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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>

2013 Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai Board

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Co-Founder/Sensei

Leila Kusumi (310) 327 0216

Meeting for Friday, November 15th 2013

at 7:00pm with Ryan Nichols



Ryan Nichols is a horticulturist and dedicated bonsai enthusiast. Originally determined to be a landscape architect, Ryan shifted his focus to plant science so he could have a firm grasp of how plants function and implement those principles into his designs. Naturally, bonsai was the perfect fit for Ryan as it combined artistic design and scientific knowledge.

Ryan received his bachelor's degree in plant science at Cal Poly, and a Masters in plant physiology at UC Riverside. As a student of Ryan Neil, and Al Nelson, Ryan has gained a considerable amount of knowledge on bonsai in a relatively short period of time.

Particularly, Ryan is dedicated to applying and sharing his scientific knowledge to discover the best ways to cultivate bonsai in Southern California.

President's Message

This month will be our last meeting of the year, we had set aside a date for a Christmas party but plans did not fall together in time. The closing of the year will bring some changes to the club, we will need to elect a few new positions on the board and Treasurer Carl Crouse will be stepping down after many years on the job. Thank you Carl. If you would like to help the club let me know and I can discuss what positions are currently open and where you can help.

October was our annual club auction and I would like to thank all the members who came and bid, donated an item, and finally purchased an item to help support our club. Donations came from Kevin Sweeney, Judy Unrine, John Van de Wouw, Doyle Saito, Mel Ikeda, Leila Kusumi, and finally Mr. Frank Goya. Auctioneer for the evening was Carol Upston, thank you Carol for sharing your knowledge and wit in the face of danger.

I would like to thank all the people who donate their time and effort in maintaining Dai Ichi Bonsai Kai, without your support this club would not be the family it is. If I tried to put names to all the people who have supported me and the club in the past two years I would fill this page with those names alone. Board members past and present, my mentors and sensei's, demonstrators, workshop participants, workshop leaders, club members, Gardena staffers, and the list goes on. Thank you for the past few years.

Doyle

Dai Ichi Gratitude

Annual Club Auction Contributors

Kevin Sweeney, Judy Unrine, John Van de Wouw,
Doyle Saito, Mel Ikeda, Leila Kusumi, Frank Goya

Refreshment Contributors

Doyle Saito, Leila Kusumi

Special Gratitude to

**Doyle Saito for all his dedication and hard
work as Club President and always taking
such good care of us all. Great job!**



Refreshments

November—Leila Kusumi

December—No Meeting

January—TBD

February—TBD

Please help out by
volunteering to bring
refreshments!



Dai Ichi Annual Auction

October 18, 2013



**Thuan Lam
checking it out!**

**Frank Goya
Donation Tree
and the group.**

**What a great
group!**



**This year's Auction
Trees.**

**Make space for
your new trees!**

**Remember to
donate to the club
those trees you have
outgrown for next
year's auction.**



CONVENTION HEADLINERS

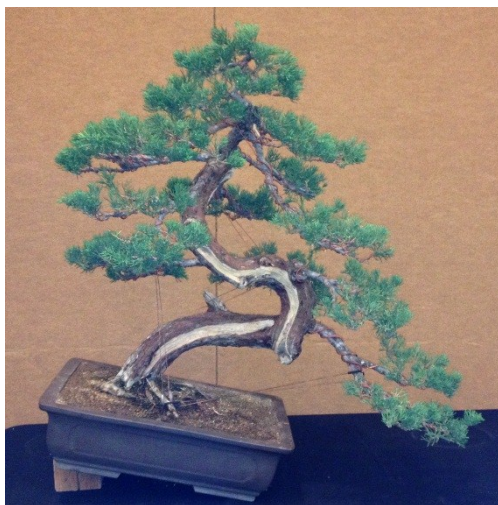


Bonsai Artist Studio:
**OUTSIDE
THE BOX**



GSBF CONVENTION XXXVI
OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 3, 2013

Styled by Suthin Sukosolvisit



Styled by Peter Warren



Styled by David DeGroot



JURIED EXHIBITION WINNERS



Kishu Shimpaku
John "JT" Thompson
People's Choice
Best Conifer



Bougainvillea
John "JT" Thompson
Best Deciduous



Olive
Ernie Kuo & John Wang
Best in Show
Best Broad leafed Evergreen



Boston Ivy
Tawny Banh
Best Shohin

DAI ICHI MEMBER EXHIBITS



Prostrata Juniper
Harry Hirao



Japanese Black Pine
In Memory of John Naka



Kishu Shimpaku
In Memory of Masaru Ishii

Mel Ikeda
Demonstration Tree



Leila Kusumi
BYOT Suthin
Workshop
Results



Kevin Sweeney
Round Robin
Demonstration Tree



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

January 18 & 19, 2014: Arcadia, California

Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai presents “Winter Silhouettes” 50th Annual Celebration. Time 10am—4:30pm. Place: Arboretum of LA County, 310 North Baldwin Ave, Demonstrations at 1pm.

January 31—February 2, 2014: Santa Nella, California

California Shohin Seminar at the Hotel Mission de Oro. Friday (Jan 31): Registration, Demonstrations, and Exhibit and Vendor areas Set Up. Everyone is invited to share their treasured Shohin Bonsai in the Exhibit. Saturday (Feb 1): Exhibit Opens for Viewing, Vendor Sales Critiques, Workshops, Bazaar & Benefit Drawing Sunday (Feb 2): Exhibit Open 10:30-Noon. Critique and Demonstration, Business Meeting. Registration Forms available on the website on November 1st 2013. For general information email: calshohin@yahoo.com, website: <http://www.calshohin.org/> or phone: Randi Keppeler 650-598-0127

February 22 & 23, 2014: San Marino, California

Bonsai-A-Thon XVIII at The Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino; annual fundraiser for the GSBF Collection at The Huntington Botanical Gardens. Admission to the event is free with Bonsai-A-Thon “early bird” registration between 8 AM – 9:30 AM. Event hours are 8 AM – 4:30 PM both days. Sunday morning: bring-your-own-tree workshop led by Ted Matson – limit 10 people (for details contact Ted, tmatson@earthlink.net). Pancake breakfast, tour hosted by Jim Folsom (Director of the Garden), demonstrations, lunch, bonsai exhibits, large sales area, raffle, and auction. For more information, contact Marge Blasingame, (626) 579-0420, margeblasingame@att.net.



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 November 15, 2013 — Ryan Nichols
Club Meeting Friday December 20, 2013 — No Meeting
Club Meeting Friday January 17, 2014 - TBD