lead instructor and event coordinator was Mr. John Van de Wouw. The event was well received and the students were very happy with their finished trees. The House of Bonsai provided the excellent material, thank you again Vicky.

In the coming weeks the Golden State Bonsai Federation will have its convention. This year the event will be in southern California, Burbank. Visit for one day or try the whole weekend, you will find beautiful trees, many bonsai folks to talk with, and a great vendor area to buy everything you need for bonsai. Following the convention, we will help host a special demonstration by Suthin Sukosolvisit. This will occur on Wednesday November 6th at the Nakaoka Community Center. The time will be 6:30pm-9:30pm with all demo trees being either auctioned or raffled at the end of the demo. For more information please check out our website or you can call or email me with questions.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mr. Harry Hirao for his demonstration this past month as well as those who helped with the demo; Tom Culton and Peter Macasieb. Thank you again Hirao Sensei, for sharing with Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai, your knowledge and time.

Thank you.

Dai Ichi Gratitude

Benefit Draw Contributions

Thuan Lam

Refreshment Contributors

Doyle Saito

Leila Kusumi

Welcome New Member

Louis Carrillo

Herb's Grandson



Refreshments

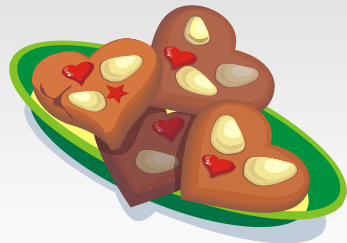
November—Leila Kusumi

December—No Meeting

January— TBD

February—TBD

Please help out by
volunteering to bring
refreshments!



Harry Hirao Demonstration



Harry first worked on a Twin Upright California Juniper that he had dug up 5 years ago in the high desert, 25 miles past Mohave.

Tom narrated and gave good tips while Peter assisted Harry with styling the trees.





There were not branches where they wanted them so the foliage was used to fill the negative spaces. Harry feels that graphing is not natural.

After all the work that was done on this tree, it should be kept in the shade for 1 month and then given full sun.



After

Some tips from Tom when working with a California Juniper were:

- ◆ Do not use potting soil—It will make the roots too wet. Use large pebbles and clay on the bottom, followed by sand and gravel. A fertilizer like Green King should be used.
- ◆ No red scoria rock— It breaks down and clogs the drainage—Use black scoria instead.
- ◆ HB 101 can be used on the roots and foliage.
- ◆ Spray vegetation to bring the tree back to life—80% live.

The second demo tree that Harry worked on was a Prostrata. The long, twiggly branches were short-ened





Keep the wire in the back of the tree.



Tom demonstrates the proper way to cut foliage..



The lucky winner of both of Harry's demo trees was Barry Miller.

Dai Ichi Members Teach Bonsai at the Japanese Cultural Institute

John instructs the group in the Art of Bonsai





Special thanks to our wonderful Instructors! This could not have happened with you!



Message from Dale Inafuku of the GVJCI

I want to thank Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai and the Marina Bonsai Club for taking the time and effort of putting on the workshop. I know everybody left with smile on their face, and a many were carrying their trees with a lot of pride! I have had a couple people call and say they enjoyed it so much that they can't wait until we have another. We should talk about having another workshop when you have space in your schedule (maybe in the first quarter of next year?). Please be sure to thank all the instructors that were there, I think their enthusiasm and patience made the magic happen.

Thank you,
Dale





Bonsai Artist Studio:

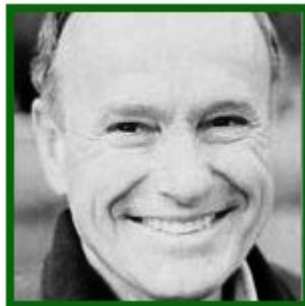
OUTSIDE THE BOX



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](#)

Special Demonstration on Wednesday November 6, 2013 at 6:30-9:30 PM

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

With Suthin Sukosolvisit



A native of Thailand, Suthin Sukosolvisit is recognized as one of the premier bonsai masters in the United States. He has extensive experience with tropical bonsai and his expertise also extends to Japanese Maples, Junipers, Azaleas and Black Pines. A true artist, he is proficient with many other species and is particularly known for his 'Shohin,' small-sized, elegant bonsai. He's been involved in bonsai since 1970, and has won multiple national bonsai awards in Thailand and the United States (including multiple awards at the US National Bonsai Exhibitions, one of them being the overall Best In Show Winner in at the 2010 event).

Suthin teaches his unique bonsai techniques throughout the New England area and the United States, and he has been one of the few American artists to appear at the Noelander's Cup in Europe. He cheerfully shares new information and techniques everywhere he teaches. His Bonsai are known for their proportion, refinement and detail. Suthin and his wife operate Royal Bonsai Garden, Inc. in Stoughton, Massachusetts.

Suthin's bonsai artistry is clear from the moment you see his trees. They just look right. They are the right proportion, with beautiful line and dramatic expression that has been achieved through many years of dedicated work and painstaking attention to detail. He has an ability to envision a bonsai in most any tree, and can work with whatever a piece of material offers to give it a chance to become a future masterpiece. And, to watch him work up close is possibly one of the best learning experiences you can imagine.

Coming Events

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 23, 2013: Anaheim, California

Kofu Kai is sponsoring a Bring your own bonsai workshop with Mauro Stemberger on a first come first served basis. 10 am—4 pm (lunch included); 1000 South State Collage Blvd, Anaheim. Cost \$55. Contact Ron Reekers at 714-585-6770 for more information.

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 .

November 6: Gardena, California

Dia Ichi Bonsai Kai is sponsoring an informative demonstration by Suthin Sukosolvisit. 6:30-9:30; Ken Nakaoka Community Center, 670 W. 162nd Street. Auction and raffle to follow the demo



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

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Torrance, CA 90505

Club Meeting Friday October 18, 2013 - Club Auction
Club Meeting Friday November 15, 2013 — Ryan Nichols
Club Meeting Friday December 20, 2013— No Meeting